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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 130):** With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

**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 March: For disarmament and peace:** Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Mass Intentions For This Week:**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

Saturday Mar 21 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Brad & Brenda Robin  
 Sunday Mar 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 Healing for Fr Paul req by the Sabourin family  
 Monday Mar 23 No Mass  
 Tuesday Mar 24 No Mass  
 Wed Mar 25 **5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Lenten confessions in St. Lazare**  
 Thurs Mar 26 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
 11:00 a.m. For John Jr Ryshytylo Birthday req by the Ryshytylo & Mc Laughlin families  
**4-5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on, as needed – Lenten confessions at St. Theresa's, Rossburn**  
 Friday Mar 27 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
 9:00 a.m. Health for Irene Deschamps req by Marlene, Lorne & family  
**7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross as St. Joseph's Church**



**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Saturday Mar 28 7:30 p.m. Russell – For Fr Paul req by Charles & Aline Deschambault  
 Sunday Mar 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  
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

**Holy Land Collection**

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on **April 3, 2026.**

**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!

**\*\*\*Stations of the Cross\*\*\*** will be celebrated this Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Church at 7:00 p.m.



**Sharing God's Gifts 2026 Kick-of Sunday is Palm Sunday, March 29th!** All parishioners will be receiving a letter and pledge sheet. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success!

Coffee Sunday this month will be next Sunday, March 29th 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!*



A copy of St. Joseph's Parish 2025 Financial Statement is included in this weekend's bulletin, and also can be found on the table at the back of the church. St. Joseph's Parish Council would like to thank all parishioners for their great financial support. Your donations on Sundays and Sharing God's Gifts continues to make our Parish financially sound. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Gary Petz (204-773-3198).



**Lenten Confessions**

St. Lazare – On Wednesday, **March 25<sup>th</sup>** 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Rossburn – Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, **March 26<sup>th</sup>** 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., then 6 p.m. on, as needed

This year we gather to celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at St. Mary's Cathedral beginning at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. At the Chrism Mass we celebrate who we are as a local church, the Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick are blessed. You are all invited to join the celebration!

**Share Lent Collection for 2026**

Today, **March 22, 2026**, the collection will be taken up for developing countries. Donations received on this occasion help to support partners who are changing the structures of injustice in over 30 countries around the world. *"As we await Christ's Passion and resurrection, let us prepare our hearts by joining Development and Peace – Caritas Canada to share our fate and our resources with all those who work for justice and peace."* We wish to thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are provided at the back of the church for donations

**Easter Services**

**Holy Thursday – April 2**

Rossburn 6:00 p.m. Russell 8:00 p.m.

**Good Friday – April 3**

Rossburn 3:00 p.m. L of W with Deacon Darin  
 Russell 3:00 p.m. With Father Paul

**Holy Saturday Solemn Vigil – April 4**

Russell 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday – April 5**

Russell 9:00 a.m. Rossburn 11:00 a.m.

**SEDER SUPPER**  
**Wednesday April 1st 6:30pm**  
 Advance Tickets only  
 Tickets must be purchased by March 27th  
 Adult \$20  
 Youth \$15  
 6 & Under Free  
 St. Joseph's Parish Centre  
 Langenburg  
**JOIN US FOR A MEANINGFUL SEDER**  
 WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FULL MEAL  
 Contact  
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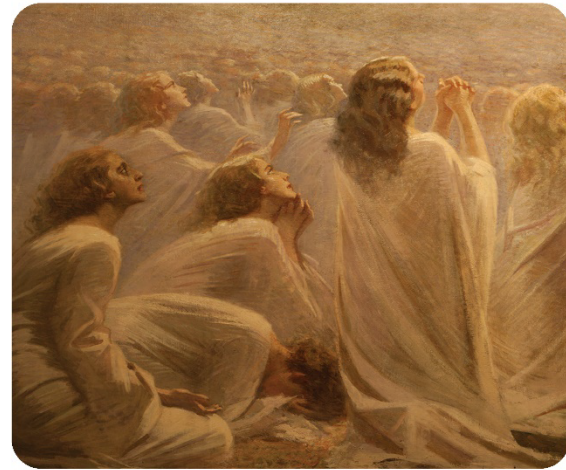
**Food for Thought:** We need to be ready to welcome death any moment. We live in a world that is filled with death. We kill each other in acts of murder, abortion, euthanasia/physician-assisted suicide, execution, war, and terrorism. We kill ourselves indirectly through suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, overwork, stress, bad eating habits, and physical neglect. The most important question is: "Am I ready to face my death NOW?" All of us know that we will surely die, but each of us foolishly thinks that he or she will not die any time in the near future. Let us be wise, well-prepared and ever ready to meet our Lord with a clear conscience when the time comes, and to give Him a clean account of our lives.

# Dear Padre,

*I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?*

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

<b>Monday</b> <b>MARCH 23</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62 Jn 8:1–11	<b>Thursday</b> <b>MARCH 26</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 17:3–9 Jn 8:51–59	<b>Saturday</b> <b>MARCH 28</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 37:21–28 Jn 11:45–56
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>MARCH 24</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Nm 21:4–9 Jn 8:21–30	<b>Friday</b> <b>MARCH 27</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 20:10–13 Jn 10:31–42	<b>Sunday</b> <b>MARCH 29</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mt 21:1–11 Is 50:4–7 Phil 2:6–11 Mt 26:14–27:66 or 27:11–54
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>MARCH 25</b> <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> Is 7:10–14; 8:10 Heb 10:4–10 Lk 1:26–38		

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so, we switch off, we fall asleep.... But reality has to be faced.... Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us; he can revive us. Jesus is our hope!*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 22, 2026

*Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)*

Ezekiel 37:12–14 / Romans 8:8–11 / John 11:1–45 or 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45



## I Am the Resurrection

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God's dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the "kingdom of God." Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today's gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets' hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." In other words, Martha believes in the coming "kingdom of God." But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: "I am the resurrection and the life." That is, "I am the kingdom of God."

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning "self," and *basileia*, meaning "kingdom." It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God's dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

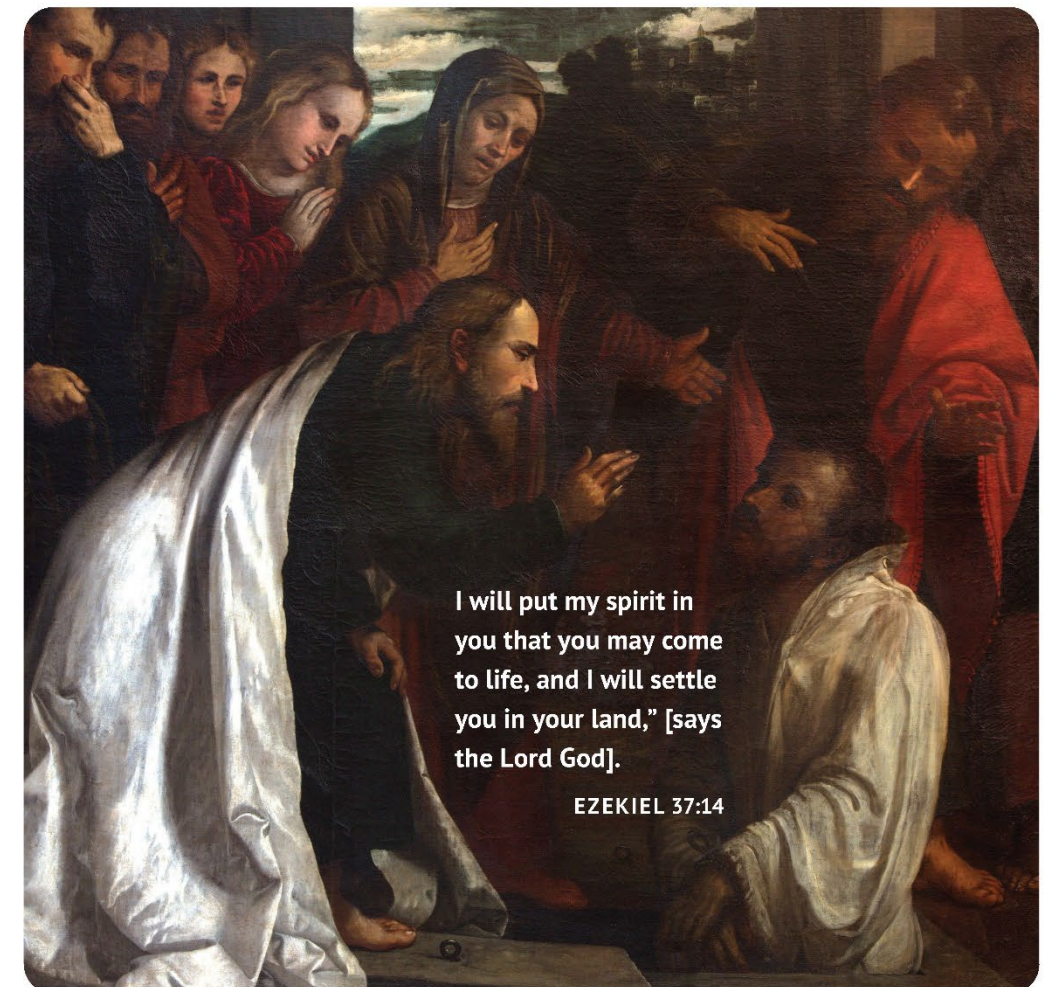
We still wait for God's dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." ●

### Reflect

*Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?*



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



*I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land," [says the Lord God].*

EZEKIEL 37:14