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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 72): In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever.

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 Francis December: *For Christians in areas of conflict:* Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation of hope.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec 6 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
Special Intentions req by The Sabourin family
7:30 p.m. Russell – For all parishioners req by Father Paul

Sunday Dec 7 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 + Mldred Gollets from Godson Vince Kaskiw

Monday Dec 8 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Dec 9 No Mass

Wed Dec 10 No Mass - Treatments

Thurs Dec 11 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Friday Dec 12 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Doug & Donalda Wishart & family
10:15 a.m. Rossburn Personal Care home – Mass & Music



3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec 13 7:30 p.m. Russell + Carol Schott req by Wade Schott

Sunday Dec 14 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
Fr Paul req by Jim & Bev & family
11:00 a.m. Gambler Liturgy Of The Word with Communion with Deacon Darin
11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul

St. Theresa's Advent potluck will be **today, December 7th** right after mass. Come celebrate Father Paul's birthday as well!! Hope to see you all there!!

The CWL invite all ladies of our Parish to our Christmas supper, Tuesday Dec 16th 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.



Helping Hands Soup Kitchen

For those interested or able, a group plans to **volunteer at the Helping Hands Soup Kitchen**, in Brandon Monday, December 15th to assist serving lunch. We need to be in Brandon by 10:30 am. **For more information call, Carlene or Deacon Darin Douglas by Wednesday, December 10th at 204-532-2157.** Limited space for car-pooling. Thank you.

The collection for **World Mission** totaled \$440. Thank you to those Parishioners who donated to this Mission.

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. When you bring your un-wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag – place it in the hamper next to the tree. **Deadline is today, Sunday, Dec. 7th.**

Socks (unwrapped) and mitts of all sizes and colors are also needed! **Deadline is also today Sunday, December 7th.** Please place them under the Stewardship Tree.

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



THANK YOU to everyone who attended our **Parish Advent Potluck Party** last Saturday! Once again it was a great way to start off the Advent season as we gathered together for Mass and then downstairs to wish Fr. Paul a Happy Birthday and congratulate him on his 20th Anniversary of Ordination around a decorated cake in his honor. This was followed by some delicious food, fun games (the table that won the "Family Feud" game wow you were amazing!) beautiful carols, and the best part....watching the children have a great time! New this year was the addition of a Photo Booth which was enjoyed by all age groups! Presentations were made to Deacon Darin, and to our altar servers. Thank you to all those who donated gifts or bought tickets for our Draw table, to everyone who brought food items for the Russell & Area Food Connections, to those who gave monetary donations and those who helped in the kitchen.

Congratulations to all the prize winners! Because of your generosity, our parish will donate a total of \$1,095.00 to the Food Bank and \$545.00 to Sr. Hilda's Orphanage in Peru. Our thanks to the CWL and the Knights of Coumbus (who also presented the children with advent gifts) for their prize donations again this year. Our thanks to the parish social committee for organizing another successful parish advent party that will help so many families in need this Christmas!



National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples – December 12

The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

\$184 was deposited for the Children's Collection making the YTD total for 2025 \$2,016. Thank you to all the children who so joyfully donate each Sunday!

Reconciliations:

Russell – December 18th at St. Joseph's from 4-5 and 6- as needed
Rossburn – December 22nd at Sacred Heart 4-5 and 6- as needed
St. Lazare – Date to be announced next Sunday



Dear Padre,

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14
<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	<i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
Is 40:1–11	Is 40:25–31	Is 41:13–20	Zec 2:14–17	Sir 48:1–4,	Is 35:1–6a, 10	
Mt 18:12–14	Mt 11:28–30	Mt 11:11–15	or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab	9–11	Jas 5:7–10	
Gn 3:9–15, 20	Do you have a question for the Padre?			Lk 1:26–38 or	Mt 17:9a, 10–13	Mt 11:2–11
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12				Lk 1:39–47		
Lk 1:26–38	Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about <i>Dear Padre</i> .					



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God’s love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

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Will You Notice the Shoot?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: “The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low” (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the “mighty” who make great noise when they fall. “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees,” echoes John the Baptist in today’s gospel. If we are looking for where God’s Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

Reflect

Are my eyes open to the small signs of God’s work in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1

