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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 122):** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.



*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 November:** *For the prevention of suicide:* Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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

#### **Christ the King**

Saturday Nov 22 7:30 p.m. Russell + Carol Schott req by Wade Schott

Sunday Nov 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 + Nellie Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family

Monday Nov 24 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Nov 25 + For Mary Schenderevich req by Jean Goba

Wed Nov 26 No Mass

Thurs Nov 27 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration

11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Friday Nov 28 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m. For Fr Paul req by Doug & Donalda Wishart & family

#### **1st Sunday of Advent**

Saturday Nov 29 **5:00 p.m. Russell Zoom on-line Mass 5:00 p.m. and YouTube after 6:15 p.m.**  
 For Irene Deschamps req by Brad & Brenda Robin

Sunday Nov 30 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul

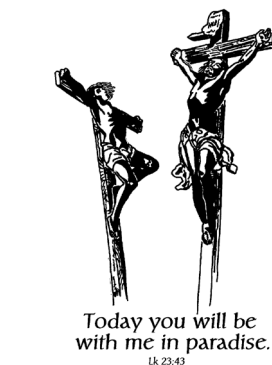
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### **St. Thesesa's Parish News**

Here is an update to our Children's Collection for Mary's Meals. From Feb/25— Oct/25 the total is \$2,775.00. Great job everyone! We are currently pursuing expanding our Eucharistic Adoration hours and will keep you posted!

**St. Theresa's Advent potluck** will be on December 7th right after mass. Hope to see you all there!!

Success comes to the person who does today what you were thinking of doing tomorrow. 😊



The **Christmas newsletters** are completed and are in envelopes with parishioner's names on them. Please pick yours up as soon as you can as there is important information for Advent and Christmas. If any parishioners have been missed, please let the office know or take a spare one from the table.

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

**The CWL invite all ladies of our Parish** to our Christmas supper, Tuesday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at the Tin House. Supper will be at 6 o'clock. No gift exchange, just the pleasure of your company. You are responsible to pay for your own supper. Please contact Margaret Mushumanski (204-773-2868) before Dec 11 if you are planning on attending. Thank you.

**Attention CWL Ladies:** membership fees of \$25 are now due for 2026. Please pay Darlene Witty, Box 426, Russell, MB R0J 1W0. Our CWL have been together for 70 years. Wow! What an accomplishment. New members are more than welcome to join!

### **World Youth Day – November 23**

Instituted in 1985 at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth Day gatherings, this observance has taken place on Palm Sunday. In 2020 Pope Francis transferred the date to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

"Young people must say to the world: It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart." (Pope Francis).

Confirmation classes will continue this Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30. Please keep the confirmation candidates and their teachers in your prayers.

**SAVE THE DATE** – St. Joseph's will be holding our **Annual Parish Advent Potluck Party** on Saturday, **November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 starting with Mass at 5:00 p.m. (NO 7:30 p.m. Mass that Saturday)**, followed by a potluck supper, games, carols, crafts, Lucky draw auction and **new this year a photo booth**. Bring a dish or two for the potluck, food items for the Russell & Area Food Connections (for each item you bring you will receive a ticket towards the Lucky Draw Auction downstairs) and bring some money so you can buy tickets! Tickets are just a Loonie each for our Auction with all proceeds going to our local food bank. If anyone wishes to donate an item for the auction table (we only accept new items), please contact the office or Starla Thom, Brenda Robin or Donalda Wishart. We will have a couple of door prizes again this year for the children and adults! Please note: we will also be accepting donations to the Orphanage & missions in Peru that evening. **So, circle the date on your calendar, you don't want to miss this year's Parish Advent Potluck Party!**

### **Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in your community?**

The Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$35 – with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. Just take a "Gift Tag" from the Stewardship Tree, which is up in St. Joseph The Worker Church. When you bring your unwrapped gift with attached Gift Tag – place it in the hamper next to the tree. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. **Socks (unwrapped) and mitts** of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, and place them under the Stewardship Tree.

**If you are unable** to drop off gifts/socks/mitts at the church, you may also drop off at Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998)

A wise old owl sat on an oak. The more he saw the less he spoke. He less he spoke the more he heard. Why aren't we like that wise old bird? 😊





# Dear Padre,

**Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?**

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions” that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for “Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father” on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn’t just a one-day event; it’s meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don’t take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, “thy daily bread,” and the Eucharist—a word that means “thanksgiving.”

“Become what you pray”—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Weekday	Weekday	Thanksgiving Day (US)	Weekday	Weekday	First Sunday of Advent
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20	Dn 2:31–45	Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28	Sir 50:22–24	Dn 7:2–14	Dn 7:15–27	Is 2:1–5
Lk 21:1–4	Lk 21:5–11	Lk 21:12–19	1 Cor 1:3–9	Lk 21:29–33	Lk 21:34–36	Rom 13:11–14
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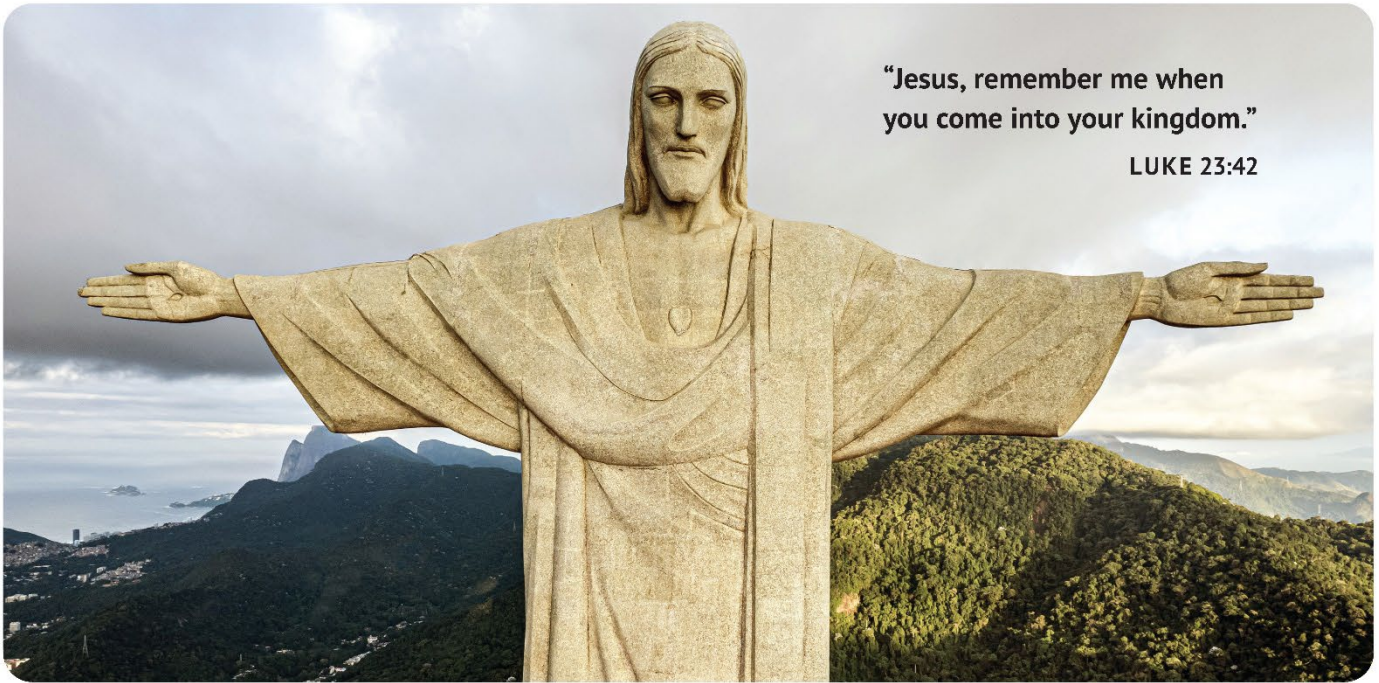
## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!**

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 23, 2025  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)*  
2 Samuel 5:1–3 / Colossians 1:12–20 / Luke 23:35–43



## The Hero King

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ome think of a myth as something once presumed to be true but discovered to be false. For example, we say it’s a myth that Christopher Columbus discovered America. There is, however, another quite different meaning to “myth,” as in a story that helps us understand life and how to negotiate it. Such myths are often centered around heroes who overcome great odds for the sake of the greater good. *Star Wars* and Luke Skywalker is one such myth. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and Frodo Baggins is another. These are myths capturing the need for courage and commitment to the good at the hero’s own expense. We often find ourselves wishing we could be like these heroes.

The biblical story of the Hebrew people can be thought of as such a myth, culminating in the story of Jesus. It differs from those other myths in that this story is not fiction. It is a saga that helps us understand and negotiate life as we live it. It culminates with the sacrificial death of the one we call King of the Universe. This King is a servant-king, one who gives his life for us so that we might live. Despite being urged by religious leaders and soldiers and the thief on the cross to save himself, he resists. Saving himself is not what he is about. Jesus is the King whose true myth we tell whenever we come together. ●

**Editor’s note:** This is Fr. Joseph Juknialis’ final reflection for *Our Parish Community* bulletins. The new liturgical cycle begins next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and we will welcome three new reflection authors: Miguel Dulick, Ann M. Garrido, and Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR, the president and publisher of Liguori Publications. We thank Fr. Joe for his three years of insightful reflections and wish him well.

## Reflect

**What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?**