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

**Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 100):** We are his people: the sheep of his pasture.



*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.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention May:** *For working conditions:* Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

### **Mass Intentions For This Week:**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Saturday	May 10	7:30 p.m. Russell + Frank Horeczy req by the Horeczy family.
Sunday	May 11	9:00 a.m. Russell <b><u>Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.</u></b> + Emilienne Mangin req by George Mangin & family 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul
Monday	May 12	Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
Tuesday	May 13	For Fr Paul req by Jean Goba
Wed	May 14	
Thurs	May 15	No Mass - Treatment
Friday	May 16	8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration 9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Saturday	May 17	7:30 p.m. Russell Special Intentions req by Irene Deschamps
Sunday	May 18	9:00 a.m. Russell <b><u>Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.</u></b> Melvin & Julie Zimmer req by your great grandchildren 11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul

**Marian Month:** For the month of May, the CWL will lead the Rosary. Please come early to join them as they will start leading in prayer at **8:40 a.m.** Thank you!

This year marks St. Joseph's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! If anyone has any ideas as to how we could celebrate this great milestone, please get in touch with the church office. Thank you!

**Congratulations to Nathaly Remenda** and to parents Nathaniel and Lei Anne! Nathaly was baptized yesterday at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Russell.

**Chuckle for the Week!...**Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask you wife when dinner will be ready when she's mowing the lawn.



### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations – May 11**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

### **Canada Health Day – May 12**

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.



**Coffee Sunday** will be held on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> after 9 a.m. Mass following First communion celebrations! *All are welcome to join us to celebrate this great day with the First Communicants from St. Joseph's Parish! We hope to see you there!*

**Remember that a Christian has two mothers:** On Mother's Day, let us Christians acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. Born into humble surroundings, she was called by God to be the Mother of the Son of God. She affirmed her obedience to the call of God, and she lived her vocation throughout her entire life. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, our Blessed Mother, is the true model of motherhood. "It can thus be said that women, by looking to Mary, find in her the secret of living their femininity with dignity and of achieving their own true advancement. In the light of Mary, the Church sees in the face of women the reflection of a beauty which mirrors the loftiest sentiments of which the human heart is capable: the self-offering totality of love; the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows; limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work; the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement" (Pope St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*). The month of May is traditionally the month of Mary. Through Mary, the work of Motherhood is glorified and sanctified. On this Mother's Day, presenting all mothers on the altar, let us sing the beautiful song we sing on the Feast of the Presentation, "*Gentle woman, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.*"



**National Family and Life Week 2025 –** The Catholic faithful across Canada are invited and warmly encouraged to celebrate NFLW 2025 from Sunday, May 11, 2025 to Sunday, May 18, 2025. This annual event is an initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, in collaboration with its Standing Committee for family and Life, and the corresponding Office. In the context of the Jubilee Year of Hope, the theme of this year's NFLW is "**Abound in hope**" inspired by Saint Paul's letter to the Romans "**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit**" (Romans 15:13)

**Congratulations to Pope Leo XIV** on becoming the 267<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Rome and successor to Saint Peter. He was born in Chicago, USA, in 1955 and was ordained a priest of the Order of Saint Augustine in 1981. Since then, he has served in various roles, including Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, from 2015 to 2023. Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Prevost as prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. Let us pray that he may be granted abundant health, strength, and the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in his service to the universal Church. May his pontificate be a time of great renewal, peace, and grace for all.



Dear Padre,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person’s suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1–18	Acts 11:19–26	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26	Acts 13:13–25	Acts 13:26–33	Acts 13:44–52	Acts 14:21–27
Jn 10:1–10	Jn 10:22–30	Jn 15:9–17	Jn 13:16–20	Jn 14:1–6	Jn 14:7–14	Rv 21:1–5a
						Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

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To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

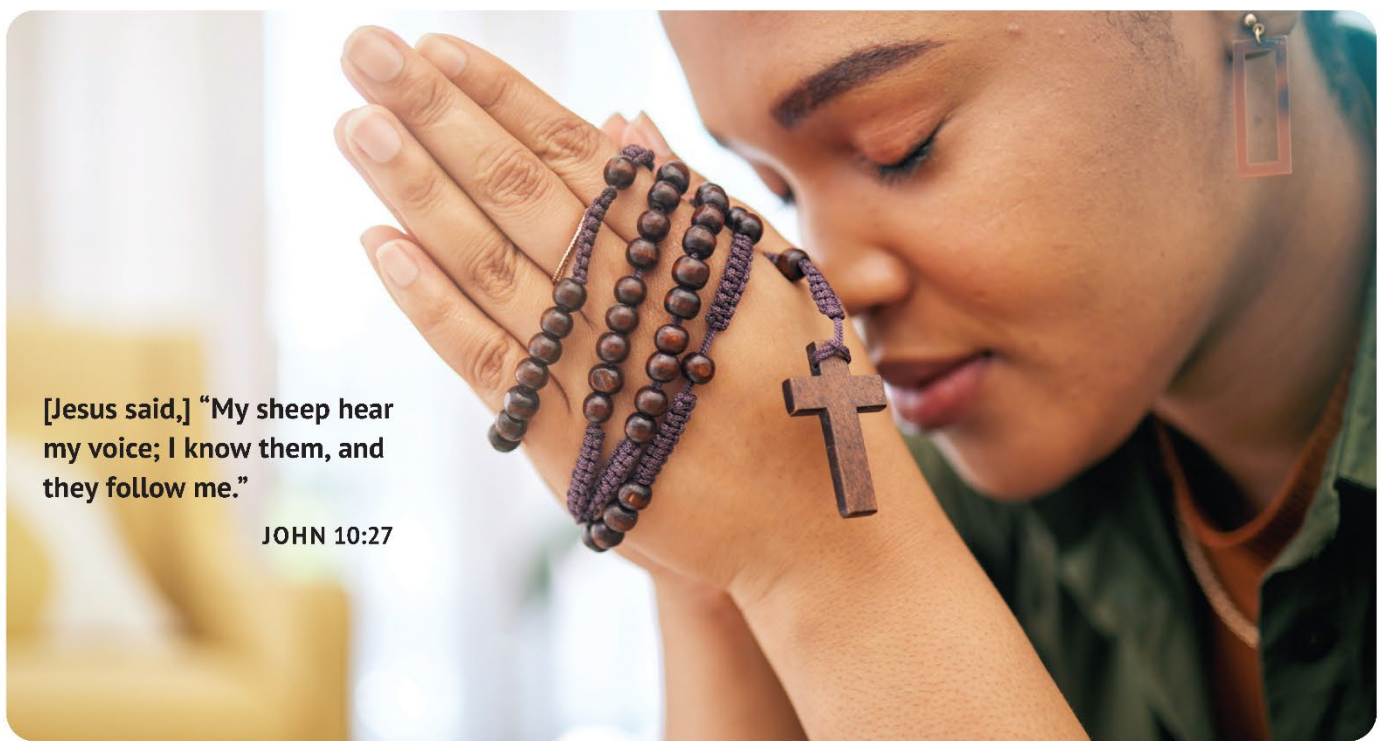
Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One’s core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?  
What do I need to work on?



[Jesus said,] “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”  
JOHN 10:27