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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?

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.

Welcome

*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.*

Praying with Pope Francis April: For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Saturday Apr 12 7:30 p.m. Russell Thank you Mass for people that get me to Church req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Apr 13 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 Apr 14 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Apr 15 For Fr Paul req by Carol & Wade Schott

Wed Apr 16 **No Mass** - Treatments

Thurs Apr 17 6:00 p.m. – **Holy Thursday - Russell**

8:00 p.m. – **Holy Thursday - Rossburn** Fr Paul req by Michael & Myrna Kostecki & Families

Friday Apr 18 1:00 p.m. – **Good Friday - Rossburn**

3:00 p.m. – **Good Friday – Russell**

Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday Apr 19 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Marlene, Lorne & family

Sunday Apr 20 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 & Frank Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family

****First communion** classes will be again today at St. Joseph's, April 13th at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Thank you!

****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.**

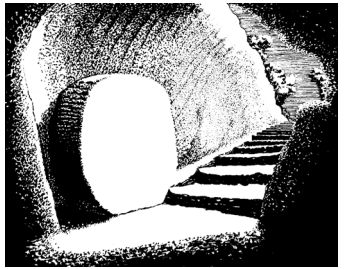
Easter Services

Holy Thursday – April 17 Russell 6:00 p.m. - Rossburn 8:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 18 Rossburn 1:00 p.m. - Russell 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Solemn Vigil – April 19 Russell 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 20 Russell 9:00 a.m. - Rossburn 11:00 a.m.



Coffee Sunday is today Palm Sunday & **Sharing God's Gifts Kick-Off** after 9:00 a.m. mass. All parishioners should have received a letter and pledge sheet. If you did not receive a pledge sheet, please let us know as we have some extra ones on hand. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success! **We hope to see you downstairs for fellowship and goodies!**

SEDER SUPPER

Wednesday April 16th 6:30pm
Advance Tickets only

St. Joseph's Parish Centre
Langenburg

Tickets must be purchased
by April 13th
Adult \$18
Youth \$15
6 & Under Free



JOIN US FOR A MEANINGFUL Seder

WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FULL MEAL

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Christians gave up their jobs rather than disown Christ. Only a few cowards gave up their religion rather than lose their jobs. The emperor was pleased with the majority who showed the courage of their convictions and gave their jobs back to them while he dismissed those who were willing to give up their allegiance to Christ to keep their jobs, saying to them, *"If you will not be true to your God, you will not be true to me either."* — Today we join the Palm Sunday crowd in spirit to declare our loyalty to Christ and our fidelity to His teachings by actively participating in the Palm Sunday liturgy. As we carry the palm to our homes, we are declaring our choice to accept Jesus as the King and ruler of our lives and our families. Let us express our gratitude to Jesus for redeeming us by His suffering and death. We do so best by our active participation in the Holy Week liturgy and our reconciliation with God and His Church, as we repent of our sins and receive God's pardon and forgiveness from Jesus through his Church.

Christ-less donkey arrested and handcuffed on a Palm Sunday: The light turns green, but the man doesn't notice that the light has changed. The woman behind him begins pounding on her steering wheel and yelling at the man to move! The man doesn't move! The woman is going ballistic, ranting and raving at the man, pounding on her steering wheel. When the light turns yellow, the woman begins blowing her car's horn and screaming curses at the man. Finally, the man looks up, sees the yellow light, and accelerates through the intersection just as the light turns red. While she is still ranting, she hears a tap on her window and looks up into the barrel of a gun held by a very serious looking policeman. The policeman tells her to pull her car to the side, shut off the engine, come out and stand facing the car, while keeping both hands on the car roof. She is quickly cuffed, and hustled into the patrol car. The woman is too bewildered to ask any questions, and she is driven to the police station, where she is fingerprinted, photographed, searched, booked, and locked up in a cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approaches the cell, and opens the door. The policeman hands her the bag containing her things, and says, *"I'm sorry for this mistake, but you see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, and cursing at the car in front of you. I noticed the 'Choose Christ' license plate holder, and the 'Follow Me To Sunday School' bumper sticker, and Palm Sunday palm leaves inside the back windshield. So naturally I assumed you had stolen the car because such a nice Christian, who courageously displays Christian symbols in her car, would never act as you did."*

"Either give up Christ or give up your jobs." Constantine the Great was the first Christian Roman emperor. His father Constantius I who succeeded Diocletian as emperor in 305 AD, was a pagan with a soft heart for Christians. It is said that when he ascended the throne, he discovered that many Christians held important jobs in the government and in the court. So he issued an executive order to all those Christians: *"Either give up Christ or give up your jobs."* The great majority of

Dear Padre,

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

Monday

April 14
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday

April 15
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday

April 16
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

Thursday

April 17
Thursday of Holy Week
(Holy Thursday)
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

Friday

April 18
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday

April 19
Holy Saturday
(Easter Vigil)
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
Lk 24:1–12

Sunday

April 20
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

Luke 19:28–40 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philippians 2:6–11 / Luke 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49



As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.... They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

LUKE 19:36, 38

The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

Reflect

How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?

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