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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 25): To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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 December: *For pilgrims of hope:* Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday Nov 30 5:00 p.m. Russell **Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Darin**
Zoom on-line Mass 5:00 p.m.
Advent Christmas Party at St. Joseph's

Sunday Dec 1 9:00 a.m. Russell **Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Darin**
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Darin**

Monday Dec 2 No Mass
 Tuesday Dec 3 No Mass
 Wed Dec 4 No Mass
 Thurs Dec 5 No Mass – Father Paul's birthday!
 Friday Dec 6 No Mass



2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec 7 7:30 p.m. Russell For Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps

Sunday Dec 8 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
 + For Myron Andrews req by Jim & Bev & family
 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul



St. Theresa's Advent Potluck lunch will be on December 8th following mass.

First communion classes this Sunday, Dec 1st, are cancelled and we will resume next Sunday the 8th. Our last class before Christmas will be on the 15th and we will resume after the holidays. Thank you.

St. Joseph's is looking for someone who would like to shovel snow throughout the winter. This would be to keep the sidewalks and steps cleared. This is a paid position. Please call the parish office at 204-773-2924 or Gary Petz at 204-773-3198 for more information.

Making marriage work is like operating a farm. You have to start all over again each morning!

Happy birthday to Father Paul whose birthday is on December 5th!! Please keep Father Paul in your prayers!

St. Joseph's Parish Advent Potluck Party will be held on Saturday, November 30th, 2024 starting with Mass at 5:00 p.m. (NO 7:30 p.m. Mass that Saturday). Just as we have done these past years, we are celebrating the beginning of the advent season with Mass, a potluck supper, games, carols and our Lucky Draw Auction. Bring a dish or two for the potluck, food items for the Russell & Area Food Connections (for each item you bring you will receive a ticket towards the Lucky Draw Auction downstairs) and bring some money so you can buy tickets! Tickets are just a Loonie each for our Auction with all proceeds also going to our local food bank. If you would like to donate an item for our Auction Table (we only accept new items) please contact the parish office or anyone on the parish social committee. We will have a couple of Door Prizes again this year for the children and adults! Please note: we will also be accepting donations to the Orphanage & missions in Peru that evening. Plan to come and celebrate advent with your parish community and help those in need at the same time! **Please Note: Parish Council members (with Donalda as captain) are to look after the kitchen!**

Would you like to provide a gift this Christmas for a child in your community?

The Russell & Area Food Connections is asking for your help for a child's gift, limit of \$35 - with no batteries. It will be distributed in the annual Christmas food hampers in our area. Just take a "Gift Tag" from the Stewardship Tree, which has been put up at St. Joseph The Worker Church. When you bring your un-wrapped gift with attached Gift Tag - place it in the hamper next to the tree. Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 8th.

Socks (unwrapped) of all sizes and colors are also needed! Bring those to the church by Sunday, December 8th, and place them under the Stewardship Tree. **If you are unable** to drop off gifts/socks at the church, you may also drop off at Bev & Jim Roszell's at 328 Mather St. E. Russell (phone 204-773-3998).

Attention CWL Ladies: membership fees of \$25 are now due for 2025. Please pay Darlene Witty. Our CWL have been together for 69 years. New members are more than welcome to join!

St Joseph CWL invite all the ladies from our parish to our Christmas Supper on **Tuesday Dec 3** at **"Everyday Steak"** in Russell. We will meet at 5:00 with supper to start around 5:30. Supper and drinks will be at your own expense (Around \$25 to \$30). Please contact Margaret Mushumanski 204-773-2868 by Dec 1, if you plan to attend.

Missing the signal! In its day, the Titanic was the world's largest ocean-liner, weighing 46,328 tons, and it was considered unsinkable. Yet, late during the night of April 14-15, 1912, the unthinkable happened to the unsinkable. Near midnight, the great Titanic struck an iceberg, ripping a three-hundred-foot hole through five of its sixteen watertight compartments. It sank in two and a half hours killing 1,513 people. Before the Titanic sank, warning after warning had been sent to tell the crew that they were speeding into an ice field, but the messages were ignored. In fact, when a nearby ship sent an urgent warning, the Titanic was talking to Cape Race about the time the chauffeurs were to meet arriving passengers at the dock in New York, and what dinner menus were to be ready. Preoccupied with the trivia, the Titanic responded to the warning, *"Shut up. I am talking to Cape Race. You are jamming my signals!"* Why did so many die that night? Perhaps the crew disregarded the danger of the weather; there were not enough lifeboats on board; and the radio operator of nearby *California* was off duty; perhaps those responsible did not heed the warnings; they were preoccupied with other things! — Sometimes we believe that our 'ship' is unsinkable, our life is completely planned, and the unthinkable can never happen to us. We need to read the signs of the times; we need to pay attention to the warning signals. But if we are preoccupied with the trivial things of life, we will miss the most important things till it is too late. **The First Sunday of Advent gives us the warning to be watchful, waiting, and prepared.**

Dear Padre,

I've been Catholic all my life, but I don't understand Advent. It's too much like Lent and seems an odd way to prepare for the birth of a baby.

In a society that is primarily secular, one skill of the believing Christian is the ability to balance competing realities. From a secular perspective, Christmas is part of the period identified as the "holidays," beginning with Thanksgiving until New Year's Day, when it abruptly ends and stores begin advertising Valentine's Day.

For Christians, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the great promise fulfilled after centuries of waiting and expectation. The creative energy of the Father is displayed in wonder and awe as the angels sing and people of good faith gather to celebrate. We join our ancestors in anticipation of this event through the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation.

The Christian holy day is a singular day, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas—but the Church continues the celebration of God's life and love through the days that follow, culminating in the Baptism of the Lord, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

We are invited to hold the secular and the liturgical experiences in an integrated balance. We can celebrate the secular holidays and we can enter the liturgical season that helps us contemplate something much grander and more spectacular. ●

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



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



The Waiting Time

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Advent is a time of hope but also a time of waiting. Different than wishing, hope is the belief that, one day, all will be well. Teenagers eagerly wait to be out on their own, believing then all will be well. Students are eager to graduate and get away from papers to write, books to read, and exams to take—then all will be well. Some singles long to find a partner, marry, and settle down, believing—then—all will be well. Always there is the faith that, although life may not now be what we wish, the future will bring a time when all will be well. We are inveterate people of hope.

Yet life is a process that cannot be rushed. Author Annie Dillard once watched a butterfly hatch from a cocoon. A bit impatient, she decided to gently warm

the cocoon and so hasten the process. It worked, except by rushing the process the butterfly's wings were undeveloped, too weak to fly. All that we hope and long for in life must happen at its own pace, faithful to the process.

How, then, do we negotiate the waiting? The Gospel's encouragement is to pray, but not for what we want. Rather, we are to pray for the strength to stand with hope before the Son of Man, trusting that God will bring forth the goodness we need. Though it may be different than what we seek, it will be what we need. ●

Reflect

How can you better enjoy times of waiting?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 2 Advent Weekday Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11	December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	December 4 Advent Weekday Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37	December 5 Advent Weekday Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27	December 6 Advent Weekday Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31	December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	December 8 Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

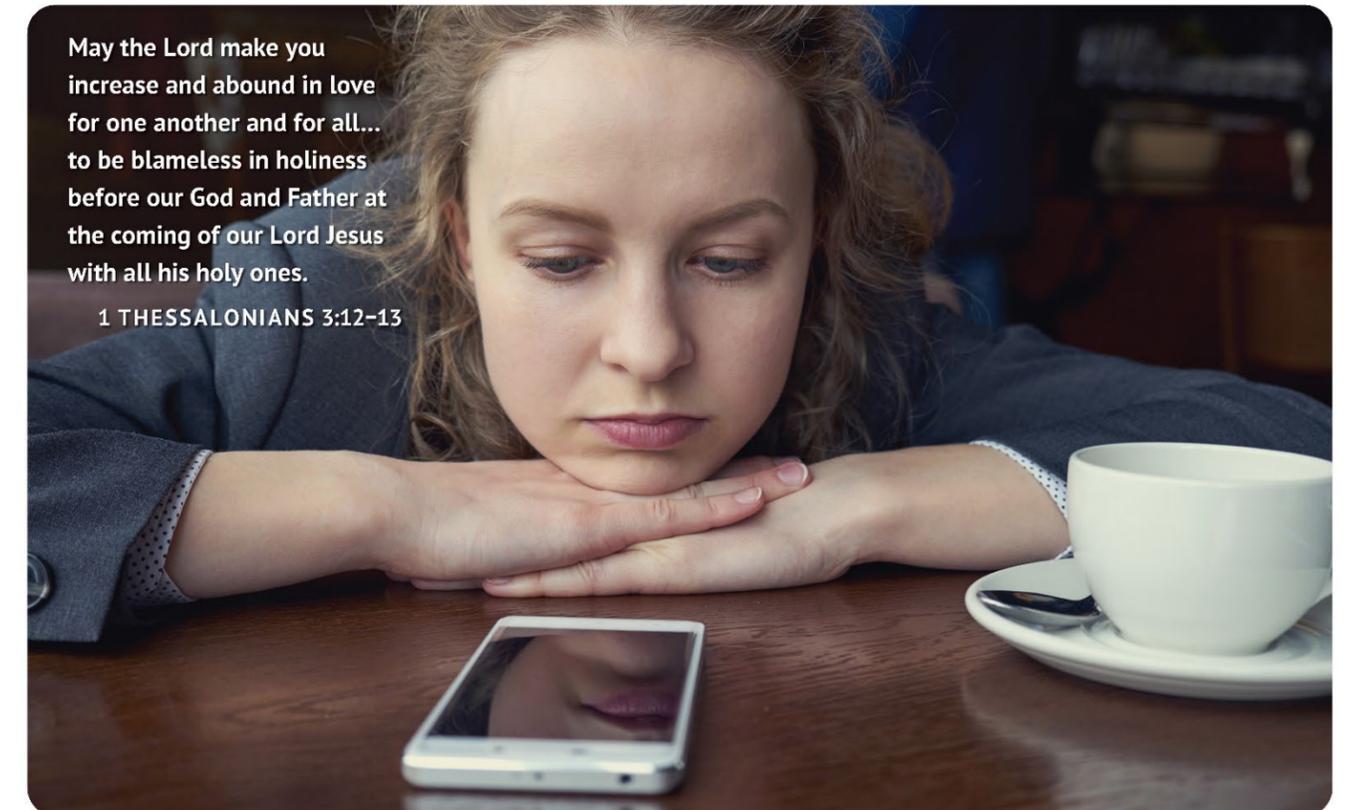
Vigilance means this: not to allow our hearts to become lazy or our spiritual life to soften into mediocrity. Be careful because we can become "sleepy Christians"—and we know there are many Christians who are asleep, who are anesthetized by spiritual worldliness....

This is a sad life going forward this way since there is no happiness.

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May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-13