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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 19): The precepts of the Lord are right, and give joy to the heart.

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 September: *For the cry of the earth:* We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Sep 28 7:30 p.m. Russell 40th Anniversary Glenda & Mike Stasiuk req by their children & grandchildren

Sunday Sep 29 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**

+ Anne Gallant req by Val, Carl, Lori and families

11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul

Monday Sep 30 Health of family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Oct 1 + Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Wed Oct 2 No Mass **Serra Supper In Brandon**

Thurs Oct 3 10:30 Rossburn Adoration

11:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Eugene & Joyce Lepischak

Friday Oct 4 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Sacred Heart Of Jesus**

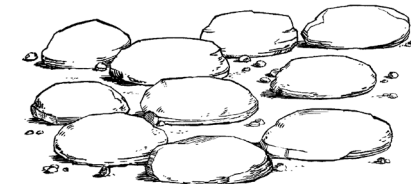
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Oct 5 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**

7:30 p.m. Russell + Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family

Sunday Oct 6 9:00 a.m. Russell For all parishioners by Father Paul

11:00 a.m. Rossburn + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family



WHOEVER IS NOT AGAINST US IS FOR US.

MK 9:40



**If there are any children in grade 3 or older who would like to become an altar server, please contact Jamee Tibbatts at (204)821-6546 or email her at jamee_stasiuk@hotmail.com

***The **sign up sheet for first communion** is at the back of the church. Classes will be starting shortly and time and dates need to be planned out.

****Just a friendly reminder to please put the amount of your weekly donation on your envelopes. This helps the counters to be able to count the collection quicker. Thank you!!**



Coffee Sunday is this Sunday, September 29th after 9 am Mass and *everyone is invited!* To start the Fall off, and after a two months summer break, Emme Olarte's group will be busy in the church kitchen handing out the coffee and juice and providing us with some delicious goodies! Coffee Sunday is part of the Ministry of Hospitality, a time to gather together, greet one another and visit after Mass while enjoying coffee and snacks. *We hope to see you there!*



Marian Month: for the month of October the CWL will lead the Rosary. **Please come early to join them as they will start it at 8:40 a.m.**

World Day of Migrants and Refugees – September 29th

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on the 20th of June. The January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. At the request of several conferences of Bishops, Pope Francis moved the observance to September in 2019. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012).

Food for Thought

Today's readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance, and giving scandal. In the first reading, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant and successor, Joshua. Moses and seventy future helpers were called by the Lord God to the *Tent of Meeting* for the Spirit-giving ordination ceremony. But two of the invitees were absent, and Joshua could not bear it that these absent men were prophesying in the camp without receiving God's Spirit in the *Tent of Meeting*. Moses had to remind Joshua that God could choose anyone He liked to prophecy and that was good! This selection provides a Biblical background for Jesus' response to the same kind of jealousy in the apostles. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19), "**The precepts of the Lord are right, and give joy to the heart,**" reminds us that obedience to the spirit of the Law will draw us closer to God and so give us lasting joy. In the second reading, James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice to their workers in refusing to give them a living wage, in ignoring the needs of others, and in condemning and murdering the innocent and the righteous. Baptism commits every Christian to work for social justice through peaceable, rather than violent, means. In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complains to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples has been exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, in spite of their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus responds by giving the Apostles lessons in Jesus' own kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they do for the disciples of Jesus because they are serving Jesus. We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, vulnerable members of the community, and beginners in the Faith. Jesus instructs the Apostles, and us, that, just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others to sin and which leads to spiritual death. Jesus is inviting us to integrate our bodies into our following of Christ, so that our hands become instruments of compassion, healing and comfort, our feet help us to bring the Gospel to the world, and our eyes learn to see and appreciate the truth, goodness, and beauty all around us.

Dear Padre,

After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?

“The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus’ warning not to despise “little ones” because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we’ll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. “This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (CCC 1024). Even though “this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description” (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 30 St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Jb 1:6–22 Lk 9:46–50	October 1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 Lk 9:51–56	October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 Mt 18:1–5, 10	October 3 Weekday Jb 19:21–27 Lk 10:1–12	October 4 St. Francis of Assisi Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Lk 10:13–16	October 5 Weekday Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24	October 6 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 2:18–24 Heb 2:9–11 Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



YARA NARDI / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church.... Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word “devil” means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people.... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 29, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Numbers 11:25–29 / James 5:1–6 / Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48



[Jesus said,] “There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

MARK 9:39–40



Spirited Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It’s not always easy to figure out where God’s spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After “the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses,” some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25–26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit?

Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that “outsiders” may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in

defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we’ve been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We’ve been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life. ●

Reflect

How have you been surprised by someone unexpectedly speaking God’s truth and wisdom?