

Dear Padre,

In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?

Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

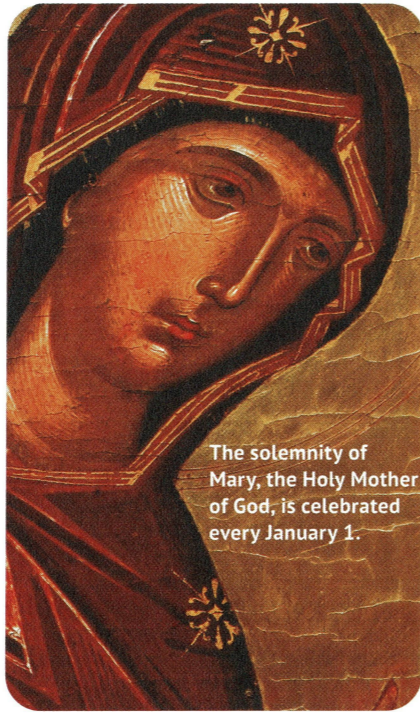
Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

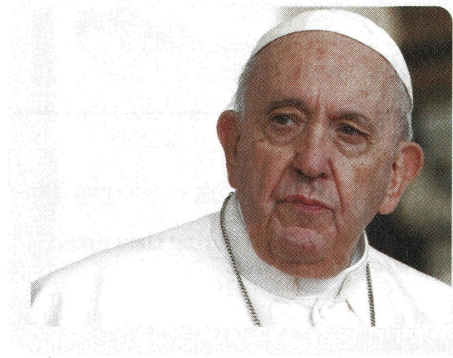
During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27 Weekday	November 28 Weekday	November 29 Weekday	November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle	December 1 Weekday	December 2 Weekday	December 3 First Sunday of Advent
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters—whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37-40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.

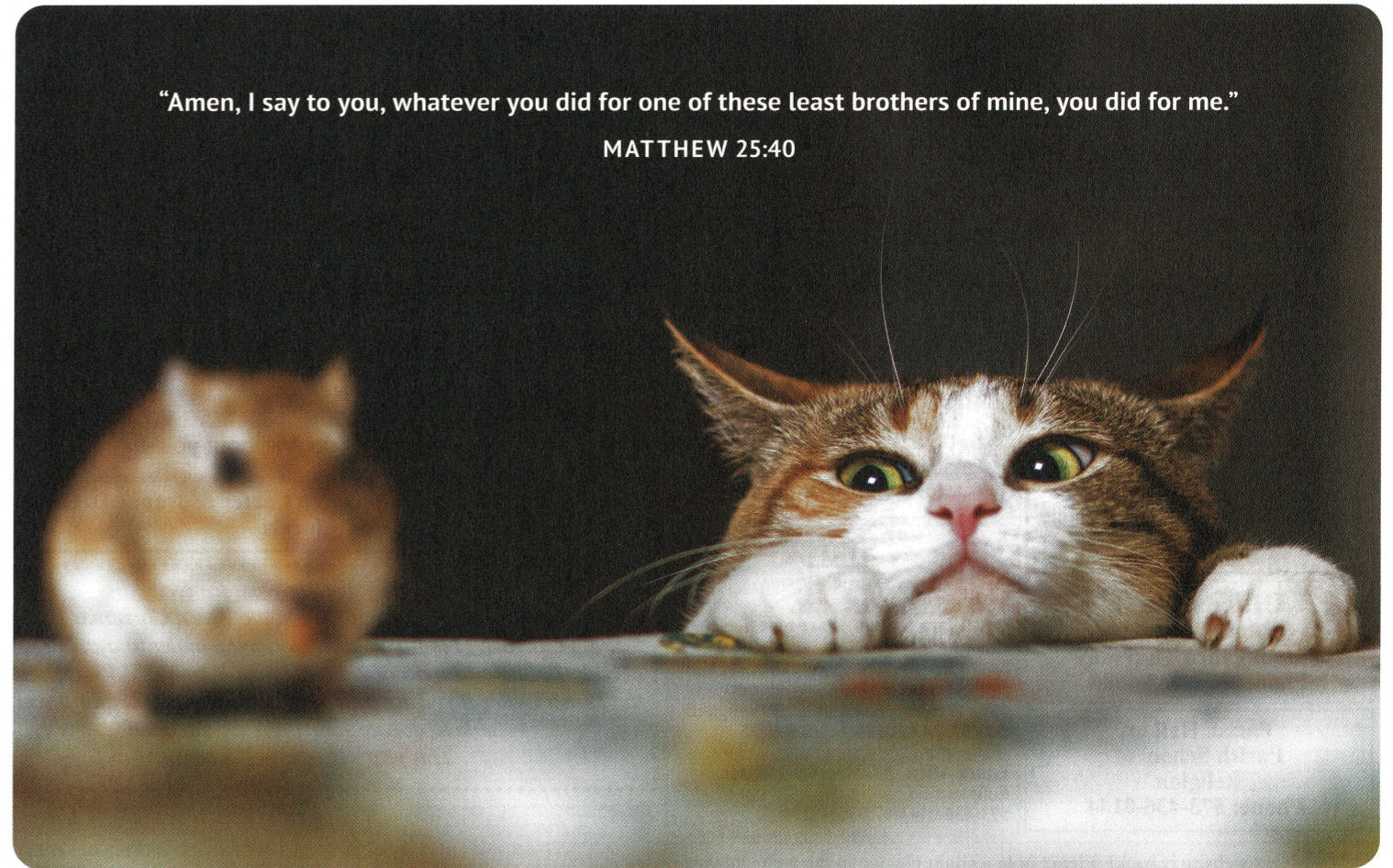
HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 / Matthew 25:31-46



“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

MATTHEW 25:40

Pay Attention to Your Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. ●

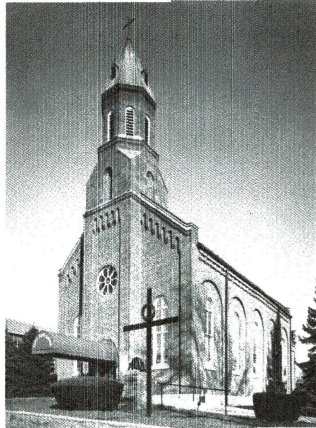
Reflect

Has your instinct to care for the underdog ever not made sense to others?



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



December 2023 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

*HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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WEBSITE: *****
www.stjames-potosi.org
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

Office Hours:
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday thru Thursday
Phone: 573-438-4686

**Parish Hall or
Parish School of
Religion**
Phone: 573-436-0144

Confessions:

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

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www.stjames-potosi.org. There is a dash "-" between stjames & Potosi. Welcome back :-)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: November 27, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Nov 28 TUE	8:15 AM	"Thanks & Praise to God"
Nov 29 WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Nov 30 THU	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere
Dec 01 FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Dec 02 SAT	8:00 AM	Barbara Whitlock
Dec 02 SAT	4:00 PM	Parish Family
Dec 03 SUN	10:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Dec 03 SUN	8:00 AM	Alvina Coleman



Week of: November 19th, 2023

Envelope.....\$	3915.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	160.00
Loose	442.00	On-Line donations.....\$	100.90
SVDP.....\$	1102.00	Human Development..\$	243.00
Votive Lights.....\$	26.00		
Light House.....\$	10.00		

Special Ministers December 2nd & 3rd, 2023

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am
Laura Allen	Jamie Warden

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am
C: Paul Villmer	Don Thompson
L: Annette Portell	Jim Politte
R: Judy East	Nikki Warden

Sat: 4:00 p.m Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 a.m Ava & Garryn West
Sun: 10:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)

Music:

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

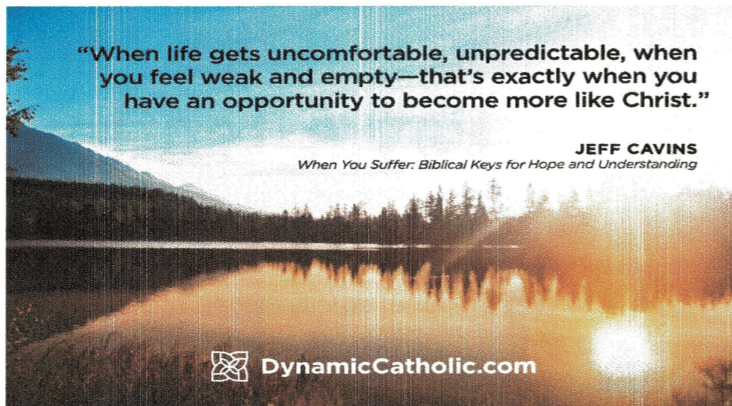
Food of the Month of November: Canned meats and canned pasta meals: spam, canned chicken, canned ham, canned beefaroni, spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc.....

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

Heavenly Duster: 12/01: Marilyn Carter & Jeanne DeGonia
Altar Linens: 12/11: Faye Jarvis

PSR Christmas Parade Float for Dec 7th

Our PSR Program is participating in the Town Christmas Parade again this year. They've already located a trailer to use, but will need lots of help with decorations & "people power". Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help with the float, or if you are able to donate something for the float!
This year's theme is Toyland.



"When life gets uncomfortable, unpredictable, when you feel weak and empty—that's exactly when you have an opportunity to become more like Christ."

JEFF CAVINS
When You Suffer: Biblical Keys for Hope and Understanding

DynamicCatholic.com

Word of Life

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

For all the faithful: May the Lord help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of His return; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

Nov 26: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Dec 02: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass, 8:00 am, Anointing of the sick following Vigil Mass, St. James Church
Dec 03: First Sunday of Advent
Dec 07: First Thursday Eucharistic Adoration
Dec 07: Confessions, St. Joachim Church, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Dec 08: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation....Mass Times:
8:00 am - St. Joachim
12:00 - St. James
6:30 pm - St. Joachim
Dec 13: PSR Confessions (during class time)
First Reconciliation (during class time)
Dec 19: St. James Penance Service, 6:30 pm



Christmas for Kids

Just a reminder, We will need all of the gifts returned back to Church by Sunday, December 10th.
Thank you all for helping support the Children of our Community.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ the King Feast is a Catholic celebration that takes place on the last Sunday of the liturgical year in the Catholic faith — on November 26 this year. Originally a Roman Catholic feast, it is now observed by Christians of all denominations as a way to recognize and honor Jesus Christ as the 'King of Kings.' The church's aim to remind the increasingly secular world of the importance of God and his teachings is one of the key reasons for the celebration. Christ the King Feast was initiated in 1925 by Pope Pius XI as a response to the spread of secularism in the modern world and to remind the world of Jesus Christ's rule on mankind. Initially a Roman Catholic holiday celebrated on the last Sunday of October, many Christian denominations have since adopted the holiday. The holiday's origins can be traced back to Pope Pius XI's view that Jesus Christ is the eternal ruler of the world. This truth is underlined and outlined throughout history in gospels, novels, and art, where Jesus Christ is constantly shown at the center of compositions and is referred to in venerable, regal terms. According to legend, Jesus Christ is worshiped by all angels and mortals, and everyone is subject to him and must recognize his reign as a result of Christ's hypostatic union with all creatures on Earth and beyond. In a modern world that has since come to know anti-religious ideologies such as fascism and communism, the celebrations act as a way to ground the human race back to Earth in recognition of God and the benevolence of Christ. In general, the roles of a good King include the ability to bring order into lives, unify the people, convey the truth, protect the people from harm, and do what is best for them. For those in the Christian and Catholic faiths, Jesus Christ exemplifies all the traits of a good King as he fulfills all the traits that compel his followers to live proper lives. Thus, the celebrations remind Catholics and Christians of Jesus Christ's eternal authority over the world, as it is the only kind of authority that is not temporal and fleeting. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops simplifies the solemn day as a reminder that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Missionary Discipleship

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - The Last Things
This is one of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, and Michelangelo painted a brilliant portrayal of it in the Sistine Chapel. What is so great about this passage? Its simplicity. Jesus simplifies His message. It is not optional to serve our neighbor. It is not optional to perform corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. It is by these that we will be saved or condemned. Heaven and hell are at stake here. While we are on earth, let us put our faith into practice by being active in charity. Let us love one another as if each person we encounter is Jesus Christ Himself. There are many people in the world today suffering from hunger, thirst, poverty, nakedness, imprisonment, estrangement, and sickness. What are we doing to bring Christ's healing and love to them? Let us serve the Lord and our neighbor in holiness. "In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life" (CCC 1039).

First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass December 2nd, 8:00 am



First Five Saturdays Devotion to our Lady
Why are Saturdays Devoted to Mary?
Saturday Masses in honor of Mary are found in 9th and 10th century liturgical books. "Sts. Bernard, Thomas, & Bonaventure explained the dedication of Saturdays to Mary by pointing to the time of Christ's rest in the grave. Everyone else had abandoned Christ; only Mary continued to believe."

What did Mary do on Saturday?

Traditionally, Saturdays within the Church year are dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This ancient tradition developed in part due to the belief that, as others were filled with fear and confusion, Mother Mary kept vigil on Holy Saturday in prayerful anticipation of Jesus' resurrection. She knew her Son would rise.

Proof That Saturday Is Mary's Special Day

What connections are there from the early Church to apparitions like Fatima that make Saturday Mary's day? www.ncregister.com/blog/proof-that-saturday-is-mary-s-special-day

First Thursday Adoration December 7th after 8:00 am Mass



A Holy Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important to Jesus that a multitude of souls go to heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell. (Jesus to Blessed Belanger)

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship."
"During a Holy Hour we grow more and more into His likeness." "The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ."

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Can miracles stand up to the test of science?

****SEEING IS BELIEVING****

"The believers in miracles accept them (rightly or wrongly) because they have evidence for them. The disbelievers in miracles deny them (rightly or wrongly) because they have a doctrine against them."

G.K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy

Day and Time:
Wednesday, December 20th
6:30pm - 9pm
Location:
St. Joseph Church
15 St. Joseph Street | Bonne
Terre, MO 63628

Day and Time:
Thursday, December 21st
6:30pm - 9pm
Location:
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
504 S 3rd St,
De Soto, MO 63020

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Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>

Enter our parish's zip code

Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

St. James PSR NEWS

**** Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **December 13th** @ 6:00 pm. Dinner will start approximately 5:15. Unit 4 will be due.

****First Reconciliation will be on December 13th during class time.**

****PSR Confessions will be December 13th as well.**

Confirmation Class will be assisting with several service projects this year. So please watch the bulletin for updates.

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