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

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24): The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory!

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 February: *For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:* Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Mass Intentions For This Week:

Presentation of the Lord

- Saturday Feb 1 11:00 a.m. Rossburn **Immaculate Heart Of Mary**
+ Art Sabourin req by The Sabourin family
7:30 p.m. Russell – For all parishioners req by Father Paul
- Sunday Feb 2 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 + Eugene Lepischak req by St. Theresa's Parish
- Monday Feb 3 Health of Family & friends req by Jean Goba
- Tuesday Feb 4 For Fr Paul req by Irene Deschamps
- Wed Feb 5 10:30 a.m. **Russell Personal Care Home**
For Fr Paul req by George Mangin & family
- Thurs Feb 6 10:30 a.m. Rossburn Adoration
11:00 a.m. + John Ryshylylo req by McLaughlin & Ryshylylo families
- Friday Feb 7 8:30 a.m. Russell Adoration
9:00 a.m. Fr Paul req by Doug & Donalda Wishart & family
11:00 a.m. **Rossburn Sacred Heart of Jesus**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday Feb 8 7:30 p.m. Russell + Mangin Family req by George Mangin & family
- Sunday Feb 9 9:00 a.m. Russell **Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. and YouTube after 10:15 a.m.**
+ Felicisimo Clave III req by Virginia Sales
11:00 a.m. Rossburn For all parishioners req by Father Paul **Pot Luck to follow Mass**

****First communion** classes will be today, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Next class will be February 23rd at 10:00 a.m. after 9 a.m. mass. Thank you!

*****St. Theresa's pot luck will be held on Sunday, February 9th, following Mass.*****

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

Most Reverend Murray Chatlain will be installed as the 8th Archbishop of Winnipeg on Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.

World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2

The purpose of the day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

**Called By Name Sunday
February 1st & 2nd**

This weekend throughout the archdiocese is Called By Name Sunday: an initiative of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Office of Vocations. At every parish in the archdiocese, our priests will share the story of their vocation to the priesthood - how he listened and responded to God's call. As part of this special weekend, we are asking you to participate in two ways:

- 1) Be open to God's call. For those who are able – be open the call to the priesthood or religious life. These vocations are beautiful gifts both to the Church and to those who are called. So be open, and be courageous if you hear the call.
- 2) Spend time this week praying about someone in our parish whom God may be calling to the priesthood - someone with the qualities that you would want in your priest.

This week at all the Masses, we will have cards in the Bulletin for you to share that person's name and contact information. Archbishop Gagnon and our Director of Vocations, Fr. Peter Nemcek, will then send them a letter of encouragement along with Fr. Peter's contact information should they wish to follow up.

God is the one who calls, but He often uses our voice of encouragement



Sunday, March 2, 2025

1:30 – 4:30 PM

**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH AUDITORIUM
ESTERHAZY, SK.**

Coffee and Goodies Mid Afternoon

Donna Neyedley (Gerald, Sk), retired counselor/social worker with a number of certificates to her credit as well as years of experience to round out her qualifications, will lead us through these topics:

- *What is stress?*
- *What causes us to stress?*
- *Symptoms of stress.*
- *Ways to deal with stress.*

There will be time for discussion as well as an opportunity for any private conversation with Donna.

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Need more information?

Donna Neyedley 306-745-2435

Cathy Giroux 306-745-2040

and invitation to do so. With your help, we can make this Called By Name Sunday a great success that will bear fruit in our archdiocese for generations to come. Thank you for your openness and generous participation.

The Feast of Candlemas. This feast is also known as Candlemas because of the tradition of blessing and distributing candles and holding a candlelight procession on this day. These practices are drawn from Simeon's words in the gospel for this feast, in which he prophesies that the child Jesus will become “a light for revelation to the Gentiles.”

Let us put ourselves in God's presence: Simeon and Anna are an example to those of us of every age that we can rewire our brains and our souls to put ourselves in the presence of God in our everyday lives. In the ordinariness of our everyday temples of work and home and school and church, we can listen to the prompting of God's Spirit, perceive God afoot in the mundane, and gracefully live in constant expectation of God adventing in our lives. We can daily experience the power of Christ's presence point Christ out to others. Fr. Tony (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>) L/25

Dear Padre,

What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.



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Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22–38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:32).

Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year. ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 3 <i>Weekday</i>	February 4 <i>Weekday</i>	February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	February 7 <i>Weekday</i>	February 8 <i>Weekday</i>	February 9 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Heb 11:32–40 Mk 5:1–20	Heb 12:1–4 Mk 5:21–43	Heb 12:4–7, 11–15 Mk 6:1–6	Heb 12:18–19, 21–24 Mk 6:7–13	Heb 13:1–8 Mk 6:14–29	Heb 13:15–17, 20–21 Mk 6:30–34	Is 6:1–2a, 3–8 1 Cor 15:1–11 or 15:3–8, 11 Lk 5:1–11



DANIEL IBAÑEZ / CNA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like Simeon, let us also pick up this child, the God of newness and surprises.... Let us be restless, let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna.... If, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1–4 / Hebrews 2:14–18 / Luke 2:22–40 or 2:22–32



Blessings of Many Shapes

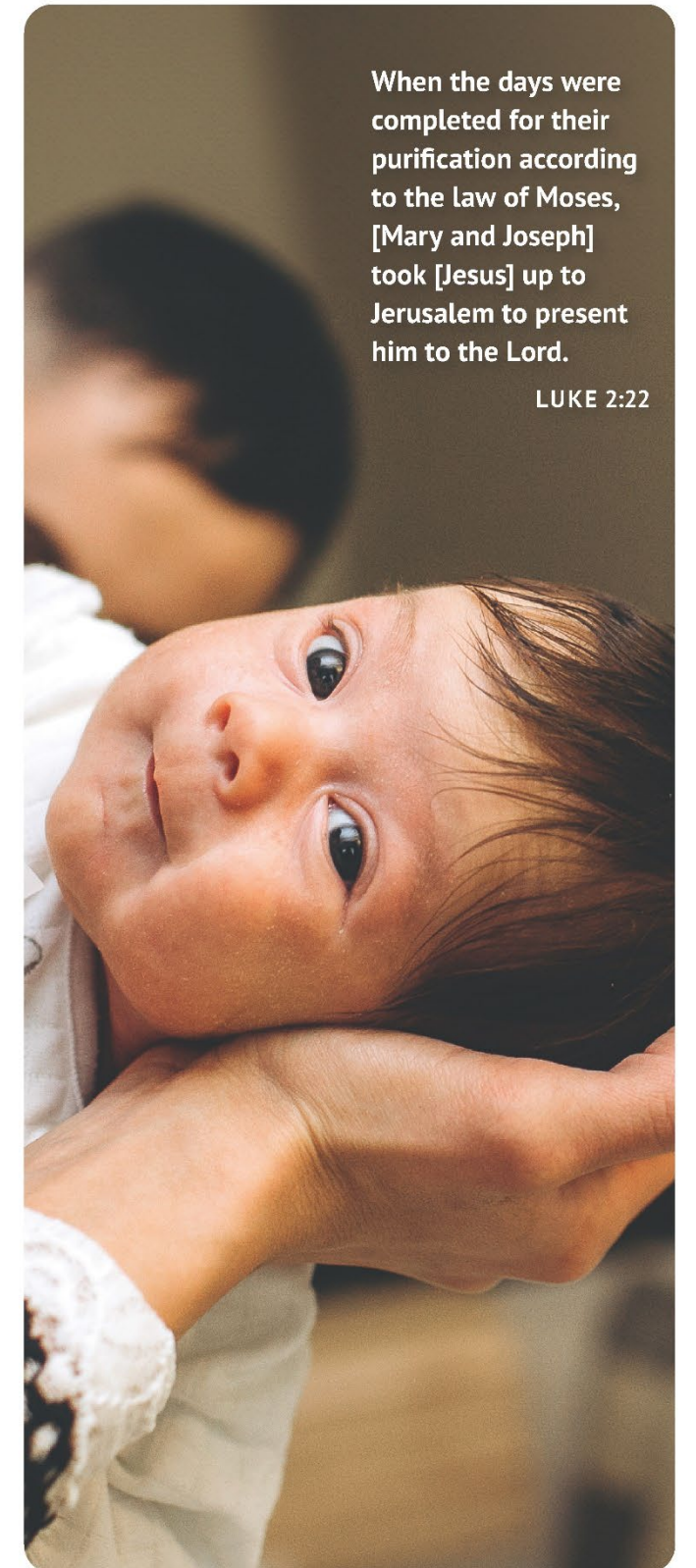
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce” (Luke 2:34–35).

Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came. ●

Reflect

Call to mind someone you love deeply and remind yourself that God loves him or her even more.



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] took [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

LUKE 2:22