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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 33): Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

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 Leo August: *For mutual coexistence:* Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug 9	7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by Carol & Wade Schott
Sunday	Aug 10	9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Charlie Le req by Holly & Tony Doan
Monday	Aug 11	Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
Tuesday	Aug 12	No Mass
Wed	Aug 13	No Mass
Thurs	Aug 14	10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration 11:00 a.m. + Charlie Le req by Holly & Tony Doan
Friday	Aug 15	8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration 9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Gary & Nicole Petz

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug 16	7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by Glenda & Mike Stasiuk
Sunday	Aug 17	9:00 a.m. Russell In appreciation for the Filipino families req by Bev & Jim 11:00 a.m. Oakburn Farm Church + Walter and Irene Kaskiw and our granddaughter Emma Kaskiw req by Dennis & Lori Kaskiw

Oakburn Farm Church Mass will be on Sunday, August 17th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

2025 International Peace Garden Mass Sunday August 17 @ the Burdick Auditorium at the International Peace Gardens.

Starting with Rosary at 11:30 am with Mass for Peace following.

Celebrant is Father Michael Slovak from Dunseith N.D.

Catered lunch available by Country Catering. See poster at back of the church.

Kaposvar Pilgrimage will be held August 17th at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine – 3 miles South and ½ mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637. Please see poster at the back of the church.

At the beginning of August there was a deposit of \$101.00 to the Children's collection making a total of \$1,231.00 for the year so far. Thank you to all the children who so joyfully donate each week to this collection!



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

MAiD IN CANADA

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
ALEX SCHADENBERG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION

Wednesday, August 20th, 2025
7:30pm to 9:00pm
St. Viator's Church, Dauphin

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION:
This presentation will provide an opportunity to learn more about the legal, medical, ethical, and moral implications regarding MAiD in Canada. All are welcome.

This is a complimentary event.
Register by August 11th at:
www.lifeculture.ca/dauphin

Life Culture

Life message: We always need to be prepared to meet Our Lord as our judge20: 1) Let us always remember the words of the Book of Revelation: *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me"* (3:20). Since no one is sure about the time and circumstances of one's death, we must be ever prepared to face Jesus our Lord and Savior as our Judge at the moment of our death to give an account of our lives. Jesus wants to see that we have kept our personal relationship with him by growing in holiness. Such a growth is assisted by daily talking to him and listening to him in Bible reading; by asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day; by recharging our spiritual batteries through offering our lives on the altar and getting spiritual nourishment in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass; by getting reconciled with God every day, asking for His pardon and forgiveness with a repentant heart, and seeking His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for serious sins; and by obeying Jesus' commandment of love by serving all the people around us, sacrificially sharing our blessings with them, and seeing the face of Jesus in everyone.

Congratulations to Remington Teall and to parents Tanner and Melissa (Wishart)! Remington was baptized Saturday, August 9th at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Russell.



As you are all aware, St. Joseph's will be celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. On September 14th, 2025 we will be celebrating with a Parish BBQ. Mass time that Sunday will be 11:00 a.m. More details to follow. Please mark your calendars so we call all celebrate this very special occasion together!!



80TH RAMA PILGRIMAGE

Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"
OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE - RAMA, SK

VIGIL OF MARY'S ASSUMPTION
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Stations of the Cross
4:30 pm: **Supper** - Book by August 1st - Call: (306) 593-6120
6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary
6 - 7:45 pm: Confessions
8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
- His Grace Archbishop Don Bolen
*Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession
*Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

FEAST OF MARY'S ASSUMPTION
8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish
9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite
11:30 am: Final Mass
*Anointing of the Sick and Aged
*Blessing for Plenary Indulgence
*Blessing of Religious Articles
Lunch after Mass - Book by August 1st - Call: (306) 593-6120

August 14th & 15th, 2025
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Dear Padre,

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



MACTHIA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 10, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wisdom 18:6–9 / Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12 / Luke 12:32–48 or 12:35–40



Life Is a Game of Golf

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf.

A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke’s Gospel) or when you find yourself in an “alien land,” a place in life you’ve never been before. ●

Reflect

What surprising places has God led me?

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.”

LUKE 12:34



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

And at the end of our life, [the Lord] will call us to account for the goods he has entrusted to us.... We have received so much: life, faith, family, relationships, work, but also the places where we live, our city, creation.... [A]re we guardians of all that has been given to us?

ANGELUS, ROME,
AUGUST 7, 2022



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

August 12
Weekday
Dt 31:1–8
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 13
Weekday
Dt 34:1–12
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Saturday

August 16
Weekday
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

August 17
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10
Heb 12:1–4
Lk 12:49–53