

Dear Padre,

If Jesus was a Jew, why are we Catholic and not Jewish?

Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus' resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism. Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when St. Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in the year 36 (Acts 6-7).

Nevertheless, Jesus' followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion. The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus' ascension in Jerusalem to Paul's imprisonment in Rome. It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11). Acts and the epistles also chronicle the expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region, where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to "Catholic Church" is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. Catholic means "universal." "The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith.... She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 868). ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 30 <i>Octave of Christmas</i> 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40	December 31 <i>Octave of Christmas</i> 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18	January 1 <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	January 2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28	January 3 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34	January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42	January 5 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every day, families have to learn to listen and understand one another, to walk together, to face conflicts and difficulties.... And this too helps...talk within the family, talk at table, dialogue between parents and children, dialogue among siblings. It helps us experience our family roots that come from our grandparents. Dialogue with the grandparents!

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 26, 2021



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C)

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 / Luke 2:41-52



Belonging to Two Families

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Adolescence can bring family life into an upheaval for both parents and adolescents alike. At its heart, adolescence is an urge for independence, a silent instinct to be part of the larger world. It is a calling sewn by God's Spirit into the very fabric of being human. At its best, family life can be the staging ground for that movement outward.

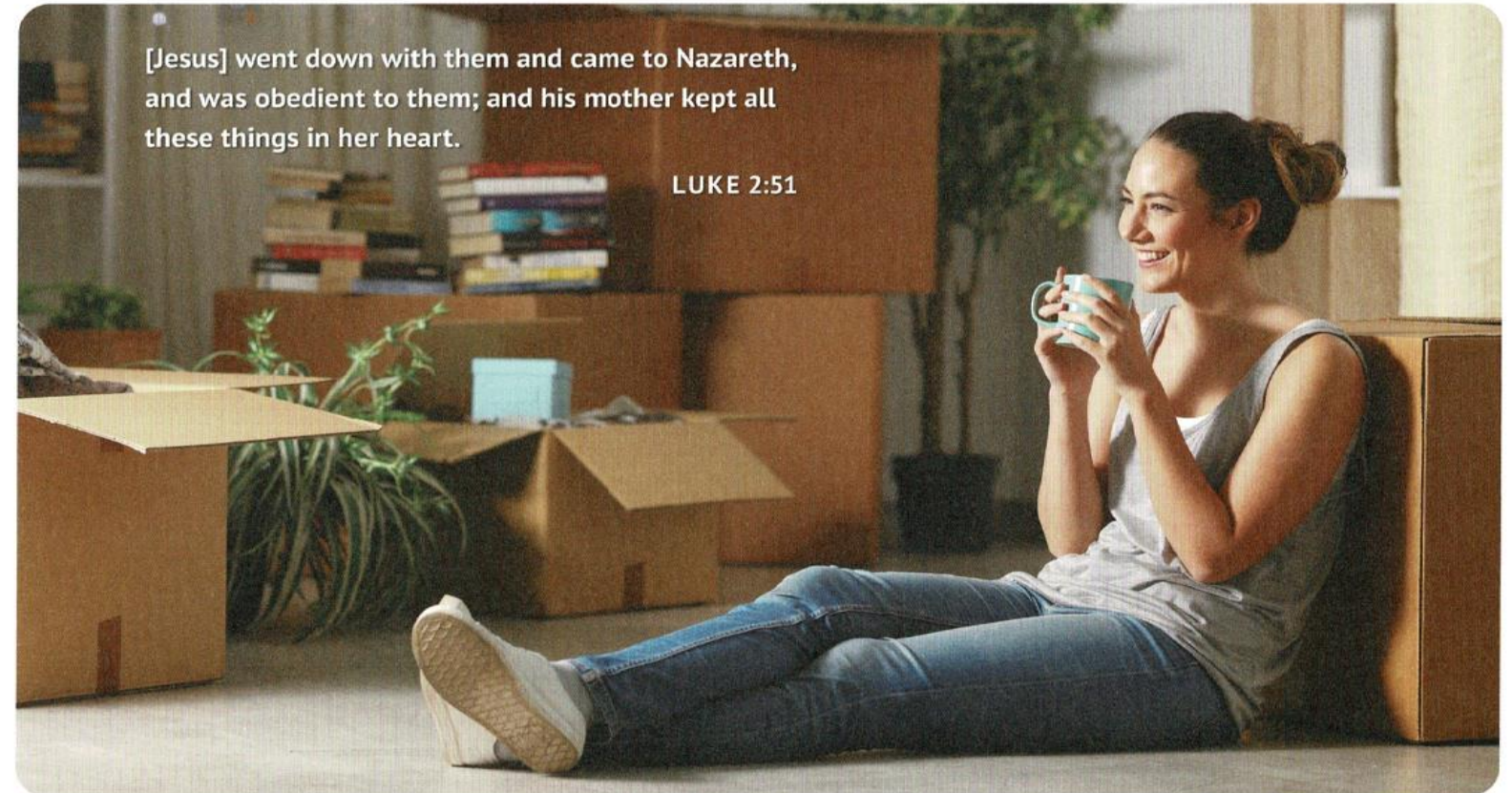
Hannah recognized this when she believed that her young son Samuel was chosen for a specific role in life. It moved her to bring Samuel to the temple to be raised there in growing service to the community. Ultimately Samuel became a charismatic leader of the Hebrew people who would anoint both Saul and David as king. That same calling seemed to take time

to unfold in the awareness of Joseph and Mary who wondered why Jesus stayed behind in the temple. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" asked Jesus of them (Luke 2:49). All of us are meant to live more than a life of satisfaction for ourselves or even the fulfillment of our parents' dreams.

We may find ourselves asking a young person what they want to be when they grow up. A more valuable question might be what they think God wants them to be. While the Spirit of God does not usually ask us to be something contrary to our inclinations, the call of service to the needs of the human family is an added piece to the puzzle of what someone's life might look like. ●

Reflect

How has the call to serve God and God's people shown itself in your life?

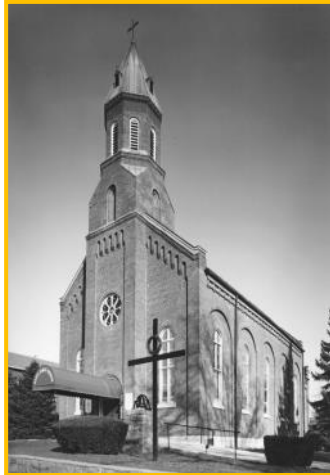


[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

LUKE 2:51

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



January 2025 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 30, 2024 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Dec 31 TUE	8:15 AM	George Lalumondier
Dec 31 TUE	4:00 PM	Father Tony
Jan 01 WED	10:00 AM	Glen Gelhot
Jan 02 THU	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondier
Jan 03 FRI	8:00 AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Jan 04 SAT	8:00 AM	Marvel Chazelle
Jan 04 SAT	4:00 PM	Parish
Jan 05 SUN	10:00 AM	Charles & Mary Gibson

December 22, 2024

Envelope.....	\$ 1640.00
Loose collections..	\$ 295.00
SVDP.....	\$ 210.00
Votive Lights.....	\$ 00.00
Main & Repairs.....	\$ 50.00
On-Line donations....	\$ 90.60
Christmas Flowers....	\$ 20.00
Christmas offering....	\$ 125.00
Stain-glass Window...	\$1500.00



January 4th & 5th 2024

Lectors

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:00 am
Paul Villmer Jamie Warden

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Laura Allen Kim Coleman
L: Vikkie Neier Diane McGirl
R: Anette Portell Mary Roy

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 10:00 am Daisy & Joshua

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 January collection: Soup, Crackers, and Peanut Butter. :)

Heavenly Duster: 12/27: Faye Jarvis
Altar Linens: 12/30: Barb Cocos

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate church for Christmas , it was absolutely BEAUTIFUL.
Lets take a second and remember some special people we are missing on this Holiday Season.

Billy Cain
Janet Carol Kincaid Berry
Jason Wright
Leo & Bertha Thebeau
Heather Farrow
John & Stealla Degonia
Alex Yarbrough
Mike and Eva Yarbrough
John and Lucy Politte



*****Formed*****

John of the Cross

As a young priest, John of the Cross (1542-1591) is confronted with the corruption of his Carmelite Order, and sets out to live a truly contemplative life. His religious brothers, resenting his holiness and asceticism and his efforts to reform the order, imprison him in a closet for nine torturous months. Undaunted, there he composes much of his immortal poetry, and enters into a mystical union with God. His harrowing escape is miraculous. The saint's moving poem, "The Spiritual Cantic," weaves throughout the film, enriching the story and granting insight into what it means to persevere in love when confronted with suffering.

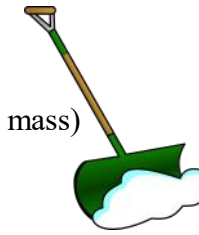
Also Check Out:
The Advent and Bible Study Section

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???

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
Jan 18: Soup and Chili Cookoff (after mass)



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.

"We speak to God when we pray,
God speaks to us when we read the Bible."

-St. Augustine

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

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

May the faith of God
be with you this year.
May the peace of God
surround you,
and may you be blessed
each day!

Happy New Year

Clarity House of Retreat:

Meets every second Friday of the month. Rosary starts at 6:00pm and Mass follows. Prayer, Quiet, Healing, people come together....

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

January Classes
8th and 22nd

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

