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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118): Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.



We're glad you came to join with us in our Mass today. We hope that you have felt God's love in a new, refreshing way for you're so welcomed in this place. And we hope you'll come again, to join us in fellowship and to make some special friends.

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 April: For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

2nd Sunday Of Easter of Divine Mercy

Saturday Apr 26 7:30 p.m. Russell + Phyllis Keller req by Frank Keller & family

Sunday Apr 27 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 For all parishioners req by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Wendy req by David Woychyshyn & family

Monday Apr 28 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Apr 29

Wed Apr 30 No Mass Treatments

Thurs May 1 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration

11:00 a.m. + Verna Powaschuk req by McLaughlin & Ryshytylo families

Friday May 2 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Doug & Donalda Wishart & family

11:00 a.m. **Rossburn Sacred Heart of Jesus**

For all parishioners req by Father Paul

3rd Sunday Of Easter

Saturday May 3 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
 + Cyrille & Marie Claire Sabourin req by the Sabourin family

7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul

Sunday May 4 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 For all parishioners req by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Lorne Woychyshyn req by David Woychyshyn & family

****First communion** classes will be held today at St. Joseph's, April 27th at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Thank you!



"Do not doubt but believe."
Jn 20:27

International Workers' Day – May 1

May 1, International Workers' Day is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

Marian Month: For the month of May, the CWL will lead the Rosary. Please come early to join them as they will start leading in prayer at **8:40 a.m.** beginning May 4th



Prayer for Divine Mercy

Loving Father,

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.



Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The church teaches that St. Faustina, a 20th-century Polish nun, recorded revelations that she received from Jesus who, as she wrote in her diary, desired that "a Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls." The readings tell the story of God's abundant mercy and love for us. We ask for the grace to more clearly respond to these great signs and wonders of mercy and love that God continues to bestow on us and our world.

Scripture lessons summarized: The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord's healing love in "signs and wonders." The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation (given by Jesus to the Apostle John in exile on Patmos), was intended to comfort and bolster the Faith of persecuted Christians for all time. Today's selection assures us of the presence of the merciful Lord in our lives and encourages all of us to fight fear with Faith, and trepidation about the future with trust and Hope. Today's Gospel recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Life messages: 1) We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each our loving service. The Fathers of the Church prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: **a)** First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. **b)** Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer. **c)** Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and receiving the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

Like St. Thomas, let us use our skepticism to help us grow in Faith. It is our genuine doubts about the doctrines of our religion that encourage us to study these doctrines more closely and, thus, to grow in our Faith. This will naturally lead us to a personal encounter with Jesus through our prayer, study of the Word of God, and frequenting of the Sacraments. However, we must never forget the fact that our Faith is not our own doing but is a gift from God. Hence, we need to augment our Faith every day by prayer so that we may join St. Thomas in his proclamation: "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28). [Easter II Sunday \(Divine Mercy Sunday\) | Fr Tony's Homilies](#)

Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28 Easter Weekday Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8	April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	April 30 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	May 1 Easter Weekday Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15	May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	May 4 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

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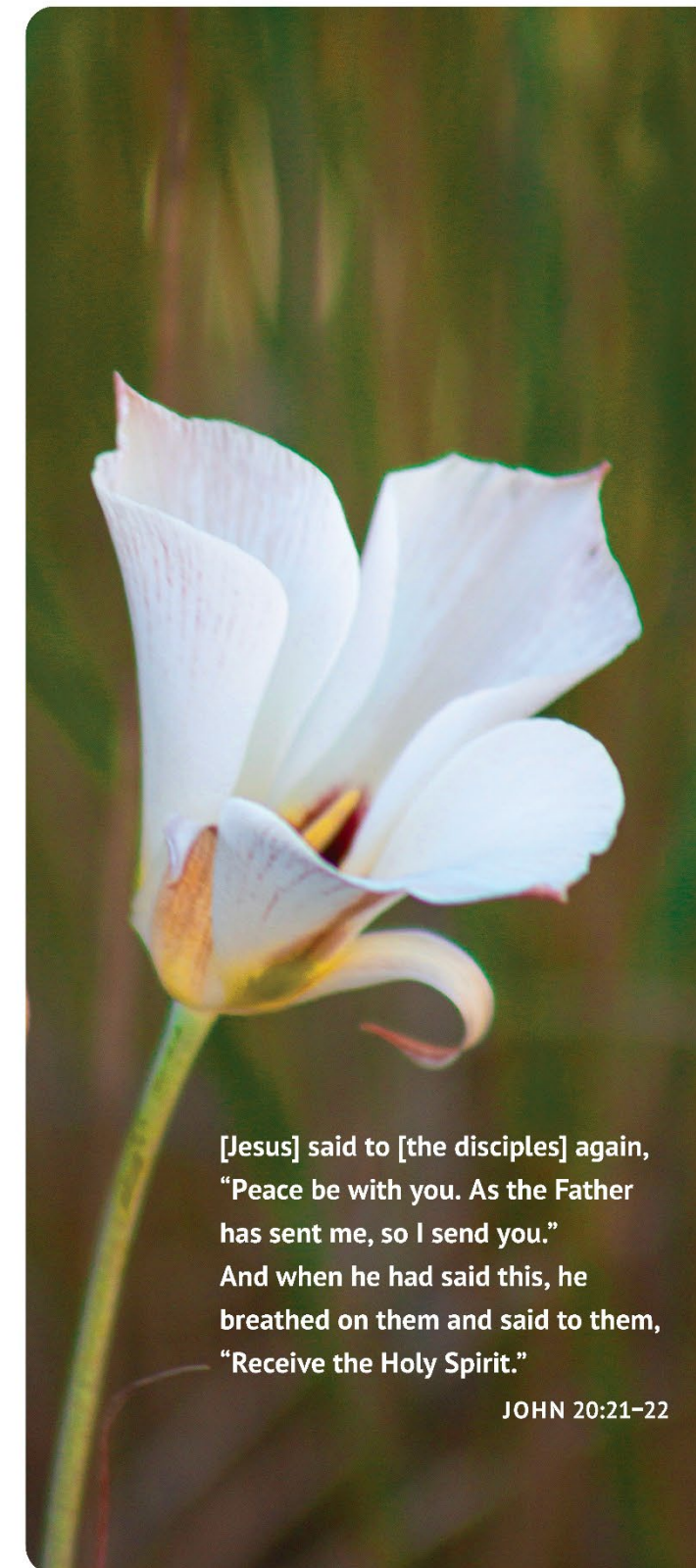
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)

Acts 5:12–16 / Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19 / John 20:19–31



[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21–22

From Anger to Peace

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

Reflect

Do I bring my faith to the news of the day; do I pray for peace?