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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 34): The Lord set me free from all my fears.



*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 Leo: **June:** *That the world might grow in compassion:* Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Saints Peter and Paul

Saturday Jun 28 7:30 p.m. Russell + Bernard Trinder req by Louise Trinder & family.

Sunday Jun 29 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 + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Monday Jun 30

Tuesday July 1 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Wed July 2 10:30 a.m. Russell Personal Care Home Liturgy of the Word Deacon Darin

Thurs July 3 **No Mass Rossburn** Treatments

Friday July 4 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Special Intentions req by Carlene

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

14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday July 5 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday July 6 9:00 a.m. Russell
For all parishioners req by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + For aborted & miscarried children req by Lynda & family

Manitoba Passion Play - July 4-6, and 11-13, 2025

Come one come all to see the Manitoba Passion Play to witness the life of Christ unfold before your eyes. Come solo, with family, with your youth group or fill a bus and head on down to our beautiful amphitheatre. We also offer concessions and a meditation trail. Our performances are July 4th - 6th at 7:30pm, gates open at 5:30pm and July 11th - 13th at 7:30pm, gates open at 5:30pm. For more information visit our website at www.passionplay.ca.

The outdoor theatre is located 1km east of La Riviere on Highway #3. Pamphlets are at the back of the church.

****For the summer months there will be no Zoom or YouTube Mass's recorded to allow our Tech team a time to travel and have more family time**.**

Thank you to all who supplied food and drink for last Sunday's coffee Sunday! It was great to celebrate with the graduates and their families. Coffee Sunday is a part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks!

Canada Day – July 1

July 1 is celebrated as Canada's birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the World, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

Food For Thought

St. Peter and St. Paul are the principal pillars of the Church. That is why this Sunday (June 29th), we celebrate the feast of their martyrdom, replacing the normal readings for the Thirteenth Sunday [C] in Ordinary Time

Peter was son of Jona and brother of Andrew. He was a professional fisherman from Bethsaida, a fishing town on the Lake of Galilee (Gennesaret). He might have been a follower of John the Baptist. It was his brother Andrew who introduced him to Jesus, and Jesus who changed his name from Simon to Cephas or Peter. Jesus made him the leader of his apostles. At Caesarea Philippi Jesus promised to make him the head of his Church, and the risen Jesus confirmed Peter's precedence. It was the Holy Spirit Who inspired Peter's Proclamation of the Good News to all in Jerusalem on the day of the Pentecost bringing the Church into living action. Peter made missionary journeys to Lydda, Joppa and Caesarea and convened the first Council in Jerusalem. Peter wrote two epistles addressed to the whole Church. He was martyred by crucifixion under the emperor Nero.

Paul the "Apostle to the Gentiles" and the greatest missionary was a Roman citizen by birth as he was born in Tarsus of Cilicia, a Province of Rome. His original name was Saul. He was trained as a tent-maker and practiced that trade. As a Pharisee he was sent to Jerusalem by his parents to study the Mosaic Law under the great Rabbi Gamaliel. Well-versed in the Scriptures, he became a religious fanatic and was ready to destroy the Christian faith. When Stephen was stoned to death by Jewish fanatics, Saul was there to support them. But he was miraculously converted on his way to Damascus to arrest the Christians. He made several missionary journeys, converted hundreds of Jews and Gentiles and established Church communities. He wrote 14 epistles. He was arrested and kept in prison for two years in Caesarea and two more years in Rome. Finally, he was martyred by beheading at Tre Fontane in Rome. Let us pray for the apostolic zeal and missionary spirit of Saints Peter & Paul.

Today's gospel passage is the first of the three times when Jesus foretold his passion, death and resurrection. It consists of two sections, the messianic confession of Peter and the prediction of his Passion by Jesus

Jesus as Christ our Lord and Savior: Today's Gospel explains the basis of our faith as the acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, our Lord and Savior. It also tells us that Christ Jesus became our Savior by his suffering and death and resurrection. This famous profession of Faith by Peter took place at Caesarea Philippi, at present called Banias, twenty-five miles northeast of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus realized that if his disciples did not know who he really was, then his entire ministry, suffering and death would be useless. Hence, he decided to ask a question in two parts. 1) "Who do men say that the Son of Man is?" 2) "But who do you say that I am?" Their answer to the first question was: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Peter volunteered to answer the second question saying: "You are the Christ (Messiah) the Son of the living God." Jesus confirmed Peter's insight as a special revelation from God. "No mere man has revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." [June 29 Sunday: Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul | Fr Tony's Homilies](#)

Dear Padre,

What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God’s grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What can I do for the Church? Not complaining about the Church, but committing myself to the Church. Participating with passion and humility.... That is what a synodal Church means: everyone has a part to play, no individual in the place of others or above others. There are no first- or second-class Christians; everyone has been called.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 29, 2022



Monday

June 30
Weekday
Gn 18:16–33
Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday

July 1
Weekday
Gn 19:15–29
Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

July 2
Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8–20a
Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

July 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19–22
Jn 20:24–29

Friday

July 4
Weekday
Gn 23:1–4, 19;
24:1–8, 62–67
Mt 9:9–13

Saturday

July 5
Weekday
Gn 27:1–5, 15–29
Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

July 6
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 66:10–14c
Gal 6:14–18
Lk 10:1–12, 17–20
or 10:1–9

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 29, 2025

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11 / 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18 / Matthew 16:13–19



Roots and Wings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“**T**here are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings.” So goes the adage. It is in knowing our roots that we know who we are. It is with wings that we then shape the future—a future sprouting from those roots but also blossoming into something new. If there were only the roots, we would never know life’s richness. Without wings, never would we come to beauty.

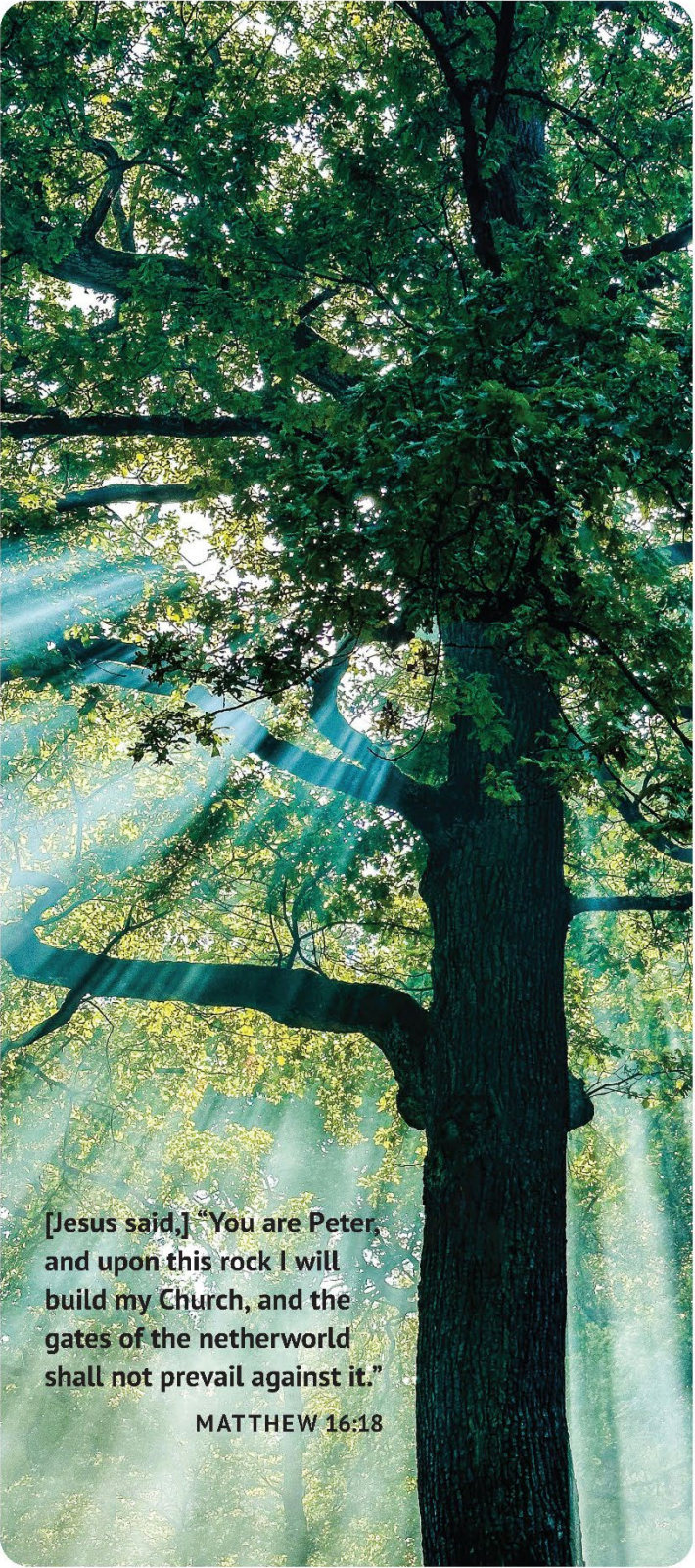
The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God’s presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16).

It was Paul who pushed the envelope, who proclaimed that God’s saving love was for Jews and Gentiles—both members of the household of God—without distinction. It was Paul who argued that circumcision was not necessary for a believer. It was Paul who recognized that the Law was indeed a blessing, yet also that obeying the Law does not save us—it is the love of Christ Jesus that saves us.

Many are rooted through faith in Christ Jesus. Some live out that faith as Catholics, others as Lutherans or Methodists, still others as Orthodox or Anglicans. All of us rooted in Christ, all of us living out faith, each blossoming in our own fruitfulness as guided by the Spirit, for the purpose of tradition is to pass on the flame and not to preserve the ashes. ●

Reflect

*Am I more comfortable with roots or wings?
Am I more like St. Peter or St. Paul, and why?*



[Jesus said,] “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

MATTHEW 16:18

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