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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 1): Blessed the one who trusts in the 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:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday Feb 17 + Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family

Tuesday Feb 18 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Wed Feb 19 For Fr Paul req by Jim & Bev & family

Thurs Feb 20 No Mass – Fr Paul has a treatment

Friday Feb 21 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. For Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps

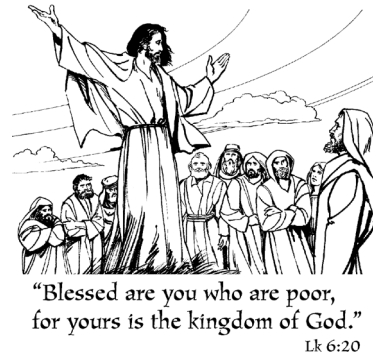
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Feb 22 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by the CWL

Sunday Feb 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 + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family



Coffee Sunday this month will be next Sunday, February 23rd after 9 am Mass and *everyone is invited!* **Please note...** If you haven't already done so and would like to be added to a group, please contact Brenda Robin at 204-564-2646 or cell 204-937-0270. Coffee Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks. *We hope to see you there!*

On 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.**

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!

The World Day of Prayer will be held on March 7th, 2025 at the Grace Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this celebration!

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

2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (in modern-day Turkiye). In the year 325, some 318 bishops gathered in Nicaea for an ecumenical council to discuss matters of great importance to the church. One of the greatest achievements was the definition of the faith in the form of a creed. Since the 1960's, in Canada, we have prayed the Apostles' Creed at Sunday Masses and Solemnities. The Apostles' Creed, whose present form is similar to the baptismal creed used in Rome in the second and third centuries, actually developed from questions addressed to those seeking baptism.

To highlight the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Council of Priests have recommended that the Nicene Creed be used, throughout the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, in 2025. The Archdiocese of Winnipeg is encouraging parishes pray the Nicene Creed at all Sunday Masses and Solemnities. However, during Lenten and Easter seasons the praying of the Apostles' Creed is preferred. It is Apostolic Administrator Richard Gagnon's fervent hope that the use of the Nicene Creed, throughout 2025, will unveil for us the rich theological beauty of this ancient profession of faith.



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

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

Blessedness of giving: John D. Rockefeller, Sr., was a millionaire at age 23. At the age of fifty, he was a billionaire. He was the richest man in the world, but he was a miserable, rich man. At the age of 53, he was eaten up with physical diseases and ulcers. He was a grabber, not a giver. He was always trying to get more money and he was a greedy man. Greed had so consumed him, that at the age of 53, the doctors told him he had one year to live. Just one year. Here's a billionaire, the richest man in the world, and all he could eat that year, all that his stomach could handle was milk and crackers. Milk and crackers. The man could go out and buy any restaurant in the world, buy it; he could have any food before him on the table, but it wouldn't do him much good. It was in that year, that Rockefeller began to look at his life. He said, *"I have all these possessions, and I've never been a giver."* That's when he decided to become a giver. He gave to Churches, to hospitals, to foundations, and to medical research. Many of the discoveries we've had in medicine have come from money provided by the Rockefeller Foundation. — That man who had only one year to live at age 53, began to live, and began to give, and do you know what happened to him? He started releasing all of the internal negative things that were killing him. He got rid of his stress, his tension, and his ulcers, and he lived to the age of ninety, a saint to many.

Dear Padre,

I have always been an “every Sunday” Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn’t feel that special. I believe that it’s the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels “routine.” Sometimes I’m even distracted while receiving. Help?



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Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don’t always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don’t feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other’s company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don’t already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jeremiah 17:5–8 / 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20 / Luke 6:17, 20–26



And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.”

LUKE 6:20

It’s All about the Roots

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Where we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage “Bloom where you are planted” may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won’t do much blooming. We’ll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week’s gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What’s so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.

The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that’s where we put down our roots. In other words, if that’s what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn’t come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become “like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream” (Jeremiah 17:8). ●

Reflect

Where are your roots? Are you growing and thriving?



STUDIO ROMANTIC / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus says [his people] are blessed because they are poor. In what sense? In the sense that Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Monday

February 17

Weekday

Gn 4:1–15, 25

Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday

February 18

Weekday

Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10

Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday

February 19

Weekday

Gn 8:6–13, 20–22

Mk 8:22–26

Thursday

February 20

Weekday

Gn 9:1–13

Mk 8:27–33

Friday

February 21

Weekday

Gn 11:1–9

Mk 8:34–9:1

Saturday

February 22

The Chair of Saint

Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

Sunday

February 23

Seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,

12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38