

Dear Padre,

Where does the Hail Mary prayer come from?

The Hail Mary owes its origin to the rosary. The traditional story of the rosary was that Mary herself appeared to St. Dominic in the twelfth century and gave him the rosary with the promise that if he spread devotion to the rosary, his religious order would flourish. In the twelfth century, religious orders recited together the 150 psalms as a way to mark the hours of the day and the days of the week. In order to pray the psalms, though, people had to know how to read. People who didn't know how to read wanted to share in the practice, so the rosary, or praying on beads, began as a parallel prayer practice. It was a way that illiterate people could remember the Lord and his Mother throughout the day.

The first rosaries consisted of a string of 150 beads, and, much as we do now, a person would pass over each bead after saying a prayer, usually the Our Father. Later, people added the Archangel Gabriel's greeting—"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"—and later still, Elizabeth's prayer we hear in today's Gospel—"Blessed art thou among women." Finally this prayer was added in the sixteenth century: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 23 Advent Weekday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	December 24 Advent Weekday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79	December 25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	December 26 St. Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22	December 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8	December 28 Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18	December 29 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



YARA MARDI / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do I move forward with hope...? We can also ask for...the grace of a healthy sense of humor: it does so much good.... The first act of charity we can do for our neighbors is to offer them a serene and smiling face. It is bringing the joy of Jesus to them, as Mary did with Elizabeth.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Micah 5:1-4a / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45



Feeling Our Way

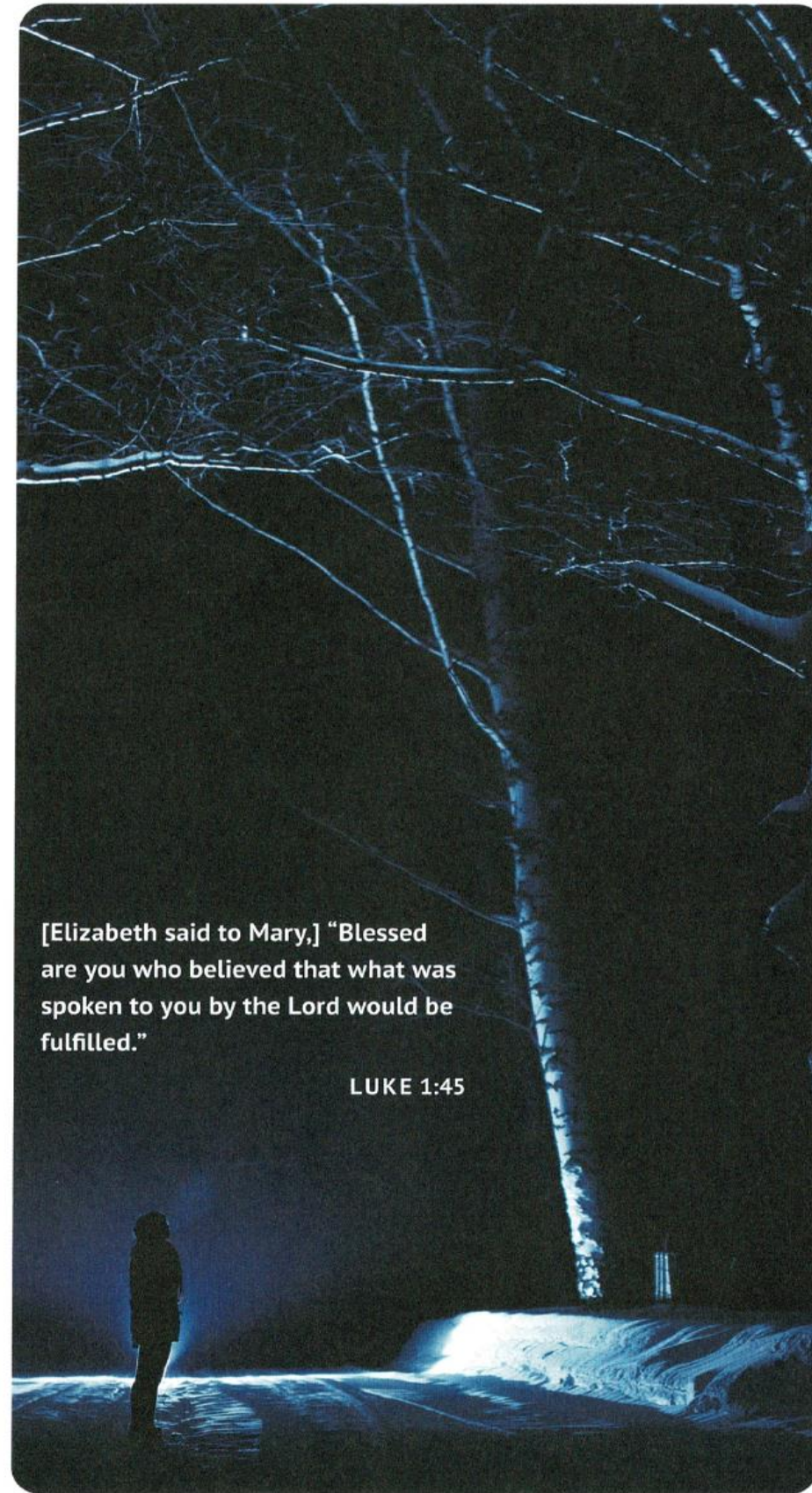
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Most of the time we find ourselves backing our way into the will of God, or maybe even feeling our way into it. There are times when the will of God is quite clear: Should I lie or tell the truth? Should I steal or not? Most often, however, the will of God is not so clear. Too often it becomes a question of how to negotiate an aspect of life that's been handed to us, often a reality we cannot escape. It may be an unwanted divorce, or a son or daughter in a questionable relationship, or an illness that dismantles one's life plans. On the one hand, it is not as if God hands out scripts that we are expected to live by. On the other hand, God is part of all that unfolds. Somewhere in the midst of that is the will of God, which is another way of saying somehow you and I need to negotiate what we never chose, but is now served up by life. Or is it served up by God? Or by our own doing? Or all of that? That's what I mean when I say we feel our way into the will of God.

It is what Jesus sorted out in the desert when he was tempted, "I come to do your will, O God." It is Elizabeth's story of an unexpected pregnancy in her old age. It is Mary saying "Yes" to an uncharted path. Living God's will seems mostly to be a sorting process. ●

Reflect

Have you responded with a whole-hearted "Yes" to God's will for you?

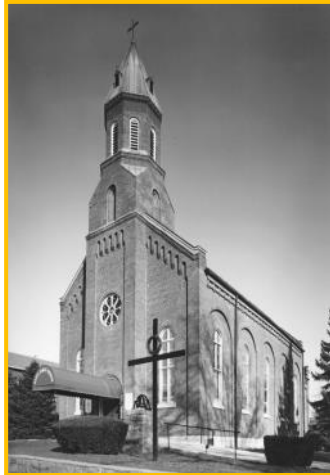


[Elizabeth said to Mary,] "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

LUKE 1:45

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



December 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:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun:	10:00 AM

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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www.stjames-potosi.org

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Confessions:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:

December 23, 2024	8AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Dec 24 TUE	4:00 PM Jack & Mary Lou Malloy & Gary West
Dec 25 WED	10:00 AM Buckshot East
Dec 26 THU	8:15 AM NO MASS
Dec 27 FRI	8:00 AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Dec 28 SAT	4:00 PM Mass @ St. Joachim
Dec 29 SUN	8:00 AM Bess Lalumondier



December 15, 2024

Envelope.....\$	1535 .00	Stainglass Window...\$	500.00
Loose collections..\$	654.00		
SVDP.....\$	209 .00		
Votive Lights.....\$	5 .00		
Main & Repairs.....\$	90 .60		
On-Line donations....\$	65.60		
Christmas Flowers....\$	82.00		
Funeral dinner...\$	137.00		
Immaculate concep...\$	55.00		
Christmas offering....\$	125.00		



December 29th 2024

Lectors

Sunday 08:00 am

Jeanne DeGonia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C:Jim Politte

L:Jamie Thompson

R:Don Thompson

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Joachim

Sun: 08:00 am Ava & Garryn West

Music:

Sat: 4:00 pm. Chala

Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards

Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

St Vincent DePaul December collection: Soup, Crackers, and Peanut Butter. :)

Faith, Hope, and Charity

Heavenly Duster: 12/13: **Glenda Farrow**
Altar Linens: 12/16: **Faye Jarvis**

Glen has a sign up sheet for Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, and Servers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Please volunteer



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WILL BE DELIVERED
DECEMBER 23RD AROUND 9:30 - 10:30 AM,
PLEASE IF ANYONE HAS TIME TO HELP
DECORATE THE CHURCH COME HELP.

*****Formed*****

Restless Heart

This first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

Formed is free to the parishioners, paid for by St. James parish. It is simple to put on your phone.

- Go to : <http://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 63664
- Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you are in!

What's on the Calendar???

- Dec 25: The Nativity of the LORD
- Dec 28: The Holy Innocents
- Jan 01: New Years Day
- Jan 03: The most Holy name of Jesus: First Friday
- Jan 06: Rural Parish Clinic
- Jan 07: Ladies Sodality mgt @ 1pm
- Jan 10: Clarity House 6PM
- Jan 13: Knights of Columbus mgt 6:30pm
- Jan 13: Parish Council mgt 5:30pm
- Jan 15: Picnic mgt 6pm/parish hall
- Jan 13: St. Vincent De Paul mgt 6PM
- Jan 18: Food Pantry Giveaway



National Shrine Named Sacred Pilgrimage Site for Jubilee Year of Hope

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has designated the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, as a Sacred Pilgrimage Site for Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Hope. Please join us for a special Mass at the National Shrine on Sunday, December 29, at 11:00 a.m. The Jubilee Year of Hope begins December 24, 2024, and continues through January 6, 2026.

When making a solemn, prayerful visit to the National Shrine and/or any designated sacred site, the faithful can obtain a Jubilee Indulgence:

- by participation in Holy Mass or another liturgical service such as Morning or Evening Prayer or acts of piety such as Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, or visits to the Blessed Sacrament;
- and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith from Mass, and a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For more information, please contact our office at 1-800-264-6279 or e-mail us at ammfather@amm.org.



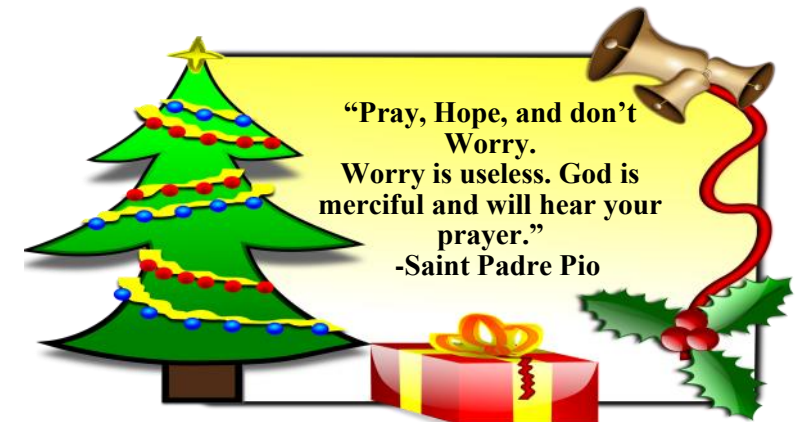
Cemetery Lots

New prices have been sent for the purchase of cemetery lots at Calvary Cemetery. The new prices will be put in place January 1, 2025. Perpetual care is a one time only fee, however, envelopes for continued care, maintenance mowing, cleanup of the cemetery will be an ongoing request. Parishioners (Envelope, registered) \$400 plus \$100 for perpetual care Non-Parishioner (Non Envelope, family member of registered member) \$600 plus \$100 for perpetual care Section 100 (Cremation & Babies) FREE (infant under 1 years old) \$200 plus \$100 for perpetual care (1 person) \$300 plus \$100 for perpetual care (2 persons)

SOUP AND CHILI POT LUCK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH AFTER 4PM
MASS @ ST. JAMES

COME JOIN OUR FELLOWSHIP .
WE WILL BE TAKING
DONATIONS @ AT THE DOOR AND
AUCTIONING OFF BAKED GOODS TO
RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR WINDOW
RESTORATION.
ALL IS INVITED!!



"Pray, Hope, and don't Worry.
Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."
-Saint Padre Pio

First Thursday of every month is ADORATION
If interested in spending an hour at church for adoration there is a sign up sheet in the back of church.
Please consider

Liturgical Composers Concert, Thursday, January 30, 7-8:30 pm at Mercy Center Chapel, 2039 N. Geyer Rd, Frontenac (in person or live stream). General admission \$25, Preferred Seating/Reception with Composers \$50, Individual Live Stream \$15. Register and pay at www.mercycenterstl.org/liturgical-composers-concert.

St. James PSR NEWS

Congratulations to: Cooper Aubuchon, Gabriel Belfield, Mason Healy, & Jayden Williamson, on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May God's blessing be with them.

18th Class and Christmas Party
PSR will resume Wednesday, January 8th

Thanks to the volunteers who braved the cold Christmas parade and to the youth who participated in the Christmas concert. You guys ROCK

Wishing all my students and parents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Contact Laura at 573-366-5235 with any questions.

