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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 119): Blesses are those who walk in the law of the Lord!



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 Leo February: For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

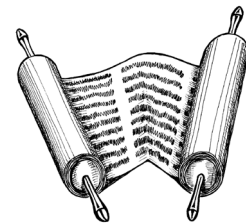
- Saturday Feb 14 7:30 p.m. Russell Fr Paul req by George Mangin & family
- Sunday Feb 15 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 For all parishioners req by Father Paul
- 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw re by Clarence Kaskiw
- Monday Feb 16 + Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family
- Tuesday Feb 17 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
- Ash Wed Feb 18** 6:30 p.m. Rossburn Xavier Mc Laughlin (birthday Feb 15) req by Ryshytylo & Mc Laughlin families
- 6:30 p.m. Russell Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Darin
- Thurs Feb 19 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
- 11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
- Friday Feb 20 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
- 9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Jim & Bev & family
- 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross on Zoom**

1st Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Feb 21 7:30 p.m. Russell + Hutlet Family req by George Mangin & family
- Sunday Feb 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

*****On the Mass' of February 14th & 15th, Father Paul will be offering the Anointing of the Sick to all who wish to receive this precious Sacrament.*****

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



****Confirmation classes this week will be at St. Joseph's on February 18th, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.** Please keep the confirmation candidates and their teachers in your prayers. Thank you!



*****Stations of the Cross***** will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The 1st Station of the Cross will be February 20th. 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, March 27th at St. Joseph's Parish.

Ash Wednesday falls on February 18th this year. Mass is at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Paul at St. Theresa's Parish and Deacon Darin at St. Joseph's Parish.

Just a reminder that only 2026 envelopes should be used. There are still some 2025 envelopes being used. If for some reason you do not have 2026 envelopes please contact the office. If you have already been given a box of envelopes and have misplaced them, please let us know and we will give you another box. We want to make sure that if you make a donation that it gets put to the proper persons envelope number as your envelope number usually changes from year to year. Therefore, please do not use the 2025 envelopes. Thank you.



Coffee Sunday is next Sunday, February 22nd 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. Nicole Petz's group will be busy in the church kitchen handing out the coffee and juice and providing us with some delicious goodies! 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! The new lists for the coffee Sundays are available for pick up at the back of the church.

Food for Thought: The first reading, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will. It exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. *"If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you."* In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God's saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit. In the selection from the Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus explains the real meaning of three Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery, divorce and false oaths. Anger is murder, impure look is adultery and unlawful divorce is double violation of natural law and covenant with God and false oaths are sacrilegious.



God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

1 Cor 2:10

☺Be reconciled first: Little Johnny had a quarrel with his younger brother, Jimmy. Before he said his night prayers, Johnny's mother said to him, "Now I want you to forgive your brother." But Johnny was not in a forgiving mood. "No, I won't forgive him." he said. Mother tried persuasions of every motherly variety, but nothing worked. Finally, she said, "What if your brother were to die tonight? How would you feel if you knew you hadn't forgiven him?" Johnny gave in, or so it seemed. "All right, I forgive him." He said, "but if he's alive in the morning, I'll get even with him." –Today's Gospel invites us to be reconciled with our brothers and sisters first, before we come to him. **(John Pichappilly in The Table of the Word).** (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>)



Dear Padre,

My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (*Code of Canon Law*, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (CCL 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●



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February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 /
 Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



Some Walk Away

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’” (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the

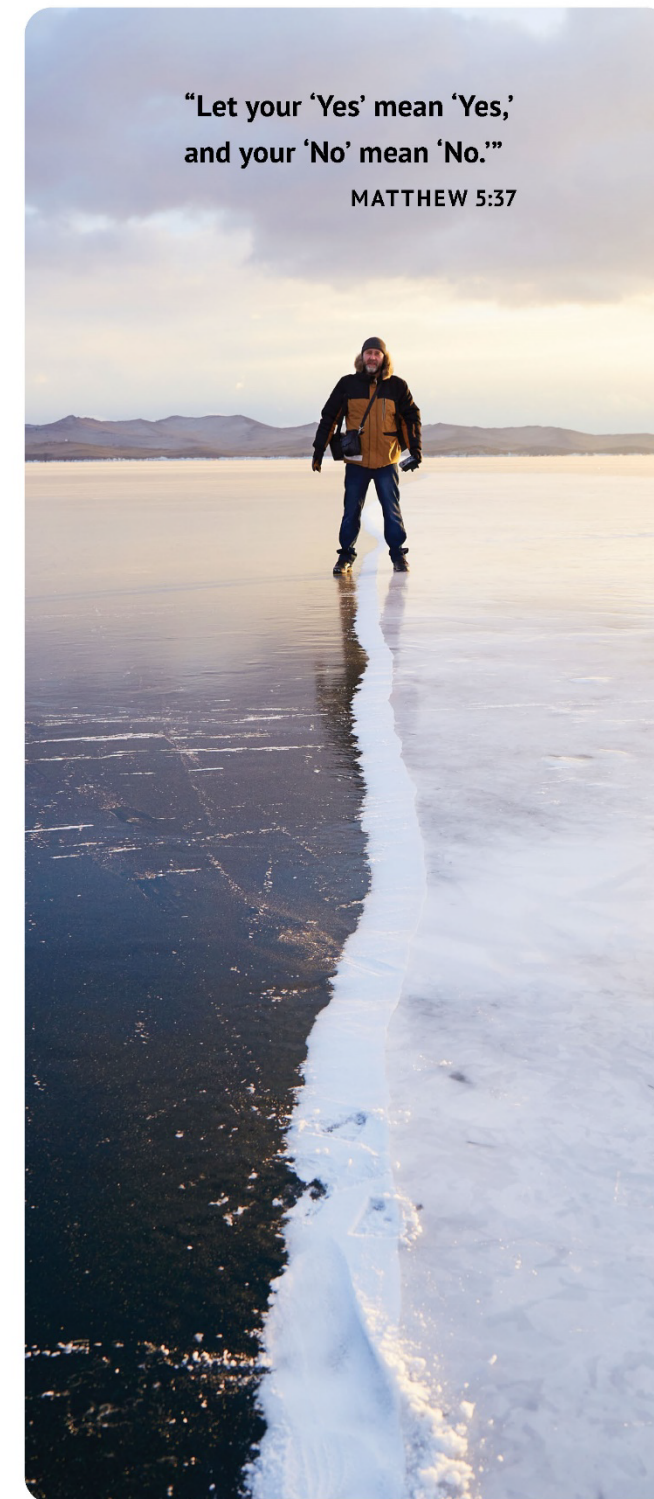
simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, "And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be" (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple "Yes" or "No"? Do you want to say, "Yes, but... I can't do it now." Or "I can't forgive this particular person." Or "I can't welcome this particular stranger." Or "I can't love him or her or them."

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●



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“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”
 MATTHEW 5:37

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of

mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning “social” media, we risk being ever more alone.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Monday

February 16
 Weekday
 Jas 1:1-11
 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 17
 Weekday
 Jas 1:12-18
 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

February 18
 Ash Wednesday
 Jl 2:12-18
 2 Cor 5:20-6:2
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 19
 Thursday after
 Ash Wednesday
 Dt 30:15-20
 Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 20
 Friday after
 Ash Wednesday
 Is 58:1-9a
 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 21
 Saturday after
 Ash Wednesday
 Is 58:9b-14
 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 22
 First Sunday of Lent
 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
 Mt 4:1-11

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Reflect

What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?