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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 40):** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Welcome

*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 January:** *For prayer with the Word of God:* Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### Mass Intentions For This Week:

#### 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday Jan 17 7:30 p.m. Russell + Pat Edgerton req by her family

Sunday Jan 18 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**  
+ For John Selby req by Doug & Donalda Wishart & family

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

Monday Jan 19 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba

Tuesday Jan 20 No Mass

Wed Jan 21 No Mass - Treatments

Thurs Jan 22 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration  
11:00 a.m. + Suffering Souls in Purgatory req by Rose & family

Friday Jan 23 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration  
9:00 a.m. + Carol Schott req by Wade Schott

#### 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday Jan 24 7:30 p.m. Russell Irene Deschamps req by Brad & Brenda Robin

Sunday Jan 25 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 + Janet Zemianski req by St. Theresa's parish



**\*\*Confirmation classes this week will be at St. Joseph's on January 21st, 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.



Coffee Sunday this month will be next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> after 9 am Mass and *everyone is invited!* ***Please note...*** If you haven't already done so and would like to be added to a group, please contact Brenda Robin at 204-564-2646 or cell 204-937-0270. To start the year off Bev Roszell'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!*** The new lists for the coffee Sundays are available for pick up at the back of the church.

### Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18 - 25

This year on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church will be hosting a prayer service for Christian Unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18 – 25, which are also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a long-standing practice by a number of communities to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, in order to include two Sundays.

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

WEEK of  
**PRAYER**  
for CHRISTIAN UNITY  
2026

SEMAINE de  
**PRIERE**  
pour L'UNITÉ DES CHRÉTIENS  
2026

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church  
107 Victoria Ave. E. Rossburn, MB.  
Friday, Jan. 23rd at 7:00pm  
*Fellowship to follow*

"There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the hope  
of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4)

« Il y a un seul corps et un seul Esprit,  
de même que votre vocation vous a appelés  
à une seule espérance » (Ephésiens 4,4)

[weekofprayer.ca](http://weekofprayer.ca)

[semainedepriere.ca](http://semainedepriere.ca)

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### Diving Deeper (Archdiocese Of Winnipeg Adult Faith Program.)

The Diving Deeper will be having the third session this Saturday January 24, 2026 with two more sessions following in February, and March on the fourth Saturday of each month at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. The Committee Team and Presenters would **greatly appreciate prayers** for the Adult Faith Program so that all who have signed up will be able to travel safely to and back home again and will be able to 'dive deeper into the Mass' the theme for these sessions. Thank you!

### Food for Thought

**The picture of the Lamb of God in His mercy:** In a cathedral in Copenhagen, Denmark there is a magnificent statue of Jesus by the noted sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen. When Thorvaldsen first completed the clay sculpture he gazed upon the finished product with great satisfaction. It was a sculpture of Christ with His face looking upward and arms extended upward. It was a statue of a majestic, conquering Christ. Later that night, however, after the sculptor had left his fine new work in clay to dry and harden, something unexpected occurred. Sea mist seeped into the studio in the night. The clay did not harden as quickly as anticipated. The upraised arms and head of the sculpture began to droop. The majestic Christ with arms lifted up and head thrown back was transformed into a Christ with head bent forward and arms stretched downward as if in a pose of gentle invitation. — At first Thorvaldsen was bitterly disappointed. As he studied the transformed sculpture, however, he came to see a dimension of Christ that had not been real to him before. It was the Christ Who is a gentle, merciful Savior. Thorvaldsen inscribed on the base of the completed statue, "Come Unto Me," and that picture of the Lamb of God in His mercy has inspired millions. (Rev. King Duncan). (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>).



Dear Padre,

*I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.*

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●

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

| Monday        | Tuesday      | Wednesday                    | Thursday  | Friday       | Saturday  | Sunday                        |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|---|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| January 19    | January 20   | January 21                   | January 22  | January 23   | January 24  | January 25                    |
| Weekday       | Weekday      | St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr | Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children | Weekday      | St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 1 Sm 15:16–23 | 1 Sm 16:1–13 | 1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51     | 1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7                                       | 1 Sm 24:3–21 | 2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27                          | Is 8:23–9:3                   |
| Mk 2:18–22    | Mk 2:23–28   | Mk 3:1–6                     | Mk 3:7–12   | Mk 3:13–19   | Mk 3:20–21  | 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17             |
|               |              |                              |   |              |   | Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17         |



**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.*

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025

# Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

**O**f the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●

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OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

**Reflect**

*Which understanding of the "Lamb of God" resonates with me?*

