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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 68): In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.



*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 August: *For mutual coexistence:* Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug 30 7:30 p.m. Russell Gary & Nicole's Special Intention req by Irene Deschamps
Deacon Darin's 7th Anniversary of Ordination

Sunday Aug 31 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners req by Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw req by Clarence Kaskiw

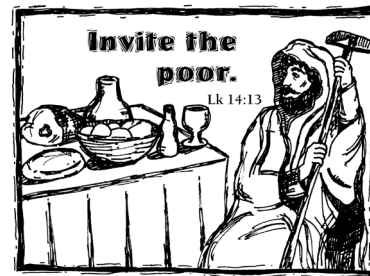
Monday Sep 1 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Sep 2 10:30 a.m. Meeting Council of Priest

Wed Sep 3 No Mass Treatments
10:30 a.m. Russell Personal Care Home – **LOW with Deacon Darin**

Thurs Sep 4 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + Charlie Le req by Holly & Tony Doan

Friday Sep 5 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. + Paul Minvielle req by Marlene, Lorne & family
11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Sacred Heart Of Jesus**



23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Sep 6 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
7:30 p.m. Russell For health and family req by Ed & Shelley

Sunday Sep 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 Fr Paul req by Michael & Myrna Kostecki & Families

Our coffee Sundays will be starting up again in September. Emme and our Filipino parishioners will be providing the food for us in September. It will be nice to gather again after summer break and join in fellowship.

The Brandon Serra Club is pleased to announce that they will be hosting the **Annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner on October 1, 2025 at St. Augustine's Parish in Brandon, MB.** All are welcome to attend this dinner. Vespers will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. Archbishop Murray Chatlain will deliver a short keynote. If anyone is interested in attending this dinner, please let the office know by August 29, 2025.



St. Joseph's is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. Mass will be celebrated on September 14th at 11:00 a.m. with Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Father Paul, Father Jay & Deacon Darin. This will be followed by the parish BBQ and fellowship in the Church basement. Please try and attend this very special occasion with fellow parishioners and special invited guests. Our theme is "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe".



Introduction: The common theme of today's readings is the importance practicing humility and avoiding self-glorification or pride. 1) Humility enables us first to accept others as God's children, our brothers and sisters, redeemed by the blood of Jesus. 2) Humility also encourages us to offer them loving and sacrificial service through acts of charity, mercy and forgiveness. 3) Humility enables us to accept ourselves as we are before God, with all our defects and demerits. 4) Humility also prompts us to be thankful to God for giving us blessings, talents, and capabilities, for our own use, for serving our brothers and sisters and so for giving Him glory and for strengthening us every day by His grace. 5) It is humility which opens our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to the poor, the needy, the disadvantaged, and the marginalized people in our society, thus practicing Christ's option for the poor. Today's Gospel teaches us that we must act with humility and see ourselves as the servants of the community rather than those whom the community might feel honored to serve.

Scripture lessons: The first reading, taken from the book of Sirach, reminds us that if we are humble, we will find favor with God, and others will love us. The second reading, taken from the letter to the Hebrews, gives us another reason to be humble, comparing and contrasting the frightening majesty of the Old Testament God with the meek and humble New Testament God in the person of Jesus. Jesus, the Only-begotten Son of God, humbled Himself by taking on human flesh and choosing to die the most humiliating death of crucifixion. The Letter to the Hebrews challenges us to imitate Jesus in his humility. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the practical benefits of humility, connecting it with the common wisdom about dining etiquette. Jesus advises the guests to go to the lowest place instead of seeking places of honor, so that the host may give them the place they really deserve. Jesus' words concerning the seating of guests at a wedding banquet should prompt us to honor those whom others ignore, because if we are generous and just in our dealings with those in need, we can be confident of the Lord's blessings.

Mother Teresa's Humility List: 1. Speak as little as possible about yourself. 2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others. 3. Avoid curiosity. 4. Do not interfere in the affairs of others. 5. Accept small irritations with good humor. 6. Do not dwell on the faults of others. 7. Accept censures even if unmerited. 8. Give in to the will of others. 9. Accept insults and injuries. 10. Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded. 11. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone. 12. Do not seek to be admired and loved. 13. Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity. 14. Give in, in discussions, even when you are right. 15. Choose always the more difficult task. Learn to be humble by doing all the humble work and doing it for Jesus. You cannot learn humility from books; you learn it by accepting humiliations. Humiliations are not meant to torture us; they are gifts from God. These little humiliations—if we accept them with joy—will help us to be holy, to have a meek and humble heart like Jesus. (St. Teresa of Calcutta). (<https://www.goodcatholic.com/mother-teresa-humility-list/>).

"Thou shall not park here!" : Maybe you've heard the humorous story about the pastor who was having difficulty with his assigned parking space on the Church parking lot. People parked in his spot whenever they pleased, even though there was a sign that clearly said, *"This space reserved."* He thought the sign needed to be clearer, so he had a different sign made, which read, *"Reserved for Pastor Only."* Still people ignored it and parked in his space whenever they felt like it. *"Maybe the sign should be more forceful,"* he thought. So, he devised a more intimidating one in the Ten Commandment style, which announced, *"Thou shalt not park here."* That sign didn't make any difference either. Finally, he hit upon the words that worked; in fact, nobody ever took his parking place again. The sign read, *"The one who parks here preaches the sermon on humility this Sunday morning!"* — One would probably feel uncomfortable about doing that, both because of the topic chosen and because of a lack of Pulpit experience and training. The Gospel reading here, as well as the other two readings selected for this Sunday, set before us a vision of a common ministry that all of us can be a part of. I would call it something like "a ministry of humble hospitality." [Richard W. Patt, *All Stirred Up* (CSS Publishing, Lima, Ohio, 1977, 0-7880-1040-9).] (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).

Dear Padre,

Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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TACIO PHILIP SANSONOVSKI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 31, 2025
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 / Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a / Luke 14:1, 7–14



Life Out of Focus

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

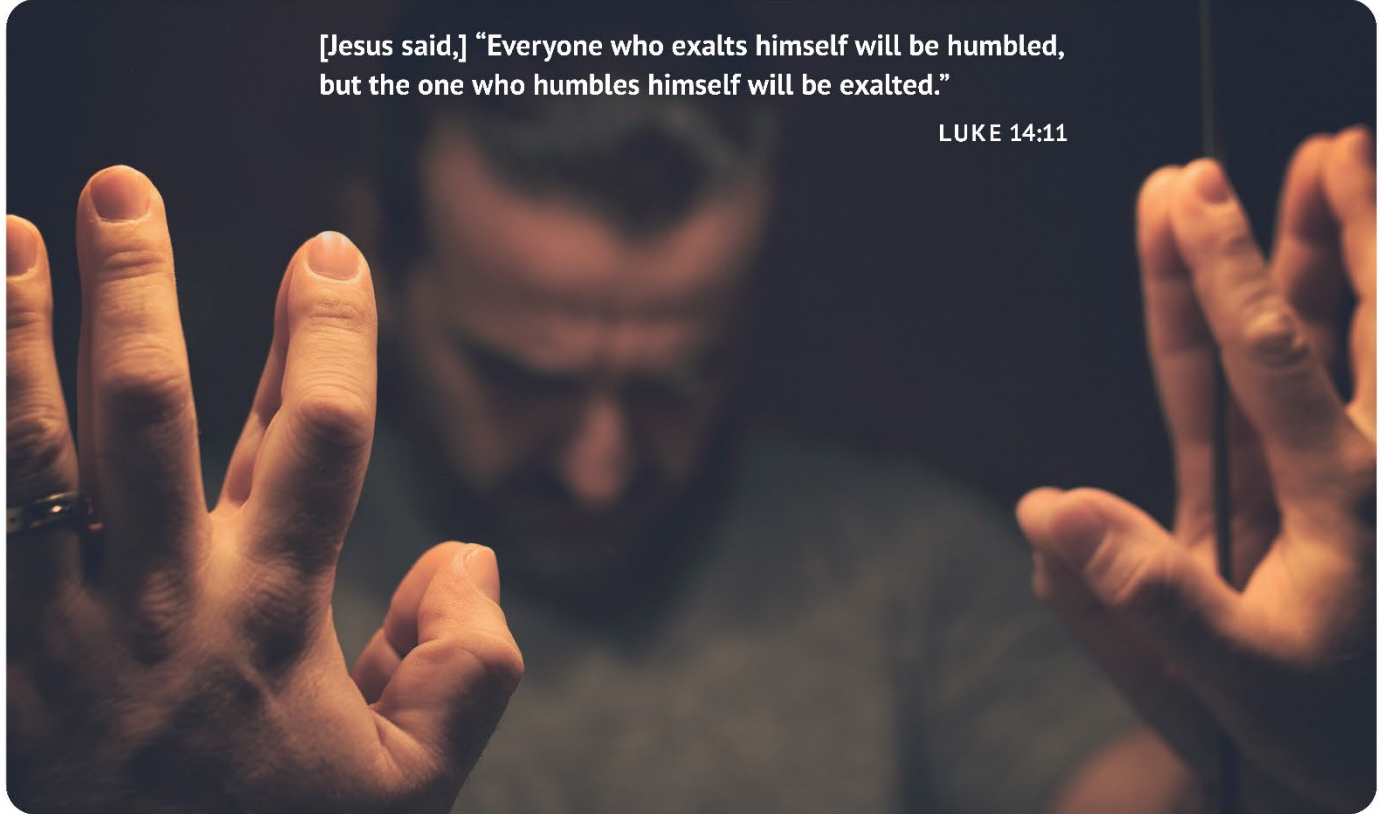
I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn’t want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God’s word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son’s or daughter’s profession than on that son’s or daughter’s happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

Reflect

What is more important to me than it should be?

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes,



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To follow [Jesus]...means “carrying one’s cross”: shouldering, like him, one’s own burdens and those of others, making one’s life a gift, not a possession, spending it in imitation of his own generous and merciful love for us. These are decisions that engage the totality of our lives.

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Monday September 1 Weekday 1 Thes 4:13–18 Lk 4:16–30	Friday September 5 Weekday Col 1:15–20 Lk 5:33–39
Tuesday September 2 Weekday 1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11 Lk 4:31–37	Saturday September 6 Weekday Col 1:21–23 Lk 6:1–5
Wednesday September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Col 1:1–8 Lk 4:38–44	Sunday September 7 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 9:13–18b Phlm 9–10, 12–17 Lk 14:25–33
Thursday September 4 Weekday Col 1:9–14 Lk 5:1–11	

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