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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 121): Our help is from the Lord, who made heav'n and earth.

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 October: *For collaboration between different religious traditions:* Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Oct 18 7:30 p.m. Russell For Irene Deschamps req by the CWL

Sunday Oct 19 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 + Mildred Gollets request from godson Vince Kaskiw

Monday Oct 20 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Oct 21

Wed Oct 22 No Mass

Thurs Oct 23 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + Charlie Le req by Holly & Tony Doan

Friday Oct 24 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. For Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Oct 25 7:30 p.m. Russell + Deceased family members req by Carol & Wade Schott

Sunday Oct 26 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 + Eugene Lepischak req by David Woychyshyn & family

SAVE THE DATE – St. Joseph's will be holding our **Parish Advent Potluck party** on **Saturday, November 29th, 2025**. Please mark your calendars!! More details to follow.

"2025 Coats for The Cold"

If anyone has extra gently used, clean coats or any type of outer winter wear that they would like to donate, please leave them at the back of the church (St. Joseph's) or at Reavie's Pharmacy any day during the week. **These are to be in today, Sunday, October 19th**. They will be distributed from the Grace Lutheran Church on 114 Bonny Avenue S. Russell on Saturday, October 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There were a few extra souvenir fridge magnets made for the 100th anniversary celebrations. If anyone wishes to receive one please let Father Paul or Donalda know and they will get one to 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 is next Sunday, October 26th 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. Pat Orsak's group 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. ***We hope to see you there!***

Marian Month: for the month of October, St. Joseph's The Worker CWL will be praying the Rosary before Sunday masses. **Please come early to join them as they will start at 8:40 a.m. Thank you.** The list is on the bulletin board at the back of the church.



World Mission Sunday – Oct 19/25

At the initiative of Pope Pius XI in 1926, the second last Sunday during October became known as World Mission Sunday. Catholics throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions. The collections this Sunday is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society. The funds collected assist some 1,250 mission dioceses under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

Pastors and pastoral workers are invited to encourage among all the people of God a missionary spirit, to promote missionary vocations, and to collaborate spiritually and materially in the Church's mission work, including support for all the dioceses in our country's northern regions.

"How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of

fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!....I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples." *Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 261*



A power outage on Thanksgiving Sunday October 12, 2025 has made it as one that will be remembered. With barbecue and Coleman camp stove Emile & Laurette were able to set a feast that was appreciated by all who were there. And yes, we all took a turn to say what we were thankful for at the Blessing of the food. 😊

Diving Deeper (Archdiocese Of Winnipeg Adult Faith Program.) This Diving Deeper will be beginning the first session on Saturday October 25, 2025 with four more sessions following in November, January, February, and March on the fourth Saturday of each month at St Joseph the Worker Parish. The Committee Team and Presenters would **greatly appreciate prayers** for the Adult Faith Program so that all who have signed up will be able to travel safely to and back home again and will be able to 'dive deeper into the Mass' the theme for these sessions. Thank you!

Dear Padre,

What is the Church’s view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any “energy” that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of “inanimate,” do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●



EKATERINA BOLOVTSOVA / PEXELS

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*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: “My peace I give to you” (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by



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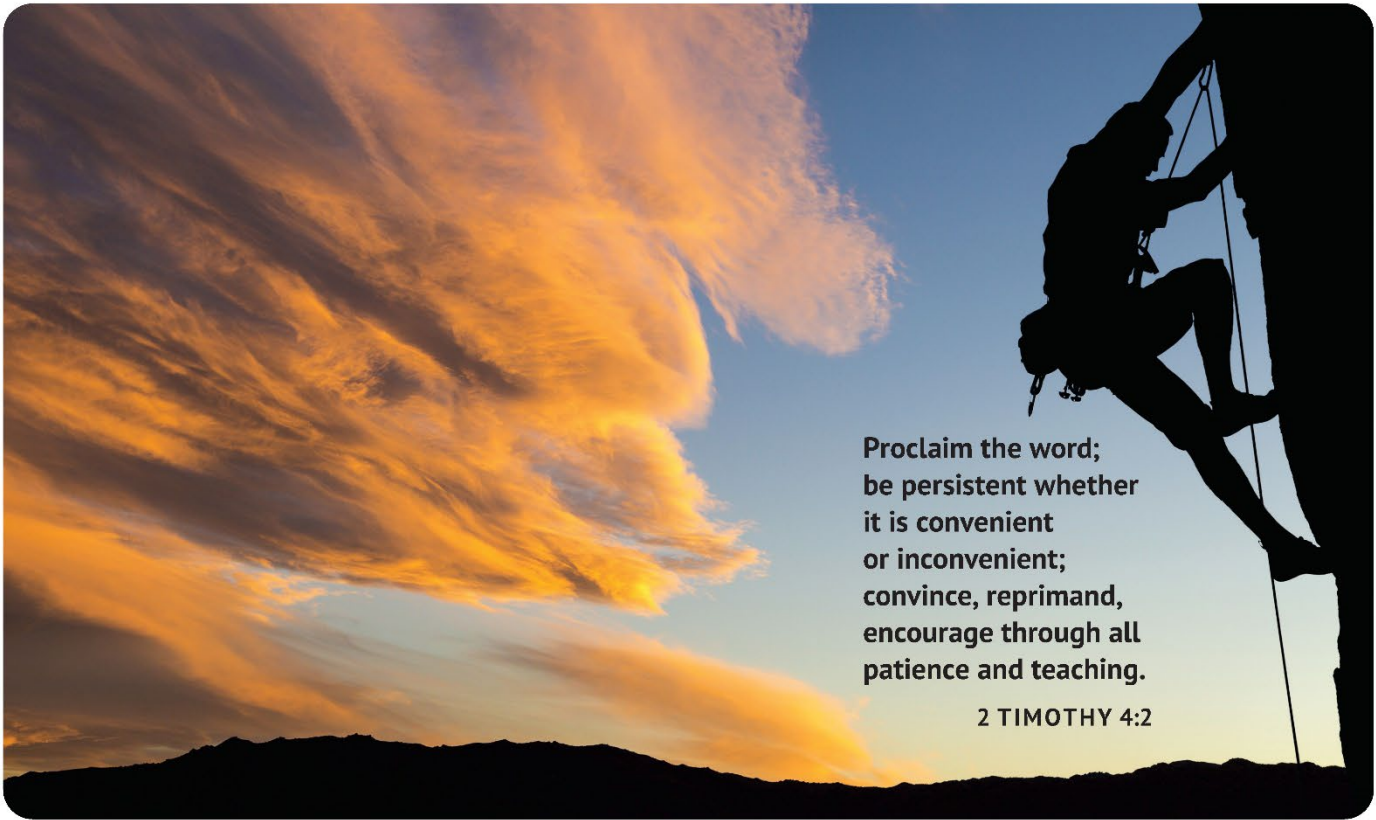
eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

AUDIENCE OF THE
HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025

Monday October 20 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 4:20–25 Lk 12:13–21	Friday October 24 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 7:18–25a Lk 12:54–59
Tuesday October 21 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21 Lk 12:35–38	Saturday October 24 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 8:1–11 Lk 13:1–9
Wednesday October 22 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 6:12–18 Lk 12:39–48	Sunday October 25 <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sir 35:12–14, 16–18 2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18 Lk 18:9–14
Thursday October 23 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 6:19–23 Lk 12:49–53	

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 19, 2025
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Exodus 17:8–13 / 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2 / Luke 18:1–8



Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it’s just that sometimes God says “no.” He’ll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God’s way. When I object to my friend’s saying, he’s quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn’t this week’s parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don’t give up praying. Yet God isn’t like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God’s way increases the chances that we’ll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don’t we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That’s why the parable ends with the question, “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” ●

Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?