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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22):** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



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 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:**

**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
- Monday Mar 30 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Mar 31 No Mass
- Wed Apr 1 No Mass - Treatments
- Thurs Apr 2 **6:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family**  
**8:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Russell Zoom on-line Mass 8:00 pm and YouTube after 9:15 pm**
- Friday Apr 3 **3:00 p.m. – Good Friday – Rossburn – Deacon Darin**  
**3:00 p.m. – Good Friday – Russell – Father Paul Zoom on-line Mass 3:00 pm and YouTube after 4:30 pm**
- Resurrection of the Lord**
- Saturday Apr 4 **7:00 p.m. Holy Saturday Russell – Zoom on-line Mass 7:00 pm and YouTube after 9:00 pm**  
 For Fr Paul req by Jim & Bev & family
- Sunday Apr 5 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



**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!

**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. - Deacon Darin  
 Russell 3:00 p.m. - 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.

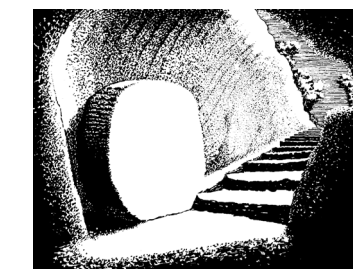


Coffee Sunday is today, Sunday, March 29th after 9 am Mass and *everyone is invited!* *Please note...* If you haven't already done so and would like to be added to a group, please contact Brenda Robin at 204-564-2646 or cell 204-937-0270. Coffee Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks. **We hope to see you there!**

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!

**Sharing God's Gifts 2026 Kick-of Sunday is today, Palm Sunday, March 29th!** All parishioners will have received a letter and pledge sheet. If you did not receive one, there are sheets at the back of the church. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success!

**Just a reminder:** After Holy Thursday mass, there is a period of silent adoration, then we all leave in silence. On Good Friday, please also come and leave in silence.



**Conversion experience of actress who played Veronica:** Now, in Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, the actress who played St. Veronica had a conversion experience, right there in the midst of filming her scene. Sabrina Impacciatore, the Italian actress, though baptized and raised Catholic, had long ago stopped practicing her Faith. At the time when they began filming, she was at a spiritual low point in her life. She later explained that she really wanted to believe in Jesus, but she just couldn't do it. Her scene in the movie is memorable. Jesus is carrying his cross to Calvary and falls for the second. The crowds surge in around him, abusing him as he lies on the ground. Without much success the soldiers try to control the crowds. And gliding through the middle of all this confusion is Veronica. She looks at Jesus with love and devotion. She kneels down beside him and says, "Lord, permit me." She takes a white cloth and wipes his face which is covered with blood, dirt, and sweat. She then offers him a drink. It's a brief moment of intimacy in the middle of violent suffering. Sabrina said it was a very hard scene to film. The churning crowd kept bumping into her and disrupting the moment of intimacy. And so, they had to film it over and over again. Twenty times they had to film it before getting it right.

And that was providential. Because after twenty times of kneeling before the suffering Christ, looking into his eyes, and calling him "Lord", the actress felt something start to melt inside her. She wasn't seeing the actor playing Jesus; she was seeing our Lord Himself. Later, she explained that while she looked into his eyes, she found that she was able to believe. "For a moment," she said, "I believed!" That experience lit the flame of hope in her darkened heart, and Sabrina finally understood the words Jesus spoke from the Cross when he said, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." The brutality of the scene made a big impression on her. She found herself thinking, "Jesus is someone I can trust — he went through this for me." Even when we reject him, scourge him, crown him with thorns, betray him, and finally crucify him, our Lord still continues to love us. The Passion is God saying to us, "I will keep loving you."

–The name Veronica comes from the two words *vera* and *icon* and these two words mean true image. This true image refers to the image of Jesus' face that was left on the cloth that was used to wipe his face. This relic is kept at the Vatican, and scientists can't explain it. *Vera icon*, all of us are supposed to be a "Veronica," a true icon, a true image of Jesus. Because it's only in Jesus, only when one lives in Jesus' image as a true icon of our Lord, that we can truly be happy. When we pray the Stations of the Cross, right before station number six we sing of Veronica, "**Brave but trembling came the woman, none but she would flaunt the Roman, moved by love beyond her fear.**" So as we enter into Holy Week, like Sabrina the actress, like St. Veronica herself, let us look into the eyes of our Lord, giving ourselves to him in all things, praying for the grace not to be afraid to love ... not be afraid to bring Him all of our sins, our hurts, our doubts, our troubles, our hardness of hearts, our everything. ... trusting Him in everything. As we are doing this, our Lord will transform us, making us into a true image of Himself. (Fr. Christopher J. Ankley) <https://stjeromebc.org/pastors/palm-sunday-of-the-passion-of-the-lord/>

# Dear Padre,

**How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?**

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 30</b>	<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>APRIL 4</b>	<b>APRIL 5</b>
Monday of Holy Week	Tuesday of Holy Week	Wednesday of Holy Week	Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11	Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Mt 28:1-10	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?

GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025

## 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*.

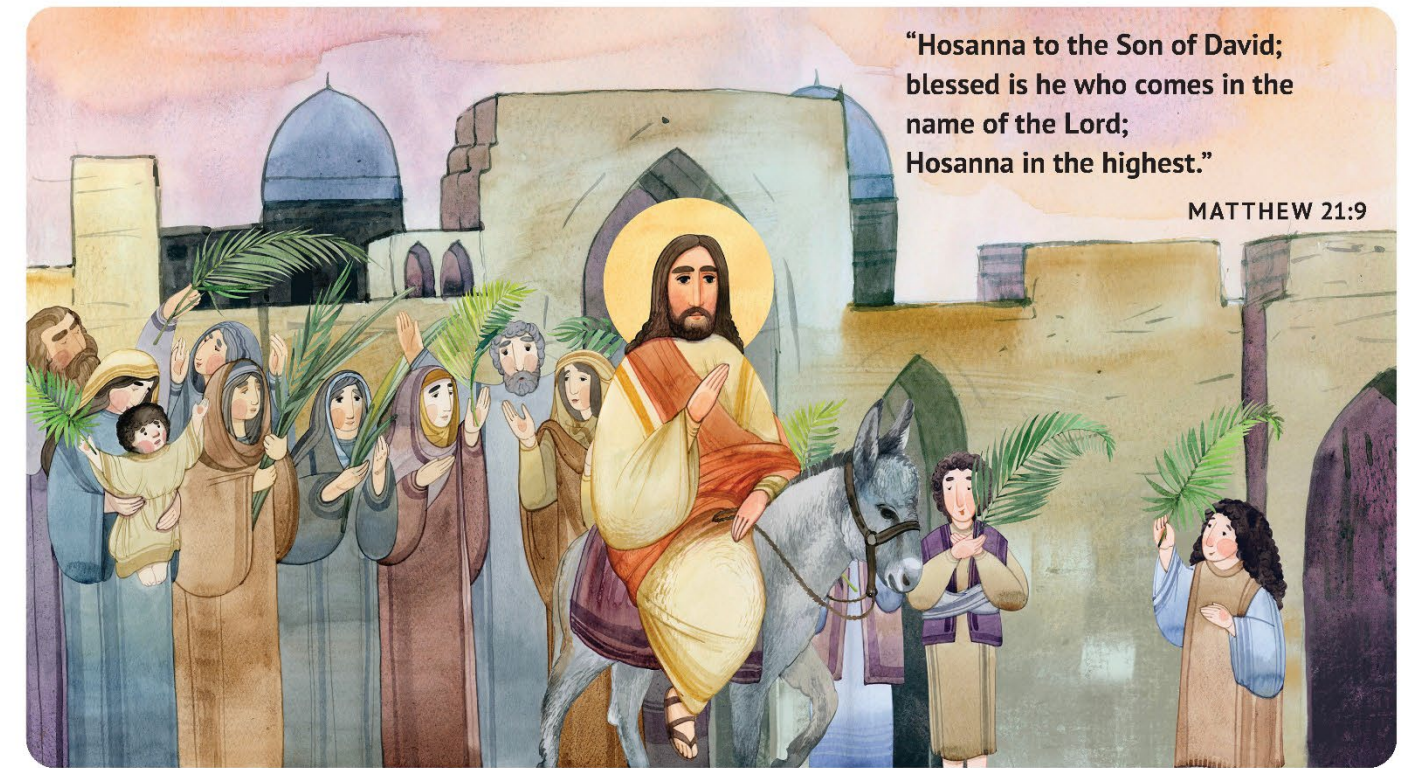
# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 29, 2026

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)**

Matthew 21:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54



“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”

MATTHEW 21:9

# From Jubilation to Desolation

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

## Reflect

**How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?**