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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 113):** Praise the lord who lifts up the needy.

### **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 September:** *For our relationship with all of creation:* Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### **Mass Intentions For This Week:**

#### **25th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday Sep 20 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Sep 21 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

Monday Sep 22 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Sep 23 No Mass

Wed Sep 24 No Mass

Thurs Sep 25 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Friday Sep 26 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Jim & Bev & family

#### **26th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Saturday Sep 27 7:30 p.m. Russell + Deceased family members req by Ed & Shelley

Sunday Sep 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 + Emma Kaskiw req by The Sabourin family

**\*\*There is a sign up sheet on the table at the back of the church for confirmation classes. Parents are asked to please sign the form as soon as possible so we know how many confirmation students we will have. Thank you.**



**Marian Month:** for the month of October the CWL will lead the Rosary. **Please come early to join hem as they will start at 8:40 a.m. Thank you.**

**The Children's Collection deposited on Sep 14 was \$118 making the YTD total \$1,349.**

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



Coffee Sunday this month will be next Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 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. This month Emme and our Filipino parishioners 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. A wonderful start to the fall...a time for fellowship and reconnecting after summer break. ***We hope to see you there!***

### **World Tourism Day – September 27**

A World Tourism Day was created in 1979 by the World Tourism Organization. The Church is concerned about tourism in the world, remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace lives there, your peace will rest on that person” (Lk 10.5-6).

### **Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! 1925 – 2025**

**We Remember** our history, and all past parishioners and their accomplishments.

**We Celebrate** 100 years as a faith community.

**We Believe** in the Church as the Body of Christ.

Last Sunday our parish community celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Church in Russell! Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended, it was wonderful to celebrate together as a family in faith. We were very honored to have Archbishop Murray Chatlain preside at this Mass along with our Pastor Fr. Paul, Fr. Jay Korban (St. Mary's) and Deacon Darin Douglas. Deacon Conrad Plante and his wife Jeannine were also in attendance along with our other special guests that included parishioners from St. Theresa's in Rossburn and St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic parish in Russell.

The Benediction Sisters were remembered for their part in our community as they established a hospital here in 1929. They served as nurses and were a very prayerful presence in our parish for many years. Sr. Marcelline Pasloski was invited to attend but sent her regrets due to ill health.

Photos of the very first church building built in 1925, this church that was built in 1961, and today's church building with the addition, have all been put together in a custom frame that will be displayed in the church in remembrance of this special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was announced that Braendle-Bruce Funeral Services has graciously gifted our parish with a statue of St. Joseph the Worker in honor of this milestone. We are hopeful that it will arrive by Christmas! A photo of the statue is available on the table at the church entrance.

Also, at the entrance you will find 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fridge magnets and bookmarks, please pick some up if you did not get them on Sunday. Our sincere thanks to the CWL for these keepsakes. There are so many to thank for making this celebration a special event in our parish, but we would especially like to acknowledge the Knights of Columbus for the BBQ lunch, Braendle-Bruce for the anniversary bulletins and multiple bouquets of flowers, as well as everyone who also sent or brought flowers to adorn our church for this occasion. Thanks to the choir, the ushers, the readers, those who set up and decorated and those who cleaned up. Many parishioners contributed toward this occasion with their time, talent and treasure, we thank them all! Thank you to the members of Parish Council for spearheading this celebration. Let's continue to celebrate 100 years as a Church community with our prayers, thanksgiving and Eucharistic Celebrations!

**☺ Estate Planning:** Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with whom to share his fortune. One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. “*I may look like just an ordinary man,*” he said to her, “*but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars.*” Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later she became his stepmother! — Are crooked women just much better at estate planning than crooked men?



# Dear Padre,

*At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family’s continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?*

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: “I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

“As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ.” ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / 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*.



JOHN MC ELROY

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 21, 2025  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



## Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**M**ore than anything, we want to be wanted. As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday’s parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others’ lives so when he is dismissed, he won’t be left

out in the cold. It’s not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted.●

### Reflect

*What do I do when I’m feeling unwanted?  
Do I recognize that God wants me?*



No servant can serve two masters....  
You cannot serve God and mammon.  
LUKE 16:13

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a haven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth’s resources and marginalizes the poorest.*

HOMILY, ROME,  
MAY 18, 2025



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

### Monday

September 22  
Weekday  
Ezr 1:1-6  
Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday

September 23  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
Lk 8:19-21

### Wednesday

September 24  
Weekday  
Ezr 9:5-9  
Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday

September 25  
Weekday  
Hg 1:1-8  
Lk 9:7-9

### Friday

September 26  
Weekday  
Hg 2:1-9  
Lk 9:18-22

### Saturday

September 27  
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Lk 9:43b-45

### Sunday

September 28  
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Am 6:1a, 4-7  
1 Tm 6:11-16  
Lk 16:19-31



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