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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103): The Lord is merciful and gracious.



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 Francis March: For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

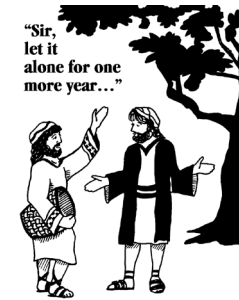
Mass Intentions For This Week:

3rd Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Mar 22 7:30 p.m. Russell Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Sunday Mar 23 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 In thanksgiving for God's Blessings req by The Sabourin family
- Monday Mar 24 Family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Mar 25 For Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps
- Wed Mar 26 **No Mass** Treatments
- Thurs Mar 27 **No Mass**
Reconciliations in Brandon at St. Augustin's
- Friday Mar 28 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. For Fr Paul req by Brad & Brenda Robin

4th Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Mar 29 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Julie & Melvin Zimmer
- Sunday Mar 30 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 + Nellie Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family



"Sir, let it alone for one more year..."

****First communion** classes will be again today at St. Joseph's, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Thank you!

**Please remember to use your current 2025 weekly donation envelopes only. If you use the old ones, you may be crediting another person's envelope number as your envelope number usually changes from year to year. Therefore, please do not use 2024 or older envelopes. Thank you!

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, March 30 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!*

Most Reverend Murray Chatlain will be installed as the 8th Archbishop of Winnipeg on Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. **Please call me at St. Joseph's at 204-773-2924 for Tickets by Friday, March 28th to ensure you can get in.**

**This year we will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 15th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. A luncheon reception will follow at the Delta Marriott. 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.

*****Stations of the Cross***** will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. 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, April 11th at St. Joseph's Parish.



St. Theresa's Parish will also be having Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent beginning at 10:30. This is a good way to enliven our prayer life and slow down our mind to really see what God has in mind for us.

Sharing God's Gifts 2025 Kick-off Sunday is Palm Sunday once again! All parishioners will be receiving a letter and pledge sheet. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success!

Lenten Confessions

- Russell - St. Mary's Church on Thursday April 10th **Exact times still to be determine**
- Rossburn - Sacred Heart Church on Friday April 11th
- St Lazare – St. Lazare Church on ??

Share Lent Collection for 2025

As we begin our journey for the **2025 Jubilee**, Pope Francis reminds us that "hope should be granted to the billions of the poor who often lack the essentials of life" and that "the goods of the Earth are not destined for a privileged few but for everyone." (*Spes Non Confundit*, 15-16)



Inspired by this call to justice, we are joining Caritas Internationalis' campaign Turn Debt into Hope along with many other faith-based and civil society organisations.

Together, we urge decision-makers to **prioritise people and planet** over mere profit and **demand debt justice** for communities crushed by unjust and unpayable debts.

As the Holy Father writes, "if we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, we must commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts" (*Spes Non Confundit*, 16).

On April 6th, 2025 the collection will be taken up for developing countries. Pope Francis urges us to undergo a true transformation of the heart. We wish to thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are provided at the back of the church for donations.

Dear Padre,

May I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live.

Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside. As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life-giving. ●



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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*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30
Lenten Weekday	The Annunciation of the Lord	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14	Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 23, 2025

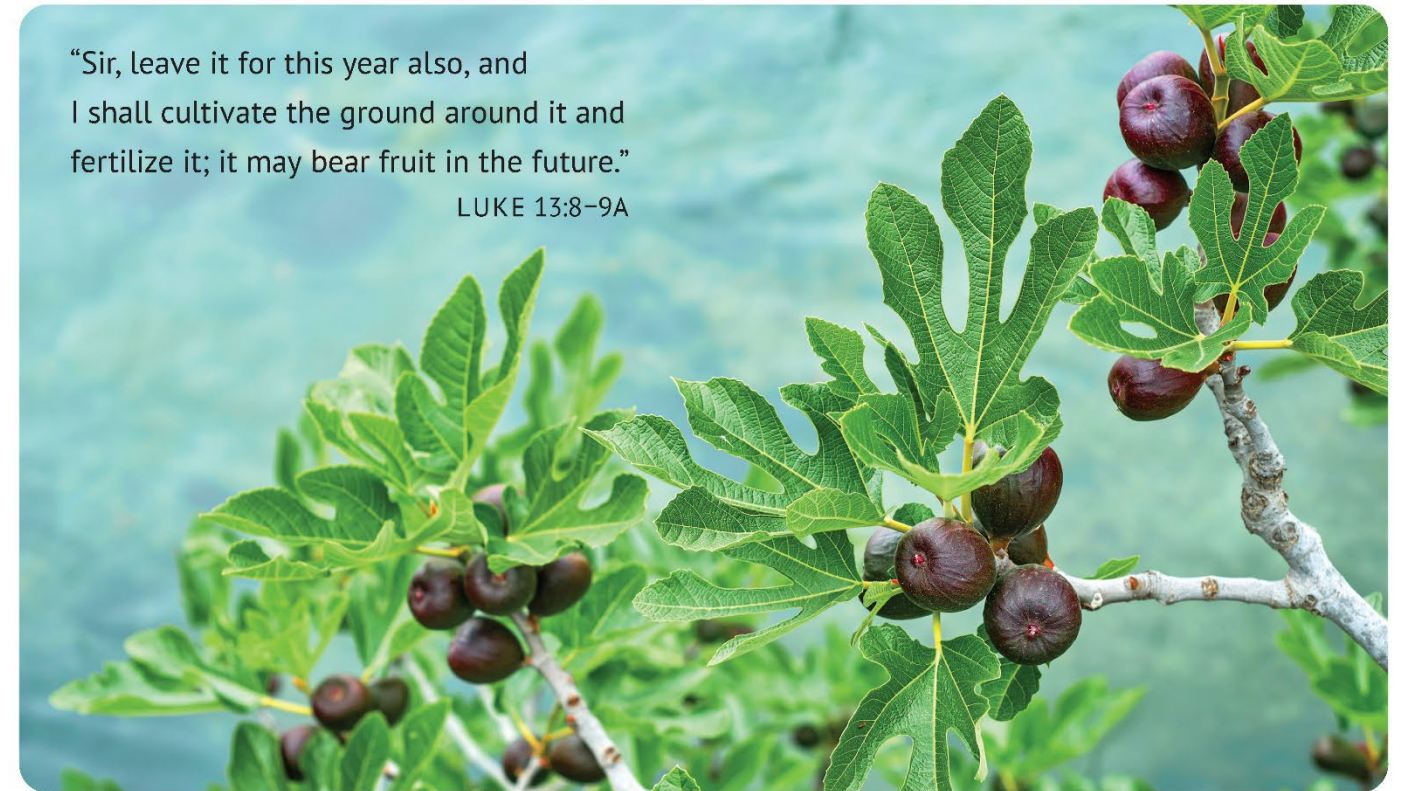
Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9



"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."

LUKE 13:8-9A



A Gardener God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit. ●

Reflect

What needs nurturing in my life, and what needs weeding out?

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I like to think that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility".... [God] does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can still bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on your past, but confidently bets on your future.

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