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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 138): Before the Angels I sing your praise, O Lord.

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 vocations to the priesthood and religious life:* Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Feb 8 7:30 p.m. Russell + Mangin Family req by George Mangin & family

Sunday Feb 9 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**

+ Felicísimo Clave III req by Virginia Sales

11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul **Pot Luck to follow Mass**

Monday Feb 10 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Feb 11 For Fr Paul req by George Mangin & family

Wed Feb 12 No Mass – Deanery Meeting in Brandon

Thurs Feb 13 No Mass

Friday Feb 14 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. For all parishioners req by Father Paul

10:15 a.m. Rossburn Personal Care Home music and mass

+ Suffering Souls in purgatory req by Rose & family

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Feb 15 7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req by Carlene D.

Sunday Feb 16 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**

+ Frank & Dora Horeczy's anniversary req by the Horeczy family

11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul



****There will be no First communion classes today as Glenda is away. Next class will be February 23rd at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Thank you!**

*****St. Theresa's pot luck will be held today, Sunday, February 9th, following Mass.*****

Russell & Area Food Connection's Basket is located at the church entrance for your food donations. Please help those less fortunate in our communities.

Most Reverend Murray Chatlain will be installed as the 8th Archbishop of Winnipeg on Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.

☺ An apology is a good way to have the last word!



Sunday, March 2, 2025

1:30 – 4:30 PM

**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH AUDITORIUM
 ESTERHAZY, SK.**

Coffee and Goodies Mid Afternoon

Donna Neyedley (Gerald, Sk), retired counselor/social worker with a number of certificates to her credit as well as years of experience to round out her qualifications, will lead us through these topics:

- *What is stress?*
- *What causes us to stress?*
- *Symptoms of stress.*
- *Ways to deal with stress.*

There will be time for discussion as well as an opportunity for any private conversation with Donna.

ADMISSION – FREE WILL OFFERING

To Saskatchewan Mental Health

Need more information?

Donna Neyedley 306-745-2435

Cathy Giroux 306-745-2040

*****On the Mass' of February 8th & 9th I will be offering the Anointing of the Sick to all who wish to receive this precious Sacrament.*****

We need to teach and practice expressions of reverence for the Lord. Today's world desperately needs a "revival of reverence." We need both to recognize God as God and to express that reverence for God through appropriate *bodily* gestures. For example, when we come into Church, we enter the presence of Jesus dwelling in the Tabernacle. We need to remember that this is His house, a part of Heaven, and we need to express that remembrance *by making a deep bow toward Jesus*, present in the Tabernacle, or, if we are able to kneel, *by genuflecting on the right knee* before we enter the pew. We should offer Jesus the same reverent recognition when we leave the Church and Jesus' Sacramental Presence. We might also remember to give a slight bow of the head whenever we hear, or say, the name of Jesus. The new regulation of bowing one's head before receiving Communion is another beautiful act of reverence. This same sense of reverence can be expressed by keeping the Bible, God's living word to us, in a prominent place in our homes and by kissing it each time we read from it. True reverence for God naturally leads us to the reverent, respectful love of neighbor. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) loved people because she saw *Jesus* in them. That was the same Jesus Whom she revered and experienced in the Holy Eucharist. We, too, will have many opportunities for daily experiences of Christ. So the heart of our mission as Christians is really to find Jesus hidden in our neighbors, and to accept his challenge to us – to love him, to have compassion on him, to practice justice toward him, to be kind to him there. Then it becomes easier for us to forgive injury as Jesus did, and to be reconciled to those with whom we have difficulties. Thus, our mission as Jesus' disciples is to seek, to find, and to respond to Jesus in all people and events.

World Day of the Sick – February 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

Food for Thought

Today's Scripture readings challenge us to discern God's call to each one of us to become His disciple with a mission. We are asked to recognize God's Holy Presence and acknowledge our sinfulness and unworthiness to become humble instruments in His hands, as did the prophet Isaiah (first reading), St. Paul (second reading), and as St. Peter (today's Gospel). Today's readings also teach us that God has His own criteria for selecting people to be His disciples, ministers, and prophets. Presenting the special calls, or vocations, of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter as life-changing events, the readings challenge us to examine our own personal calls by God and our fidelity and commitment to our discipleship.

Dear Padre,

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i>	February 11 <i>Weekday</i>	February 12 <i>Weekday</i>	February 13 <i>Weekday</i>	February 14 <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i>	February 15 <i>Weekday</i>	February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 / Luke 5:1-11



They left everything and followed him.

LUKE 5:11

Unsolicited Calls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

Reflect

**Do you experience God calling you?
What is your answer?**