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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB

St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB

**Responsorial Psalm 85:** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

### St. Theresa's Parish News:

If anyone has any personal petitions, you can place them in the box at the back of the church. They will not be individually read but prayed for generally.

\*\*\*\*\***Sunday Mass have resumed at St. Theresa's, (masks are mandatory) \*\*\*\*\*: To attend Sunday Mass you need to register. Please call Emile Sabourin or Lynda Ryshytylo to register for Sunday Mass.**

**Annual Mass, Cemetery & Graveyard Blessing will be held at Our Lady of Assumption, Roman Catholic Church (Oakburn Farm), on Saturday, August 15, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Picnic lunch to follow, bring own food & beverages. If indoors, face masks are required & social distancing. Everyone welcome!**

### St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:

\*\*\*\*\***Since Covid Epidemic has created a need for ushers & sanitizers following Saturday & Sunday Masses, please, if you are able to help in some way – call the parish office and leave a message. \*\*\***

### \*\*\*\*\*Very Important Notice at Russell, St. Joseph's Parish\*\*\*\*\*

-Russell, St. Joseph's Parish has **begun weekend masses on Saturdays, (7:30 pm) & Sundays, (9:00 am). Please note the following:**

-People wanting to come to weekend mass, need to first call to register. They need to leave a message at the parish office, 204-773-2924 with the following information: mass day requesting, number & names of people attending, and a number so we may return their call, or an email address. Once a message has been received at the parish office, parishioners will be receiving a return call mid-week before the weekend mass - to confirm their attendance, from the parish office.

-Please know masks will be provided for you if you do not have one (wearing masks are mandatory).

-Please arrive early before mass, to ensure you are in the church before the door is locked preventing access from the outside, since we cannot have numbers which may exceed church capacity. An usher will greet you & explain protocols.

-If you wish to make a parish offering and/or your S.G.G. contribution, please mail to St. Joseph's The Worker Box 776, Russell R0J 1W0.

-If you have any questions or concerns please call the parish office for clarification, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Father Paul

**Our parish congratulates Curtis Kempthorne** who was received into the Roman Catholic Church this past Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Congratulations** to Dominyk, Kaydence, William & Sharlie Kempthorne who have received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion this past Friday!

**Please Note:** We will be starting our children's collection next weekend!

**Thank you to all volunteers who give their time, care and generosity to usher & sanitize our Parishes after mass!**

### Mass Intentions For The Week:

#### Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug 8	7:30 p.m. Russell:	Special intentions req. Dwayne Pastuck
Sunday Aug 9	9:00 a.m. Russell:	Deacon Darin, Aug. 30 <sup>th</sup> , Anniversary of Ordination req. Carlene
	11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	For all Parishioners req. Father Paul

#### Monday Aug 10 No Mass

Tuesday Aug 11	6:30 p.m. Russell:	For health of family req. Jean Goba
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Wed. Aug 12	9:00 a.m. Russell:	Special intentions req. Albina Kozak
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Thursday Aug 13	9:00 a.m. Russell:	Mass
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	10:30 a.m. Rossburn:	Adoration
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	11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	+Rose Onofrey req. Nellie Kaskiw
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Friday Aug 14	8:30 a.m. Russell:	Adoration
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	9:00 a.m. Russell:	+Emilienne Mangin req. Frank & Madeline Mangin
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#### Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday Aug 15	7:30 p.m. Russell:	For family req. Mary Shenderevich
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Sunday Aug 16	9:00 a.m. Russell:	For all Parishioners req. Father Paul
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	11:00 a.m. Rossburn:	Karen Shaw speedy recovery return of health req. St. Theresa's Parish
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**Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kaposvar – Annual Pilgrimage** (near Esterhazy, SK) – Sunday, August 16th. For more information contact: Eola Stevenson 306-740-6095. Details to follow. **Cancelled!!!**

### Growing God's Kingdom in a Material World Series - Growing the Stewardship Garden, Fr. John Weekend

The analogy of comparing the various plots of a garden to different ways in which stewardship applies to many facets of our everyday lives was first introduced to me a number of years ago in a talk given by Robert Morneau, retired auxiliary bishop of Green Bay Wisconsin. What I would like to do in this presentation is to expand on that analogy and explore 12 areas relating to stewardship that might be a little surprising. (12-Part Series continued in coming weeks):

#### 8. Our Cultural Garden

Our world would be a dull and colourless place without the creativity of music, literature, drama, poetry and the many visual genres of art which enrich life and lift the human spirit. Many of us have varying degrees of ability in some of these fields. Unfortunately, we have perhaps left this particular plot dormant too long by not taking the time to develop the blossoming talents of an earlier part of our life. And even if we, personally, have little, talent wise, to contribute to the arts, have we supported those in our local communities, our schools and amateur companies in their efforts? Unfortunately, it is often the arts and cultural plots that are the first victims that are deemed expendable whenever priorities are set by our society. And yet it is this very part of the garden that provides the beauty and imagination that empowers and inspires the human will to overcome the major life challenges that we have to face.

### August 9, 2020 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship Message

*"He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."* (Matthew 14:29)

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

**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.

# Dear Padre,

The Bible is critical to our Christian lives, but why is it so hard to understand?

The Bible is a unique piece of literature—perhaps the most distinctive in the world. In fact, it is not just one publication. The word *Bible* derives from a word meaning “library.” The Bible is a library of books—seventy-two books, to be exact—dating from antiquity, written and edited by authors known and unknown. It contains, as any library would, a vast array of literary forms and expressions. It covers more than 3,000 years of history. Reading and understanding the Bible, and living up to its precepts, is indeed a formidable task and will take us all a lifetime to do.

The first key to the Bible is noting that this isn’t just the work of human authors; it is the word of God. We acknowledge the human element of the Bible, the authors’ lived experience, the historical circumstances that form the background of the revelation. But we believe unequivocally that the truth and meaning of the Bible is the inspiration of God. The Catholic view is that God was able to reveal truth through the work of sacred writers.

The Scriptures are layered accounts. They begin with historical facts, followed by years of oral tradition, and ending with the author’s final version.



The best way to familiarize yourself with Scripture is to find a good Bible-study program or group. This will acquaint you with the history of Israel, the times and culture in which the Bible was written, and its rich variety of literary forms. Enjoy your biblical journey.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations, and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION, JUNE 19, 2015

## Calendar

**Monday**  
AUGUST 10  
St. Lawrence,  
Deacon and Martyr  
2 Cor 9:6–10  
Jn 12:24–26

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 11  
St. Clare, Virgin  
Ez 2:8–3:4  
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 12  
Weekday  
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22  
Mt 18:15–20

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 13  
Weekday  
Ez 12:1–12  
Mt 18:21–19:1

**Friday**  
AUGUST 14  
St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr  
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63  
or 16:59–63  
Mt 19:3–12

**Saturday**  
AUGUST 15  
The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rv 11:19a;  
12:1–6a, 10ab  
1 Cor 15:20–27  
Lk 1:39–56

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 16  
Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 56:1, 6–7  
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32  
Mt 15:21–28

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a

Rom 9:1–5

Mt 14:22–33

## Who Are the People of God?

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council’s Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church’s understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4–5: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism” (*UR* 2). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), “calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God” (*LG* 9).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes

today’s second reading and later states: “This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues” (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced “great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart” (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

★ The original followers of Jesus were simply different kinds of Jews.

★ Much of our Christian religious tradition is grounded in the Old Testament.



[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

MATTHEW 14:30–31

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