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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 122): Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



*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 November: *For the prevention of suicide:* Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday Nov 29 **5:00 p.m. Russell Zoom on-line Mass 5:00 p.m. and YouTube after 6:15 p.m.**
For Irene Deschamps req by Brad & Brenda Robin

Sunday Nov 30 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Monday Dec 1 1:00 p.m. – Funeral Mass for Pat Edgerton

Tuesday Dec 2 + Budz & Kaskiw family req by the Kaskiw family

Wed Dec 3 No Mass - Treatments

Thurs Dec 4 No Mass – Reconciliations in Brandon

Friday Dec 5 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. For all parishioners
11:00 a.m. – Rossburn – **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Fr Paul's Birthday req by Rose & family

2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec 6 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
Special Intentions req by The Sabourin family
7:30 p.m. Russell – For all parishioners req by Father Paul

Sunday Dec 7 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 + Mildred Gollets from godson Vince Kaskiw

St. Theresa's Advent potluck will be on December 7th right after mass. Bring your favourite dish. Cake for dessert will be provided. Come celebrate Father Paul's Birthday as well! Hope to see you all there!!

Our sincere sympathies to the families of Martin Neuhofer who passed away November 18th. Mr. Neuhofer was a member of St. Joseph's Parish for many years!



A letter from the Archdiocese has been sent out to all Parishioners that they have on their records, concerning **Sharing God's Gift Appeal**.

Sharing God's Gift Appeal: Our Parish does the Sharing God's Gift Appeal during Lent. A couple of years ago the Archdiocese changed the SGG Appeal to the fall. We at St. Joseph decided to keep it during Lent. As far as this letter from the Archdiocese concerning SGG, if you have made your donation for 2025, please ignore the letter. If you have not yet donated to Sharing God's Gifts than please use it as a reminder. You have until middle of December to donate. Thank you!



The CWL invite all ladies of our Parish to our Christmas supper, Tuesday Dec 16th at the Tin House. Supper will be at 6 o'clock. No gift exchange, just the pleasure of your company. You are responsible to pay for your own supper. Please contact Margaret Mushumanski (204-773-2868) before Dec 11 if you are planning on attending. Thank you.

Attention CWL Ladies: membership fees of \$25 are now due for 2026. Please pay Darlene Witty, Box 426, Russell, MB R0J 1W0. Our CWL have been together for 70 years. Wow! What an accomplishment. New members are more than welcome to join!

St. Joseph's is holding our **Annual Parish Advent Potluck Party** today, Saturday, **November 29th, 2025 starting with Mass at 5:00 p.m. (NO 7:30 p.m. Mass tonight)**, followed by a potluck supper,

Happy birthday to Father Paul whose birthday is on December 5th!! Please keep Father Paul in your prayers!

games, carols, crafts, Lucky draw auction and **new this year a photo booth**. Bring a dish or two for the potluck, food items for the Russell & Area Food Connections (for each item you bring you will receive a ticket towards the Lucky Draw Auction downstairs) and bring some money so you can buy tickets! Tickets are just a Loonie each for our Auction with all proceeds going to our local food bank. We will have a couple of door prizes again this year for the children and adults! Please note: we will also be accepting donations to the Orphanage & missions in Peru where Sr. Hilda Simard (Deacon Conrad's sister-in-law) has been teaching for many years. Cheques can be made to "Oeuvres Regis-Vernet" and we will make sure that they receive your personal donation..... tax receipts will be sent to you directly from them. Plan to come and celebrate advent with your parish community and help those in need at the same time! **Parish Council members** (with Donalda as captain) are to look after the kitchen!

Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in your community?

The Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$35 – with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. The "Gift Tags" from the Stewardship Tree, which is up in St. Joseph The Worker Church have all been taken, but if you would like to donate to a child in need and didn't get a "gift tag", please let the office know and we will see if we can get more. When you bring your un-wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag – place it in the hamper next to the tree. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 7th.

Socks (unwrapped) and mitts of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 7th, and place them under the Stewardship Tree.

If you are unable to drop off gifts/socks/mitts at the church, you may also drop off at Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998)

Dear Padre,

Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are “every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (*Code of Canon Law*, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.” Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord’s coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior’s Incarnation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7
Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	St. Francis Xavier, Priest	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Second Sunday of Advent
Is 4:2–6	Is 11:1–10	Is 25:6–10a	Is 26:1–6	Is 29:17–24	Is 30:19–21, 23–26	Is 11:1–10
Mt 8:5–11	Lk 10:21–24	Mt 15:29–37	Mt 7:21, 24–27	Mt 9:27–31	Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8	Rom 15:4–9
						Mt 3:1–12



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
We are called to offer God’s love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent (A)
Isaiah 2:1–5 / Romans 13:11–14 / Matthew 24:37–44



Waiting, but Quick!

MIGUEL DULICK

This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” The psalmist announces we are already there: “And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of “revelation” yet to come “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Lord “is coming,” but he’s not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not “sleep,” lest we miss him!

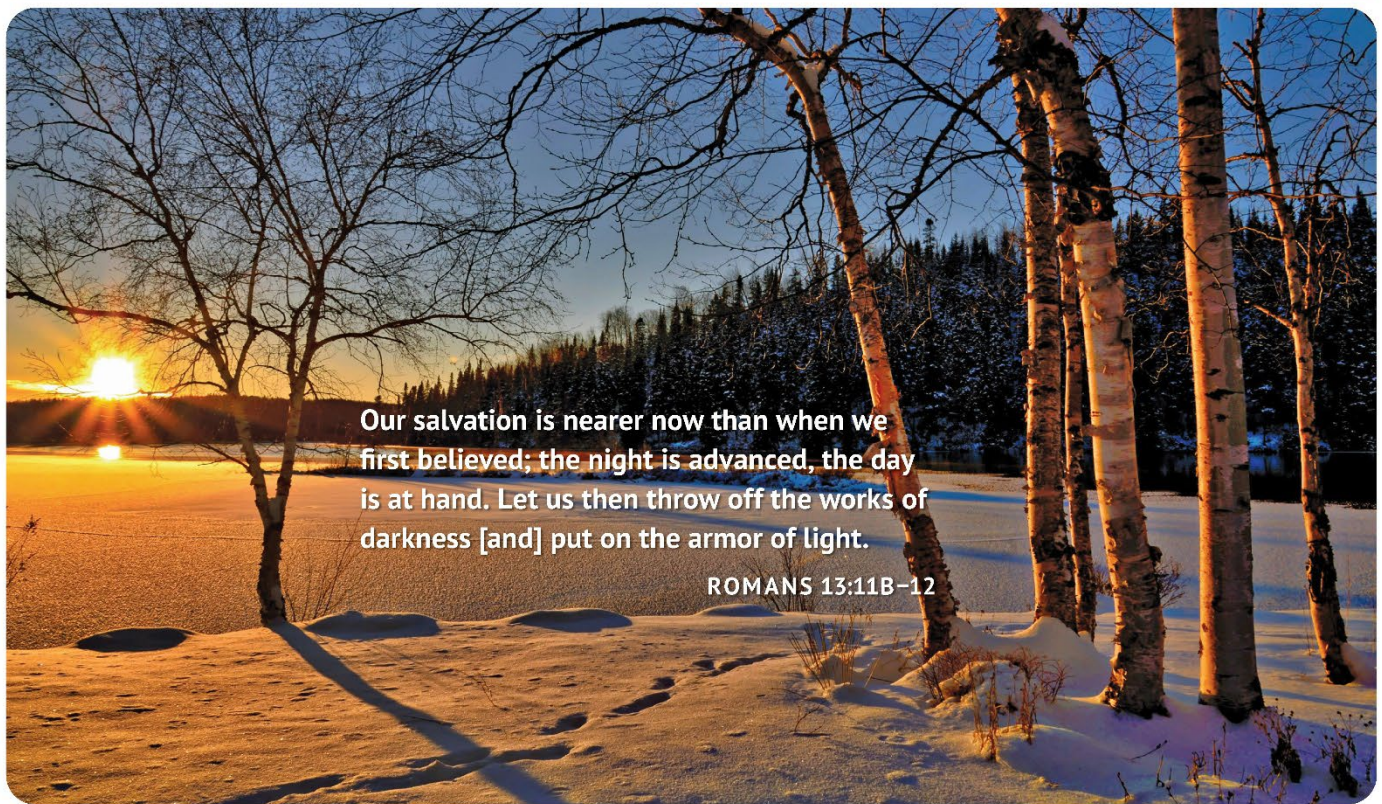
How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the “Merry Christmas!” / “Happy Holidays!” debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there’s no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let’s keep waiting; let’s hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let’s not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately “anticipate” Christmas. Let’s cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●

Reflect

What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?



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Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.
ROMANS 13:11B–12