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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23): The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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 March: For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday Mar 14 7:30 p.m. Russell + Gaileen Blaise-Keshane req by Eugene, Marie Ange, Helen, Marcel, Cecile & family

Sunday Mar 15 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 Mar 16 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Mar 17 No Mass

Wed Mar 18 No Mass - Treatments

Thurs Mar 19 No Mass – Reconciliations in Brandon

Friday Mar 20 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
 9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Darin
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Zoom

5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday Mar 21 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Brad & Brenda Robin

Sunday Mar 22 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 Healing for Fr Paul req by the Sabourin family



****Confirmation classes this week will be at St. Joseph's on March 18th, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.**
 Please keep the confirmation candidates and their teachers in your prayers. Thank 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. Thank you!

Sharing God's Gifts 2026 Kick-of Sunday is Palm Sunday, March 29th! All parishioners will be receiving a letter and pledge sheet. Thank you for continuing to make our SGG campaign a success!



Lenten Confessions

Rossburn – Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, **March 26th** 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., then 6 p.m. on, as needed

St. Lazare – On Wednesday, **March 25th** 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

*****Stations of the Cross***** will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The next Station of the Cross will be March 20th. If you wish to join in and are not presently on Zoom, email stjoewkr@gmail.com to get the link for Zoom. We also plan to do the Stations of the Cross on the last Friday of Lent, March 27th at St. Joseph's Parish.



On Tuesday, March 17th, St. Mary's Church in Russell will host a screening of the film "The Passion of the Christ". The film will be starting at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026.

This year we gather to celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 at St. Mary's Cathedral beginning at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. 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. You are all invited to join the celebration!

SEDER SUPPER

Wednesday April 1st 6:30pm

Advance Tickets only

St. Joseph's Parish Centre
Langenburg

JOIN US FOR A MEANINGFULL SEDER
WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FULL MEAL

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Food for Thought: By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help. It reminds us that those whom God involves in his saving plans are not necessarily those whom the world perceives as great. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light "to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." In today's Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 23), we celebrate the care of God, our Good Shepherd, who keeps us safe in the darkness of this world. Presenting the miracle of Jesus' giving of sight to a man born blind, today's Gospel teaches us the necessity of being willing to have our eyes opened by Faith, and warns us that

those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see and to grow continually, gaining clearer vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should help to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God, and love them as our own brothers and sisters, saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Dear Padre,

I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the "hook-'em horns" sign. You wouldn't give the "thumbs-up" sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word "sinister" is from the Latin *sinister*, meaning "left."

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●



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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*.

Monday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Friday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

MARCH 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



MARCO IACOBELLI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 /

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

EPHESIANS 5:8B-9

Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●



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Reflect

This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.