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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 146): Praise the Lord, O my soul!

St. Joseph The Worker News:

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in hospitals, care homes, or in their homes & those who care for them. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing, Confession, or Holy Communion – please call the parish office & leave a message: 204-773-2924.

Praying with Pope Francis September: *For the cry of the earth:* We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Zoom Along with Us – You can use it on your computers, tablets, i-pads and smart phones. **We will resume Sunday Zoom masses today, September 8th!!**

Mass Intentions For This Week:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Sep 7 10:00 a.m. Russell Funeral for + Mike Twardoski at George P. Buleziuk Center
 7:30 p.m. Russell + Yvonne Bisson req by Mangin Family
Sunday Sep 8 9:00 a.m. Rossburn + All deceased members of St. Theresa's req by The Kaskiw family
 *** 11:00 a.m. **Russell** For all parishioners by Father Paul
Zoom on-line Mass 11:00 a.m. and YouTube after 12:15 a.m.

Monday Sep 9 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba
 Tuesday Sep 10 + Family & friends req by Jean Goba
 Wed Sep 11 **10:30 a.m. Deanery Meeting Brandon**
 Thurs Sep 12 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
 Friday Sep 13 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. + Jim Keller req by Marlene, Lorne & family

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Sep 14 7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps
 Sunday Sep 15 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 For all parishioners by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family



Archdiocese of Winnipeg Office of the Archbishop

During the summer months Reverend Soosai (Tony) Antoniyyer was elected to the Provincial Council of the Heralds of Good News. He will be returning to India to take up his new responsibilities. We are grateful for his four and a half years of service in Roblin, San Clara and Grandview.

Effective Sept 15, 2024 Reverend Rene Digba Katcha becomes Parochial Administrator *pro tem* of Sacred Heart Parish in Roblin and Ste-Claire's Parish in San Clara.

This weekend \$83 dollars was deposited for the children's collection, bringing the YTD amount to \$1,070.00. Thank you to all the children who so joyfully donate each Sunday!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting our parish BBQ along with St. Mary's Church here at St. Joseph's today, September 8th.

If the wasps are too hungry today, we will have our lunch in the basement of the church.

We also wish to thank the ladies of the K of C for their help in bringing the salads and stuff to round out our meal.



**If there are any children in grade 3 or older who would like to become an altar server, please contact Jamee Tibbatts at (204)821-6546 or email her at jamee_stasiuk@hotmail.com



***The **sign up sheet for first communion** is at the back of the church. Classes will be starting shortly and time and dates need to be planned out.

Our coffee Sundays will be starting up again on September 29th. Emme and our Filipino parishioners will be providing the food for us this month. A wonderful start to the fall...a time for fellowship and reconnecting after the summer!!

Our sincere sympathy to Ed Twardowski, Barb Twardoski and family on the passing of Mike, Ed's son and Barb's husband. His funeral was held at George P. Buleziuk yesterday September 7th. May he rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord and Saviour.

Food For Thought

Today's Scripture readings offer us an invitation to become humble instruments of healing in Jesus' hands by giving voice to the voiceless, the needy, and the marginalized in our society. Today's Scripture also invites us to open our ears to hear the word of God and to allow the Holy Spirit to loosen our tongues, so that we can convey the Good News of God's love and salvation to others. The first reading (Is 35:4-7), reminds us that God's eyes are constantly focused on the helpless. God especially cares for "the frightened, the blind, the deaf, the lame, the mute," and He encourages the powerless to "be strong and fearless." Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 146), sings of a God who gives sight to the blind, raises up those who are bowed down and welcomes strangers. The Psalmist thanks God and asks us to rejoice because, "the God of Jacob keeps Faith forever," keeping His promise of peace and fullness of life for His people. That is why, in today's second reading (Jas 2:1-5), the apostle gives us some basic, challenging principles of social justice. He exhorts Christians to show no partiality based on external appearance and to practice God's "preferential option for the poor." He warns the faithful against scorning or shaming the poor while showing special consideration to the rich. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus, by healing a deaf man with a speech impediment, fulfills Isaiah's Messianic prophecy, "The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped." The ailments listed by Isaiah are symbolic of our interior illnesses: blindness to the needs of our neighbor, unwillingness to hear God's voice and the inability/unwillingness to speak words of praise, apology, forgiveness, and gratitude. Through this miracle story, Mark also reminds us that no one can be a follower of the Lord without reaching out to the helpless ("preferential option for the poor"). [Homily on O. T. 23 \(B\) Sept 8, 2023 | Fr Tony's Homilies \(frtonyshomilies.com\)](http://frtonyshomilies.com)

Dear Padre,

What is the “gospel of prosperity”? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God’s favor?

That’s a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Isaiah 35:4–7a / James 2:1–5 / Mark 7:31–37



Life at the Edge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an “empty nest.” Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we’ve dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed

strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God’s presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life’s glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn. It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?” (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us. ●

Reflect

Do you feel God’s presence differently in hard times than you do in easy times?

Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.
JAMES 2:1



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going?Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!.... The healing of the heart begins with listening.... We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us: “Ephphatha, be opened!” Open your ears.

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Monday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
1 Cor 5:1–8
Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

September 10
Weekday
1 Cor 6:1–11
Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

September 11
Weekday
1 Cor 7:25–31
Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 12
Weekday
1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13
Lk 6:27–38

Friday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27
Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Sunday

September 15
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:4c–9a
Jas 2:14–18
Mk 8:27–35