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Coffee Sunday is **today**, Sunday, January 26th 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. To start the new year off Bev Roszell's group will be busy in the church kitchen downstairs 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!***

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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19): Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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 January: *For the right to an education:* Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Saturday Jan 25 7:30 p.m. Russell + Frank Horeczy req by Knights of Columbus
- Sunday Jan 26 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 + For Deceased family members req by David & family
- Monday Jan 27 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Jan 28 For Fr Paul req by George Mangin & family
- Wed Jan 29 No Mass
- Thurs Jan 30 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
 11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family
- Friday Jan 31 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Martin & Norma Dupont



4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Saturday Feb 1 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
 7:30 p.m. Russell + Art Sabourin req by The Sabourin family
- Sunday Feb 2 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 + Eugene Lepischak req by St. Theresa's Parish

****First communion** classes will be again today at St. Joseph's, January 26th at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. We will also have classes on February 2nd but not on Feb 9th or 16th as Glenda will be away. Thank you!

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

Last Monday on January 20th, some volunteers from St. Joseph's parish were in Brandon at the Helping Hands Soup Kitchen to help assist in serving at their lunch buffet. In all, 120 people were served. Thank you to all who helped on this very cold day.

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

Sunday of the Word of God – January 26

In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” – Pope Francis, *Aperuit*

Called By Name Sunday February 1st & 2nd

Next weekend throughout the archdiocese is **Called By Name Sunday**: an initiative of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Office of Vocations. At every parish in the archdiocese, our priests will share the story of their vocation to the priesthood - how he listened and responded to God's call. As part of this special weekend, we are asking you to participate in two ways:

- 1) Be open to God's call. For those who are able – be open the call to the priesthood or religious life. These vocations are beautiful gifts both to the Church and to those who are called. So be open, and be courageous if you hear the call.
- 2) Spend time this week praying about someone in our parish whom God may be calling to the priesthood - someone with the qualities that you would want in your priest.

Next week at all the Masses, we will have cards in the pews for you to share that person's name and contact information. Archbishop Gagnon and our Director of Vocations, Fr. Peter Nemcek, will then send them a letter of encouragement along with Fr. Peter's contact information should they wish to follow up.

God is the one who calls, but He often uses our voice of encouragement and invitation to do so. With your help, we can make this **Called By Name Sunday** a great success that will bear fruit in our archdiocese for generations to come. Thank you for your openness and generous participation.

Food For Thought

Today's Gospel describes how, on a Sabbath, Jesus stood before the people in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth, reading and interpreting what Isaiah had prophesied about the Messiah and his mission. Jesus claims that he is One sent *“to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed”*—language that reflects the Biblical year of Jubilee. To the great amazement and disbelief of his own townsmen, Jesus declares that Isaiah's prophecy is being fulfilled at that very moment *“in your hearing,”* because the prophecy foretells and describes Jesus' own mission and ministry. Jesus' mission is still to give liberation to everyone who will listen to his *“Good News,”* accept it and put it into practice. Luke reports that surprise and admiration were the initial reactions of the people who were astonished at the power and eloquence.

😊 **“I've been looking for these for 3 years!”** A door-to-door salesman from a publishing house asked a lady if she owned a copy of the Bible. “I certainly do!” she replied with some pride. To his next question, did she read it regularly, she responded, “Oh, yes!” and sent her little daughter to get the Bible from the table drawer. As she showed it to the man, her spectacles fell from between the pages. Without thinking, she exclaimed, “Oh, here are my glasses! I've been looking for these for 3 years!” 😊

Dear Padre,

At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—uscbb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.



HOT CHEESE MEDIA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around. ●

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*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 27 Weekday Heb 9:15, 24–28 Mk 3:22–30	January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Heb 10:1–10 Mk 3:31–35	January 29 Weekday Heb 10:11–18 Mk 4:1–20	January 30 Weekday Heb 10:19–25 Mk 4:21–25	January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest Heb 10:32–39 Mk 4:26–34	February 1 Weekday Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 Mk 4:35–41	February 2 The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1–4 Heb 2:14–18 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10 / 1 Corinthians 12:12–30 or 12:12–14, 27

Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

LUKE 4:14



The Stories of Our Lives

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Every family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives.

The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories. ●

Reflect

What stories from Scripture comfort you, and which ones challenge you?