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Lenten Confessions

Russell – St. Mary’s Church on Thursday **March 12th** 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., then 6 p.m. on, as needed
 Rossburn – Sacred Heart Church on Thursday **March 26th** 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., then 6 p.m. on, as needed
 St. Lazare – Date to be announced



Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The next Station of the Cross will be March 13th. 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, March 27th at St. Joseph’s Parish.

Thank you to all those who have been praying for the “Diving Deeper” participants who have been attending the sessions that are being held in Russell at St. Joseph’s. Last Saturday, February 28th, was another wonderful session with much learned by everyone! There will be one more session in March and one in April.

Food for Thought: Today’s readings are centered on Baptism and new life. *Living Water* represents God’s Holy Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the primary sources of the *living water* of Divine Grace. We are assembled here in the Church to drink this *water* of eternal life and salvation. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we are challenged by today’s Gospel to remain thirsty for the *living water*, which only God can give.

SEDER SUPPER

6:30pm

Wednesday April 1st

Advance Tickets only



St. Joseph’s Parish Centre
Langenburg

Tickets must be purchased by March 27th

Adult \$20
Youth \$15
6 & Under Free

JOIN US FOR A MEANINGFUL SEDER

WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FULL MEAL

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The first reading describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus’ promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95), refers both to the *Rock of our salvation* and also to our hardened hearts. It reminds us that our hard hearts need to be softened by God through our grace-prompted, grace-assisted *prayer, fasting and works of mercy which enable us to receive the living water of the Holy Spirit, salvation, and eternal life from the Rock of our salvation.* In the second reading, Saint Paul asserts that, as the Savior of mankind, Jesus poured the *living water* of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. In the Gospel, an unclean, ostracized Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive *living water*. Today’s Gospel tells us how Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which He had come to satisfy. In revealing himself as the Messiah to the Samaritan woman, Jesus speaks to her of the fountain of water he will give — the life-giving waters of Baptism. The *water* that Jesus promises is closely linked to conversion and the forgiveness of sin. Here is a woman who comes to Faith and then becomes a missionary who brings others to Jesus. Jesus recognizes the gifts and ministries of women in his future Church. This is also a narrative about God wooing the outsider or, as Paul will say, “*the godless.*” The Samaritans, who were considered godless in general, in this town ended up confessing Jesus as the Savior of “*the world.*” This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus’ revelation about Himself as the Source of *Living Water* and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life, because He is that *life-giving water*.

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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 95): O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

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:

3rd Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Mar 7 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
In thanksgiving for God’s Blessings req by The Sabourin family
7:30 p.m. Russell – For all parishioners req by Father Paul
- Sunday Mar 8 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 Clarence Kaskiw req by St. Theresa’s parish
11:00 a.m. Gambler First Nation – Liturgy of the Word with communion with Deacon Darin
- Monday Mar 9 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Mar 10 No Mass
- Wed Mar 11 No Mass - Treatments
- Thurs Mar 12 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + Charlie Le req by Holly & Tony Doan
4-5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on, as needed – Lenten confessions at St. Mary’s
- Friday Mar 13 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Gary & Nicole Petz



4th Sunday of Lent

- Saturday Mar 14 7:30 p.m. Russell + Gaileen Blaise-Keshane req by Eugene, Marie Ange, Helen, Marcel, Cecile & family
- Sunday Mar 15 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

****Confirmation classes this week will be at St. Joseph’s on March 11th, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.**
Please keep the confirmation candidates and their teachers in your prayers. Thank you!



Last week there was \$214.50 deposit made for the Children’s collection making a total for 2026 of \$550.50. Thank you to the children who donate so joyfully each Sunday!

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!

Dear Padre,

When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, “Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church’s focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. It represents our “fasting” from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who “bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). ●



CATHOLIC

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 9	MARCH 10	MARCH 11	MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab Lk 4:24–30	Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35	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	1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–14 Jn 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



MARCO JACOBELLI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Exodus 17:3–7 / Romans 5:1–2, 5–8 / John 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42



Are You Listening?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
ROMANS 5:5

Reflect

Do I need more silence?
Do I find silence difficult?