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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 116): I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

St. Joseph The Worker News:

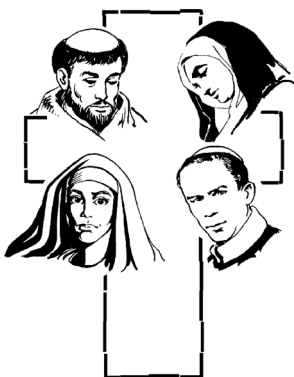
Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in hospitals, care homes, or in their homes & those who care for them. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing, Confession, or Holy Communion – please call the parish office & leave a message: 204-773-2924.

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:

All Souls' Day – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Saturday	Nov 1	11:00 a.m. Rossburn Immaculate Heart Of Mary For Kristy McLaughlin req by Wade & family 7:30 p.m. Russell – For all parishioners req by Father Paul
Sunday	Nov 2	9:00 a.m. Russell <u>Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.</u> For all parishioners req by Father Paul 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Norma Kaskiw req by Clarence Kaskiw 11:00 a.m. Gambler First Nation – Liturgy of the Word with Communion with Deacon Darin
Monday	Nov 3	11:00 a.m. Funeral mass for Kate Venne 2:00 p.m. Funeral for Shirley Hayden – Braendle-Bruce Chapel
Tuesday	Nov 4	No Mass
Wed	Nov 5	No Mass – Treatments 10:30 a.m. Russell Personal Care home LOW with Deacon Darin 1:30 p.m. CWL meeting church basement 3:30 – 4:30 – Confirmation classes
Thurs	Nov 6	Diving Deeper team meeting
Friday	Nov 7	8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration 9:00 a.m. For all parishioners req by Father Paul 11:00 a.m. Rossburn Sacred Heart of Jesus + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday	Nov 8	7:30 p.m. Russell Irene Deschamps req by Brad & Brenda Robin
Sunday	Nov 9	9:00 a.m. Russell <u>Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.</u> For all parishioners req by Father Paul 11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Frank Kaskiw req by the Kaskiw family

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

We would like to thank Pat Orsak's group who supplied the food and drink for last Sunday's coffee Sunday! Coffee Sunday is a part of the Ministry of Hospitality!

Confirmation classes will continue this Wednesday November 5th from 3:30 to 4:30.

There were a few extra **souvenir fridge magnets** made for the 100th anniversary celebrations. If anyone wishes to receive one please let Father Paul or Donalda know and they will get one to you.

SAVE THE DATE – St. Joseph's will be holding our **Annual Parish Advent Potluck Party** on Saturday, **November 29th, 2025.** Please mark your calendars! **Mass will be at 5:00 p.m.** followed by a potluck supper, games, songs and prizes. Donations from this event will go to our local Food Connections. **A meeting is planned for Thursday, November 6th at 3:30 p.m.** in the church basement. Anyone interested in helping at this year's party is welcome to attend the meeting or, if you cannot be there but you wish to help, please contact the parish office or Nicole Petz at (204) 773-3198. The social committee would be more than happy to have more parishioners involved! **So, circle the date on your calendar, you don't want to miss this year's Parish Advent Potluck Party!**

There will be a CWL meeting on Wednesday, November 5th at 1:30 in the church basement. Please spread the word to all members and new members are welcome!

Food for Thought

All Souls' Day is a day specially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward, and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification.

Ancient belief supported by Church tradition: People of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul and have prayed for the dead: **1)** The Jews, for example, believed that there was a place of temporary bondage from which the souls of the dead would receive their final release. The Jewish catechism, Talmud, states that prayers for the dead will help to bring them greater rewards and blessings to. Prayer for the souls of the departed is retained by the Orthodox Jews today, who recite a prayer known as the Mourner's Kaddish for eleven months after the death of a loved one so that he/she may be purified. **2)** First century practice: Jesus and the apostles shared this belief and passed it on to the early Church. "Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers," is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs (Lumen Gentium-50). **3)** The liturgies of the Mass in various rites dating from the early centuries of the Church include "Prayers for the Dead." **4)** The early Fathers of the Church encouraged this practice. Tertullian (AD 160-240) wrote about the anniversary Masses for the dead, advising widows to pray for their husbands. St. Augustine (AD 354 – 430) remarked that he used to pray for his deceased mother, remembering her request: "When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the altar" (St. Augustine of Hippo, Confessions, Book 9, Chapter 11, Section 27). **5)** The Synods of Nicaea, Florence and Trent encouraged the offering of prayers for the dead, citing Scriptural evidences to prove that there is a place or state of purification for those who die with venial sins on their souls.

Theological reasoning: According to Rv 21:27: "...nothing unclean shall enter Heaven." Holy Scripture (Prv 24:16) also teaches that even "the just sin seven times a day." Since it would be contrary to the mercy of God to punish such souls with venial sins in Hell, they are seen as entering a place or state of purification, called Purgatory, which combines God's justice with His mercy. This teaching is also contained in the doctrine of the Communion of Saints.

How do we help the "holy souls"? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC # 1032) recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Mirae caritatis* (1902), states, "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the Sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the Communion of Saints. The *Catechism* also encourages *"almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead."* All these prayerful acts are to be conducted as matters of Faith, and not as something magical. The greatest act is to offer Mass for the dead, because in this One Sacrifice, the merits of our Lord Jesus are applied to the dead. Hence, this reconciling offering of the Lord is the greatest and most perfect prayer, which we can offer for the dead in their state of purification. Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them.

Dear Padre,

Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38-46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! "A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 2, 2025
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wisdom 3:1-9 / Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9 / John 6:37-40
(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)



The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.... [T]hey are in peace.
WISDOM 3:1, 3

The Great Halloween Mistress

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, "Trick or treat!" for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, "Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot." I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night's goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody

dared "trick" her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls' Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God's mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest "treater" of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

Reflect

What experiences of God's generous blessings have I known? Have I taken any for granted?



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In a world wounded by violence and conflict.... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying "no" to war and "yes" to peace, "no" to the arms race and "yes" to disarmament, "no" to an economy that impoverishes peoples and the Earth and "yes" to integral development.

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