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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 128): Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

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 December: *For Christians in areas of conflict:* Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation of hope.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday Dec 27 7:30 p.m. Russell Irene Deschamps req by Ron & Darlene Witty

Sunday Dec 28 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 Joyce Lepischak & family

Monday Dec 29 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Dec 30 No Mass

Wed Dec 31 No Mass – Treatments

New Year's Day - Day of Obligation

Thurs Jan 1 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Frank, Nellie & Norma Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family

Friday Jan 2 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. + Carol Schott req by Mike & Alice Shenderevich

11:00 a.m. Rossburn – **Sacred Heart of Jesus**

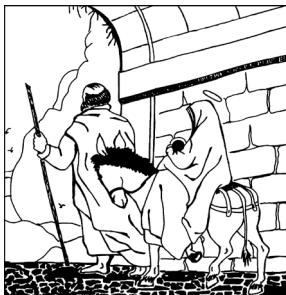
Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday Jan 3 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**

7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Florence & Walter Shwaluk

Sunday Jan 4 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 + Michael Kostecki req by St. Theresa's parish



The envelopes for 2026 are ready to be picked up at the entrance of the church. Please pick up your envelopes. If there is not a box of envelopes for your family and you want envelopes, please contact the church office (204-773-2924) or Gary Petz (204-773-3198). A reminder: Do not to use your 2025 envelopes in 2026. Also, for the families on Direct Deposit there will not be envelopes for you. Every year more families are going to the Direct Deposit method. The concern we hear the most is "Once I start Direct Deposit is it difficult to stop?" This should not be a concern, if you contact Gary Petz before the 20th of the month you can stop the next month's Direct Deposit. If you have other questions about Direct Deposit, call the Parish Office or Gary Petz. Thank you for supporting St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

****Please remember that all **2025 donations** have to be in by December 31st, 2025 in order to be eligible for a Tax Receipt for this year.****

St. Theresa's Rossburn

At our Pastoral Council meeting it was decided that we would extend the hours of Eucharistic Adoration. For the time being we will have silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1pm-5pm on Thursdays. For January 8th 2026, on January 15th, and January 23nd. We extend a gentle invitation to anyone who might be interested to call Lynda at 204 859 2760 if you have any questions or feel Jesus calling you for a quiet visit with Him! Thank you.

World Day of Peace – January 1

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

Life messages: 1) We need to learn lessons from the Holy Family: The Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that he might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God.

Both parents and children need to grant forgiveness and ask for forgiveness. If you had parents who were abusive, parents who mistreated you or manipulated you, you probably have a lot of hurt today when we talk about parents. God knows about that hurt; God cares about that hurt and God understands why you hurt. As in all relationships, in the parent-child relationship too there needs to be love, repentance, and forgiveness on both sides. Both the parent and the child should be able to say, "I was wrong, I am sorry, please forgive me." And both the parent and the child should be able to say, "You are forgiven."

The four important objectives of the Holy Mass are to be applied in our families: Holy Mass is offered for adoration, thanksgiving, petition, and satisfaction. Within the domestic Church, these four objectives are reflected in the most important words we speak: "I love you", "Thank you", "Please" and "I'm sorry." Let the Eucharist strengthen us to speak these words in our homes. Hence during the Eucharistic celebration let us pray that God's grace will strengthen us to know the needs of others in our family and outside with the Wisdom of God, and to serve the needs of others with the Love of God.



****Confirmation classes will begin again at St. Joseph's after Christmas on January 7th, 2026. Thank you!**

Our sincere sympathies to Paulette Mushumanski and family on the passing of her mother, Pauline Sudbury.

Our sincere sympathies to Albert Zemianski and family on the passing of his wife, Janet.

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

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine took his life. He was a very staunch Catholic. His wife wanted to know if he could be buried or have a Mass in the Catholic Church.

Yes, your friend should most certainly receive a Catholic funeral and burial. “We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives” (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2283).

A person who is suffering with a mental illness or disorder, certainly a prerequisite for suicide, may not have the necessary mental freedom to choose something that is understood as grave or mortal. In other words, he or she does not have the necessary requirements for full and free consent of the will.

Not that long ago, suicide was often misunderstood. Thankfully, today we understand the havoc and suffering of mental illness, and that a person can be a victim, even if it might look like he or she is not. The great suffering of those who take their own lives must not be dismissed or discarded. The family members and friends of a person who suffers suicide should also not be judged but should only receive compassion and understanding. They, too, are victims, in the fullest sense of the word and in the truest understanding of what it means to be a fragile human being. ●

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Embracing a Spirituality of Listening

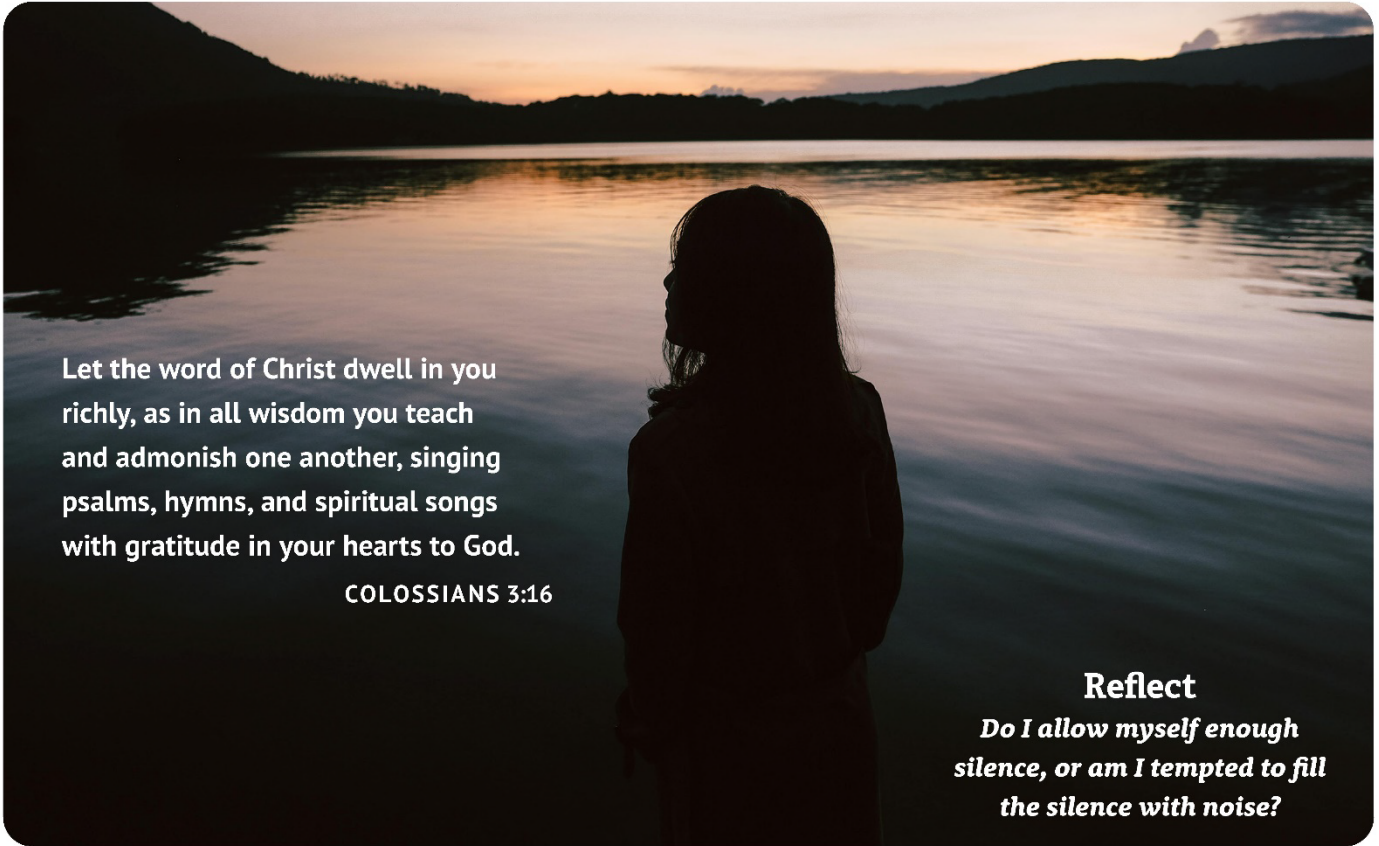
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The most treasured prayer of Jesus’ people has long been and remains the Shema: “Hear O Israel, the Lord is God. The Lord is One.” Jewish spirituality is grounded not in seeing or touching or tasting, but in hearing. No one exemplifies fidelity to this way of being in the world more than Joseph, as evidenced in today’s gospel. Joseph is one who listens to what God’s messenger says to him and immediately acts on it. He responds to the call to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Then, he responds to the call to return home with his family to Israel. As many have noted, Joseph never speaks in Scripture, but he certainly listens, and he certainly acts on what he hears.

Christmas is perhaps the noisiest season of the year. At gatherings of family and friends with festive music in the background, it often feels as if we are shouting over one another to be heard. It is a season when it can be hard to have deep conversations, even with God. Indeed, it can be such a busy season that sometimes our regular prayer practices fall by the wayside. But, if we do not make space in our daily lives to listen, might we miss messages that are important, even urgent, for us to hear, as in the case of today’s gospel? Messages that require immediate response? What would it look like to carve out a bit of silence in this holiday season, to be like Joseph and reground yourself in a spirituality of listening? ●



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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

Reflect
Do I allow myself enough
silence, or am I tempted to fill
the silence with noise?

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



Young people of our time, like those of every age, are a volcano of life, energy, sentiments, and ideas. It can be seen from the wonderful things they are able to do, in so

many fields. However, they also need help in order for this great wealth to grow in harmony and to overcome what...can still hinder their healthy development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 15, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday December 29 <i>Octave of Christmas</i> 1 Jn 2:3–11 Lk 2:22–35	Thursday January 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21	Saturday January 3 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34
Tuesday December 30 <i>Octave of Christmas</i> 1 Jn 2:12–17 Lk 2:36–40	Friday January 2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28	Sunday January 4 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12
Wednesday December 31 <i>Octave of Christmas</i> 1 Jn 2:18–21 Jn 1:1–18		