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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 110): You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 June: *That the world might grow in compassion:* Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday Jun 21 7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Jun 22 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 + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Monday Jun 23 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Jun 24 No Mass

Wed Jun 25 No Mass

Thurs Jun 26 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + Eugene Lepischak req by Joyce Lepischak & family

Friday Jun 27 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Gary & Nicole Petz

Saints Peter and Paul

Saturday Jun 28 7:30 p.m. Russell + Bernard Trinder req by Louise Trinder & family

Sunday Jun 29 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
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Manitoba Passion Play - July 4-6, and 11-13, 2025

Come one come all to see the Manitoba Passion Play to witness the life of Christ unfold before your eyes. Come solo, with family, with your youth group or fill a bus and head on down to our beautiful amphitheatre. We also offer concessions and a meditation trail. Our performances are July 4th - 6th at 7:30pm, gates open at 5:30pm and July 11th - 13th at 7:30pm, gates open at 5:30pm. For more information visit our website at www.passionplay.ca.

The outdoor theatre is located 1km east of La Riviere on Highway #3. Pamphlets are at the back of the church.

Your kind prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Raymond Tinguely, Father Paul Tinguely's father who passed away June 5th, 2025. The funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, June 17th at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Notre Dame de Lourdes. May he rest in peace.



This year our parish graduates are Kimberly Cruz, Mhikaila Dalag, Aleisha Lim, Keira Madlangbayan, Angel Mallari and Marcus Penafiel. **Grad Mass will be celebrated today Sunday, June 22nd.** You are all invited to join in for coffee and snacks and to congratulate the graduates!



World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests – June 27

Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for Priests today on the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. The day was begun by Saint John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having all Catholic faithful join in prayer for the sanctification of Priests. The World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests coincides with the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Congratulations to the CWL who celebrated 70 years in our parish last Saturday! The members are as follows: Sharon Antoneshyn – 17 years, Cecile Boryskiewich – 31 years, Rose Boucher – 42 years, Irene Deschamps – 69 years, Carlene Douglas – 16 years, Rosalie Dreilich – 42 years, Joan Havelange – 17 years, Lorna Kiliwnik – 47 years, Margaret Mushumanski – 45 years, Paulette Mushumanski – 45 years, Cynthia Nerbas – 42 years, Carol Pelk – 14 years, Marlene Pettitt – 65 years, Louise Trinder – 27 years and Darlene Witty – 58 years. Thank you all for your dedicated service to St. Joseph's The Worker Parish! It is greatly appreciated!



A Big Heartfelt Thank You! To all who are so dedicated with their time & energy to serve in our parish in various ministries. Without you, we would not have a church. At this time, special thanks to Glenda Stasiuk for organizing, teaching & leading the children in their First Communion classes!

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Importance: **1)** The last two precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual mother on Good Friday **2)** *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel*– God with us – in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. **3)** The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the “*Real Presence*” on Jesus — body and blood, soul and Divinity under the appearances of bread and wine — so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist

We believe in the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because **1)** Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000. **2)** Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper. **3)** Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory. **4)** “*Nothing is impossible for God.*”

We explain the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by: “*Transubstantiation*” which means that the *substance* of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the *substance* of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its *accidents* (like color, shape, taste etc.), remain the same.

The Blessing Cup: Leonardo da Vinci was 43 years old when the Duke of Milan asked him to paint the Last Supper. He worked on it slowly and with meticulous attention to detail. He spent much time making the cup that Jesus held as beautiful as possible. After three years he was ready to show it, and he called a friend to come and see it. He said, “*Look at it and give me your opinion.*” The friend said, “*It is wonderful. The cup is so real I cannot take my eyes off it!*” Immediately, Leonardo took a brush and drew it across the sparkling cup. He exclaimed as he did so: “*Nothing shall detract from the figure of Christ!*” — Christ must be the primary focus of a Christian's life. (*John Rose in John's Sunday Homilies; quoted by Fr. Botelho*). Fr. Tony (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS
There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.
ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday June 23 Weekday Gn 12:1–9 Mt 7:1–5	Thursday June 26 Weekday Gn 16:1–12, 15–16 or 16:6b–12, 15–16 Mt 7:21–29	Saturday June 28 Weekday Gn 18:1–15 Mt 8:5–17
Tuesday June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Is 49:1–6 Acts 13:22–26 Lk 1:57–66, 80	Friday June 27 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Ez 34:11–16 Rom 5:5b–11 Lk 15:3–7	Sunday June 29 Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1–11 2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18 Mt 16:13–19
Wednesday June 25 Weekday Gn 15:1–12, 17–18 Mt 7:15–20	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> .	

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 22, 2025
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (C)
Genesis 14:18–20 / 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 / Luke 9:11b–17



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.
1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver’s license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger’s kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today’s Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that “deserted” place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life’s storms. ●

Reflect
Reflect on your experiences of loss and abundance, loneliness and acts of kindness, and struggles and grace.