

Dear Padre,

Please clarify for me what the Church considers as “gossip.” Is it that bad?

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are “detraction” and “calumny.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is “without objectively valid reason, disclosing another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them.” Calumny occurs when a person, “by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today’s Gospel: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Ascension of the Lord
Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 18:9-18	Acts 18:23-28	Acts 1:1-11
Jn 15:26-16:4a	Jn 16:5-11	Jn 16:12-15	Jn 16:16-20	Jn 16:20-23	Jn 16:23b-28	Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13
						Mk 16:15-20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be; as they are, gratuitously....Not controlling, serving them. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 9, 2021

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 5, 2024

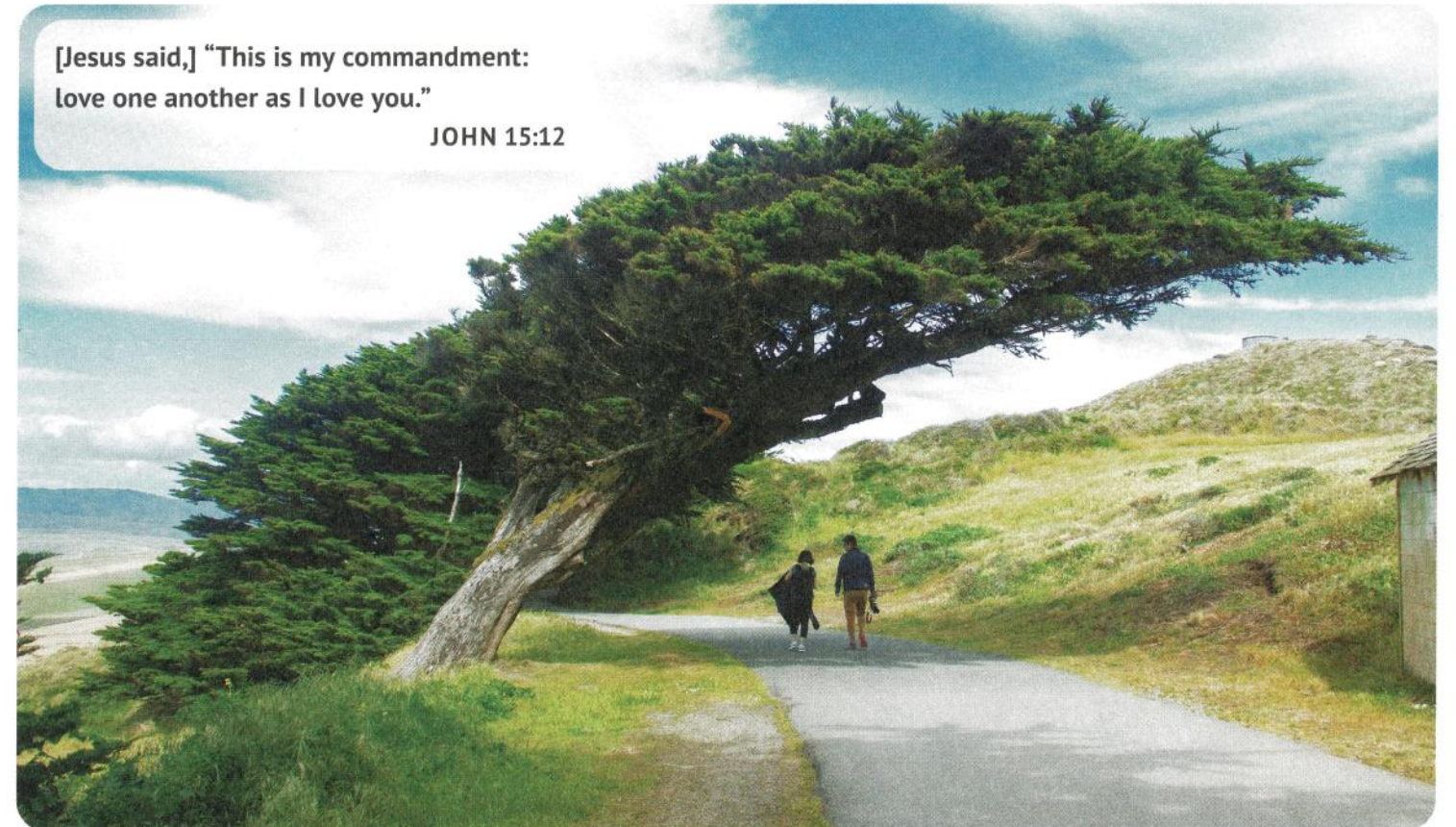
Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 John 4:7-10 / John 15:9-17



[Jesus said,] “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”

JOHN 15:12



We’re Like Trees

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A while back I decided to plant two saplings that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight*. So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus. ●

Reflect

Think of everyone with whom you have some difficulty and name a good quality of each one.

Parish Picnic 9/15/24
Next mtg:
June 26, 2024

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



May 2024 Mass Schedule

St. Joachim	Mon:	8:00 AM
St. James	Tues:	8:15 AM
St. Joachim	Wed:	8:15 AM
St. James	Thurs:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Fri:	8:00 AM
St. James	First Sat:	8:00 AM
St. James 1st & 3rd	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. Joachim 2nd/4th	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. James	Sun	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 AM

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM;
prior to Sat evening Mass
Or by appointment

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Live Your Life for an Audience
of ONE: **GOD!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: May 6, 2024			
MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
May 07 TUE	8:15 AM	MaryAnn DeGonia	
May 08 WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
May 09 THU	8:00 AM	Jacob Mathis-birthday	
May 10 FRI	3:00 PM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
May 11 SAT	8:00 AM	No Mass	
May 11 SAT	4:00 PM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
May 12 SUN	8:00 AM	(Mass @ St. Joachim)	
May 12 SUN	10:00 AM	Nancy Richardson	

We Need Your Help Please

Have you moved, or have you changed your Phone number? Are you new to our parish? If so, please call the office to register, or update your information. 573-438-4686

Week of: April 28, 2024

Envelope.....\$	1158.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	25.00
Loose	230.00	On-Line donations.....\$	80.60
SVDP.....	78.00		
Votive Lights.....\$	46.00		

Special Ministers May 12, 2024

Lectors:
Sunday 10:00 am
Maci Mueller & Laura Allen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion : Sunday 10:00 am

C: Mary Roy
L: Kim Colman
R: Judy East

Sat: 4:00 pm (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 8:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 10:00 am Abraham Rolwes, Lane Battreal & Joshua Kearns

Music:

Sat: 4:00 pm. Chala
Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of May: breakfast food, oatmeal, cereal, breakfast bars

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 05/10: Faye Jarvis
Altar Linens: 05/13: Connie Scott

A BRAND NEW ROOF ON THE PAVILION!!!!

Just in case you haven't noticed, we have a new roof on our pavilion!! St. James Knights paid for all of the repairs. It looks great and will now last a whole lot longer!! We'd like to send a huge parish "THANK YOU" to our Knights for making this happen. So when you see any one of the members, let them know how much we appreciate them!



Clarity House Friday evening Rosary & Mass

May 10th. Come celebrate the Holy Mass with us. All are Welcome!! The evening starts at 6:00 pm with the rosary and prayers of intention. It is followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. Then we share refreshments & fellowship. All are invited and welcome to attend. Also, there are bedrooms available if anyone wants to reserve one for the night. Please contact Mary Roy @ 636-234-6680 and let her know if you'd like a room.

If anyone wants to ride together, please call the church office and let us know! We will drive the church van if there are enough riders. (5:00 pm departure)

WORD OF LIFE

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid" NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission

May our example give witness to the precious gift of human life and our responsibility to protect it until its natural end; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

May 05: First Holy Communion
May 08: Parish Mission Meeting
May 07: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
May 10: Friday Evening Rosary & Mass @ Clarity House
May 12: May Crowning
May 13: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
May 14: Parish Council mtg, 5:30 pm, Rectory
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30, Parish Hall
May 19: Healing service at T. Rose at 2:00
May 20: Rural Parish Clinic here at St. James 8:00 am
Jul 17: National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN

MISSION MEETING

St. James along with St. Joachim, St. Stephen and St. Michaels will be hosting a mission Saturday, September 28th, through Thursday October 3rd. St. James will be having our first mission meeting for our parish on Wednesday, May 8th, at 6:00pm in the parish hall. We are inviting all parishioners to come and be a part of our parish mission. Kim Coleman, Judy Wright and Diane McGirl would be happy to answer any of your question. We are looking forward to seeing you at our first mission meeting on Wednesday, May 8th.

Mission Dates: September 29th thru October 3rd, 2024

Clarity House of Retreat:

There will be a sewing retreat at the Clarity House, May 16-19. Bring your sewing projects and share a stress free relaxing weekend w/others that share your love of sewing!! More information on the facebook page.



Cemetery Clean Up!

Flowers and Decoration that are not permitted have been removed and have been placed behind the large crucifix at the cemetery. They will be put in the trash the first week of June if they have not been picked up. Please keep in mind that the wind has been busy. Thank you for your cooperation. God Bless.



ACA

For those who have not completed their ACA contribution cards, please see Mr. Jim Politte after Mass on Saturday 4:00 pm or Sunday 10:00 am. He will be available in the Hall to help fill them out.

The Church dedicates the month of May to celebrating Mary and the Rosary....

MARY AND THE BLESSED TRINITY
"Through the Incarnation of our Lord in her immaculate womb, Mary, the Daughter of God the Father, is also the Spouse of God the Holy Spirit and the Mother of God the Son." Let us offer to our Mother today: A "Hail Mary" each time the clock strikes another hour.



HEALING SERVICE

For those looking for healing services, there is a service scheduled for May 19th at St. Rose of Lima in DeSoto, 2:00 pm in the Church. There will be showing of the "Fearless" documentary before the service. If you've not been to a healing service, this is a great opportunity.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. When we remain in Him, our words and actions witness to His love. United as one Church For the Life of the World through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our gifts sustain life-giving ministries and services that lead others to Christ and help countless people of all faiths in situations of need and suffering.

Make a gift online at aca.archstl.org or use Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725

*****Formed*****

Easter and the Resurrection-by the Augustine Institute Alleluia! He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection and the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.

Living Easter as a Season

What to we do after the resurrection? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Eastertide!

Question & Answer:

Questions:

At Mass every Sunday in my parish, able-bodied lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) do not kneel at the consecration. Is this allowed? And one priest keeps saying, at the consecration, "which will be poured out for you and FOR ALL." Is this permitted as well?

Answer:

Let's consider your second question first because, while both are errors, the second is the more serious matter. No priest or even a bishop can change the translation of the holy sacrifice of the Mass from "for many" to "for all." Only the Apostolic See, with the confirmation of the pope, can do that. Canon 846 of the Code of Canon Law states, "The liturgical books approved by the competent authority are to be faithfully observed in the celebration of the sacraments; therefore no one on personal authority may add, remove or change anything in them."

It is true that "for all" was once permitted in the vernacular Mass translations of the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, but this was officially changed as a part of the process of the Church's offering a more faithful translation of the liturgy—more faithful, that is, to the official Latin text of the Missale Romanum promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI and later revised by Popes St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI. In answer to your first question, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) 43 clearly provides, "In the dioceses of the United States of America, [the faithful] should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus [Holy, Holy, Holy] until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by reasons of health, lack of space, the large number of people present, or some other good reason. Those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the priest genuflects after the consecration."

Notice that, in normal circumstances, the priest alone is presumed to be standing (he has to be in order to genuflect). Of course he is, because everyone else was standing for the prayers of the faithful until the end of the Sanctus. The priest (or priests) alone are to be standing at this point; all other members of the faithful are to be kneeling. There are no exceptions for lectors and EMHCs unless, as noted, there is some extraordinary circumstance(s). Even deacons are to kneel (GIRM 179).

Saint Quote

"Receive every trial, every annoyance, every lack of courtesy in the light that springs from the Cross; that is how we please God, how we advance in the ways of love."

Elizabeth of the Trinity

PARISH PICNIC NEWS!!!

There was so great of a response for volunteers last year! Everyone had so much fun working together and enjoying the friendship. If you have never volunteered before this is the year to try!! We have a spot for you. There is always room in the kitchen for small jobs or big. If you want to help at the tables there are many spots open. The help lists are many, please consider joining the fun.



The bottles are never too small to bring by and place in the back of church for the big hit-Bottle Game!!

The silent auction can make room for one or two creative or just useful donations. Gift card trees or a homemade dinner are quick to go.



Our next Picnic mtg is scheduled for June 26th @ 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We strongly encourage our parish family to come to the next mtg and get involved. Lets make this year's picnic as good if not better than last year! :-)

St. James PSR NEWS

** Next in-person class: Wednesday, May 15th: Last PSR Class this year. PSR and Picnic!

May Crowning is May 12th, following 10:00 am Mass

Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.



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HOLY SPIRIT
AND
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

MAY 12—20, 2024

HOSTED BY ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, BONNE TERRE, MO.

PARTNERING WITH NEIGHBORING PARISHES IN THE AREA

MAY 12, DAY 1: SOLEMNITY OF ASCENSION SUNDAY*	(SUNDAY MASS)
MAY 13, DAY 2: REV. ANTHONY DATILO	(7:00 P.M. MASS)
MAY 14, DAY 3; REV. JAMES FRENCH	(7:00 P.M. MASS)
MAY 15, DAY 4; MOST REVEREND MARK S. RIVITUSO	(7:00 P.M. MASS)
MAY 16, DAY 5; REV. MICHAEL LYDON, EPISCOPAL VICAR	(7:00 P.M. MASS)
MAY 17, DAY 6; REV. RODGER FLEMING	(7:00 P.M. MASS)
MAY 18, DAY 7; SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY*	(SAT. VIGIL MASS)
MAY 19, DAY 8; SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY*	(SUNDAY MASS)
MAY 20, DAY 9; REV. VINCENT NYMAN FEAST, MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH	(7:00 P.M. MASS)

*On the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, the Novena prayer will be recited during 10-minute Eucharistic Adoration followed by Benediction as an extension of the Mass.

On each night of the Novena, the Rosary will be prayed outside the church, next to the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at 6:00 p.m.

Throughout the Novena, there will be an opportunity to be enrolled in the Miraculous Medal of the Immaculate Conception. Medals will be blessed and given to new members.

There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, May 17, at 6:00—6:45.

There will be refreshments offered after the services on May 15 and May 20.

BRUISED & WOUNDED

STRUGGLING TO UNDERSTAND SUICIDE

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Southern Vicariate of the
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI to kick off our series of evening programs designed to address the pain of suicide.

Fr. Rolheiser, author of "Bruised and Wounded," will offer insights to help us remove the taboo of suicide and to reclaim the memory of our loved ones.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

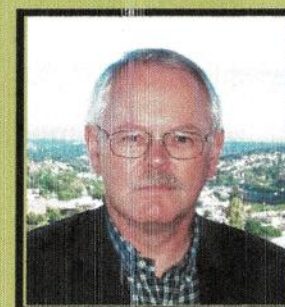
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