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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 147): Sing praises to the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

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 February: For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday Feb 3 11:00 a.m. Immaculate Heart Of Mary & Mass
 + John Ryshytylo & all Souls in purgatory req. by Lynda & family
 7:30 p.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul
- Sunday Feb 4 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
 For all parishioners by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family
- Monday Feb 5 Fr Paul req. by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Feb 6 + Frank Mangin req. by Madeline & family
- Wed Feb 7 **Deanery Meeting Brandon**
- Thurs Feb 8 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. Mass Health for Gordon L. req. by Rose & family
- Friday Feb 9 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Mass + Emilienne Mangin req. by George Mangin & family

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Anointing of the Sick will be offered at each Mass*****

- Saturday Feb 10 7:30 p.m. Russell Mary Orsak req by the Knights of Columbus
- Sunday Feb 11 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. & YouTube after 10:15 am**
 For all parishioners by Father Paul
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn John Ryshytylo req by Michael & Myrna & family

"Pancake Sunday, February 11th after 11:00 am Mass and everyone is invited. Plan to attend the **St. Theresa's Pancake brunch** along with other goodies after mass to share in food and fellowship. The brunch is part of the Ministry of Hospitality wherein we greet, visit and enjoy everyone's company as we embark on the Lenten season."



We are still looking for someone who would like to shovel snow for St. Joseph's the Worker Parish. This would be to clear sidewalks throughout the winter and also to cut grass in the summer. This is a paid position. Please call the office or Gary Petz for more information. Thank you.

Station of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. If you wish to join in and are not presently on Zoom e-mail stjoewkr@gmail.com to get the link for Zoom. We plan also to do the last Friday of Lent at St. Joseph's parish.

Ash Wednesday is on Feb 14th and is day for fasting and abstinence. Mass will be at 6:30.

"It is not good that man should be alone": Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships

How can we be instruments of tenderness and compassion in a world that is sometimes indifferent and individualistic? Let us remember that we are called to live in communion with one another, to care for relationships, to be messengers of love and hope to those who suffer. Pope Francis, in his message for this year's World Day of the Sick 2024, reminds us that since the beginning of creation, God has given us the capacity to enter into relationships. We are not meant to be alone. The Holy Father points out that loneliness is a deep wound in humanity, exacerbated by disease, pandemics, war, and even by a culture of individualism that neglects the most vulnerable. Let us care for relationships. Let us be close to those who suffer. Let us reach out to those who are alone.

Pope Francis reminds us of the compassion and tender love we must show towards our suffering brothers and sisters. As a community of faith, we are called to adopt the benevolent gaze of Jesus, to care for those who suffer, to pray for them and to accompany them in their loneliness. When we are ill, we must not be ashamed of our desire for closeness and tenderness, for it is in these moments that we rediscover ourselves and find the true therapy to heal the ills of our society. The Eucharist gives us the mutual love needed to heal the wounds of loneliness and isolation. Together, we can counter the culture of individualism and cultivate instead a culture of tenderness and compassion.

As we hear in the Gospel for February 11th, Jesus is always willing to heal. We need only ask.

On The Mass' of February 10th and 11th I will be offering the Anointing of the Sick to all who wish to receive this precious Sacrament.

Father Jay from St. Mary's is heading up "Assumption Alpha" on Thursdays from February 1st to April 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish. It is a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

"You're so kind." A few years ago, in Sweden, a nurse working in a government hospital was assigned to an elderly woman patient. This patient was a tough case. She had not spoken a word in three years. The other nurses disliked her and tried to avoid her as much as they could. Basically, they ignored her. But the new nurse decided to try "unconditional love." The elderly woman patient rocked all day in a rocking chair. So, one day the nurse pulled up a rocking chair beside the lady and just rocked along with her and loved her. Occasionally, the nurse would reach over and gently touch and pat the hand of the elderly woman. After just a few days of this, the patient suddenly opened her eyes and turned and said to the nurse, "You're so kind." The next day she talked some more and incredibly two weeks later, the lady was well enough to leave the hospital and go home! Of course, it doesn't always work like that, but studies are accumulating which show without question that love has healing power. Today's Gospel describes how Jesus demonstrated the love and mercy of God his Father for His children by his teaching and healing ministry. (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

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“Catholic Gap year” “Get my prayer life on track”
 “Authentic, supportive friendships” “Discern where God is calling me”
 “I’m not alone here” *Take a year, get set for life.*
 “Understand Catholic teachings” “Discover who I am”
 “Transition year before university” “Get serious about my faith”

Dear Padre,

**In the Our Father, we pray, “thy kingdom come.”
Will God’s kingdom come only at the end of the world?**

God’s kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus’ Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus’ first coming as a man. That means we are in God’s kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don’t have to just wait for God’s kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God’s kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus’ Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Job 7:1–4, 6–7 / 1 Corinthians 9:16–19, 22–23 / Mark 1:29–39



Why Is There Evil?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At some point in one’s faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today’s first Scripture reading—Job’s lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job’s friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job’s only answer to the question about the “why” of evil. ●

Reflect

How do you answer the question of why evil exists?

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13 Mk 6:53–56	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30 Mk 7:1–13	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 10:1–10 Mk 7:14–23	February 8 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:4–13 Mk 7:24–30	February 9 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19 Mk 7:31–37	February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> 1 Kgs 12:26–32; 13:33–34 Mk 8:1–10	February 11 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lv 13:1–2, 44–46 1 Cor 10:31–11:1 Mk 1:40–45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

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