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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 27): The Lord is my light and my salvation.



*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 Francis March: *For families in crisis:* Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

2nd Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Mar 15 7:30 p.m. Russell + Frank Horeczy req by the Horeczy family
- Sunday Mar 16 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 + Art Sabourin req by Linda Ryshytylo
- Monday Mar 17 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Mar 18 For Fr Paul req by Brad & Brenda Robin
- Wed Mar 19 No Mass
- Thurs Mar 20 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
- Friday Mar 21 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. + Pat Junior req by Bev & Jim & family
 7:00 p.m. – **Stations of the Cross by Zoom**

The appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.



3rd Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Mar 22 7:30 p.m. Russell Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Sunday Mar 23 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 In thanksgiving for God's Blessings req by The Sabourin family

****First communion** classes will be again today at St. Joseph's, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Thank you!

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

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



*****Stations 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, email stjoewkr@gmail.com to get the link for Zoom. We also plan to do the Stations of the Cross on the last Friday of Lent, April 11th at St. Joseph's Parish.



St. Theresa's Parish will also be having Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent beginning at 10:30. This is a good way to enliven our prayer life and slow down our mind to really see what God has in mind for us.

This Wednesday, March 19th there will be a gathering at St. Mary's Cathedral to say thank you and bid farewell to Archbishop Richard Gagnon for his eleven years of pastoral service and leadership as our Archbishop. It is fitting that his celebration should take place on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, our Archdiocesan patron. The celebration will begin at 7:30 p.m. and a reception will follow. **All are welcome to attend this celebration.**

Thank you to all who attended or assisted with the World Day of Prayer Service this past Friday at the Grace Lutheran Church! It's always nice to worship together!

The receipts for Sharing God's Gifts are issued by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Unfortunately, they had printing issues this year. The Archdiocese thanks everyone for their patience in this regard. If for some reason you have not received your receipt, please email Gary Petz at (gpetz@mymts.net) and he will immediately notify the Archdiocese, who will then send out your receipt via an email. Once again thanks for participating in Sharing God's Gifts and for your patience this year with the receipts.

****Please remember to use your current 2025 weekly donation envelopes only.** If you use the old ones you may be crediting another person's envelope number as your envelope number usually changes from year to year. Therefore, please do not use 2024 or older envelopes. Thank you!

Share Lent Collection for 2025

As we begin our journey for the **2025 Jubilee**, Pope Francis reminds us that "hope should be granted to the billions of the poor who often lack the essentials of life" and that "the goods of the Earth are not destined for a privileged few but for everyone." (*Spes Non Confundit*, 15-16)

Inspired by this call to justice, we are joining Caritas Internationalis' campaign Turn Debt into Hope along with many other faith-based and civil society organisations.

Together, we urge decision-makers to **prioritise people and planet** over mere profit and **demand debt justice** for communities crushed by unjust and unpayable debts.

As the Holy Father writes, "if we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, we must commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts" (*Spes Non Confundit*, 16).

On April 6th, 2025 the collection will be taken up for developing countries. Pope Francis urges us to undergo a true transformation of the heart. We wish to thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are provided at the back of the church for donations.

****This year we will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 15th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.** A luncheon reception will follow at the Delta Marriott. At the Chrism Mass we celebrate who we are as a local church, the Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick are blessed.

Dear Padre,

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that “bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect” (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly “respect” might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when “Sunday best” was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be “business casual” as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 / Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 / Luke 9:28b-36



Embrace the Darkness

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom.

Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

Reflect
When has life's darkness brought me to a new and deeper faith in God?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

After the labors of each day, it will do us good not to switch off the light in the room without placing ourselves in the light of God.... Wonder at the boundless love of God, who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new, unexpected light.



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UNSPLASH

Monday March 17 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Thursday March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	Saturday March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Tuesday March 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Friday March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Sunday March 23 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9
Wednesday March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a	Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about <i>Dear Padre</i> .	



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

LUKE 9:35