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

Responsorial Psalm 40: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

Due to Covid-19, both parishes are closed for Mass' until further notice.

The new Sunday envelopes can be picked up by calling the Parish Office to arrange an appointment time.

Sunday Missal (2020-2021) now available! \$4.00 each. Contact the Parish Office, if you would like one!

Zoom Along with Us

If you use the internet you can join St. Joseph & St. Theresa with the Zoom Mass Each Sunday as one more option to celebrate community and the sharing of the Word together. After Mass we will be having Coffee Sunday with each other who wish to stay and visit with the rest of the community. If you wish to join into the Zoom Mass send an email to St. Joseph The Worker, stjoewkr@mymts.net to get on the Access List.

Did you Know! The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass each day.

St. Josephs CWL yearly membership now due, \$20.00. Please mail to Darlene Witty, Box 426 Russell, MB R0J 1W0.

January 17, 2021 Stewardship Message

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25

During this week, it is celebrated around the world, as recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

It encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical & other community activities & to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. All members should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism (working to restore unity among all Christians and religions. The model of unity we seek is found in the Trinity Jesus prays that all his followers will be one as he and the Father are one, so that all people may come to believe in Christ (John 17.21). Ecumenism is one of the primary tasks in the Church today & invites a change in attitudes (e.g., toward the work of the Spirit, the use of the Scriptures, social justice, ministries) & by praying & working for greater unity among those who believe in Jesus.

You are Invited to Discover what Liturgy of The Hours is in the Roman Catholic Church!

Our group will be learning what Morning & Evening prayer is, how it originated and its purpose for us to pray it today. Find out why as people in The Church, it connects us to each other and to Jesus Christ. It includes, Psalms, Scripture reading, and prayers for our world. Our group will be meeting by means of Zoom, online. For more information, please contact either, Deacon Darin Douglas or Carlene Douglas, Binscarth, at 204-532-2157 (please leave a message), or reply using Messenger



Mass Intentions For The Week:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Jan. 16 For health of family req. Jean Goba
 Sunday Jan. 17 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 &
 Special intentions req. Armand Lusier

Monday Jan. 18 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family
 Tuesday Jan. 19 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak
 Wed. Jan. 20 +Deceased Family req. Frank & Madeline Mangin
 Thurs. Jan. 21 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**
 +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family
 Friday Jan. 22 Rosaline Swidzinski req. Albina Kozak

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday Jan. 23 For health of family req. Jean Goba
 Sunday Jan. 24 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. – For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
 &
 +Deceased Brown Family req. Bernadine Brown

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.

They Still Bring Forth Fruit in Old Age: A Lesson on Caring in the Midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic Message by the Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops: (continued from last week bulletin)

As followers of Christ, caring for one another must take on an ever greater imperative and meaning if we are truly being authentic in the witness of our faith and beliefs. Have we failed to truly care for those in need – the ill, the downtrodden, the elderly, the abandoned, the suffering, the confused, the addicted, the disabled, the victimized, the abused and the outcasts – because we have forgotten to see Christ in them? Is the Coronavirus pandemic an occasion for us, as Christians, to reflect on how we care for those around us and how much love, attention, tenderness, and mercy we express in reaching out to them as our Lord reminds us: *"just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me"?*

The pandemic can, in many ways and for many people, serve as an important reminder of the inherent dignity of human life, its meaning and what should be most important in life. No matter the degree of isolation and privation each of us may have experienced so far in this crisis, there are lessons to be learned about the need for courage, determination, hope and steadfastness. One of these important lessons, especially for the younger generation, is that well before COVID-19, the elderly and the disabled were frequently excluded or forgotten, not only by society in general, but in many cases by their faith communities and even by their loved ones. We must not forget, however, that the undue suffering experienced by the elderly and vulnerable members of our communities because of loneliness, anxiety, depression, worry and abandonment of different kinds weighs heavily upon the collective conscience of both our country and Church. Sacred Scripture exhorts us: *"Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord."*

To have faith is to trust the Lord to guide one's feet into the way of peace. He alone is able to turn death into life, to shine radiant light into the darkness of human despair, and to allow for lasting meaning to emerge from our manifold experiences. This global pandemic has at least taught us a priceless lesson and truth which we have perhaps forgotten: we are human and consequently not immune to suffering and death. Such profound limitations – personal, communitarian, governmental, ecclesial, societal and otherwise – have become manifest, and this calls for greater co-responsibility and accountability in caring for individuals, society and in fact the whole of creation. However, these limitations have also provided us with the opportunity to reach out to others – to our families, friends, neighbors, coworkers and strangers – in new and life-giving ways. They have allowed us to renew our sense of authentic solidarity and community by considering and treating others, especially the most vulnerable, the sick, and the elderly as valued and precious members of our communities.



Dear Padre,

Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

What an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word *church* is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity.

Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult.

Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building.

So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist.

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Calendar

Monday JANUARY 18 Weekday Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday JANUARY 19 Weekday Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday JANUARY 20 Weekday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday JANUARY 21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12
Friday JANUARY 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday JANUARY 23 Weekday Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21
Sunday JANUARY 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope, with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving; above all loving because the power of the resurrection makes Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its motivation.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20
Jn 1:35–42



So [Eli] said to Samuel,
"Go to sleep, and if
you are called, reply,
'Speak, LORD, for your
servant is listening.'"
1 SAMUEL 3:9

You Called?

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?*
- ★ *What kind of goodness attracts you?*