

Dear Padre,

Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter’s leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●

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From *Catholic and Cornered: Answers to Common Questions About Your Faith* (Liguori Publications, 2011)



MARCO FERRETO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 27, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 22:19–23 / Romans 11:33–36 / Matthew 16:13–20



The Jesus Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Over the years I’ve asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I’ve always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It’s been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today’s Gospel: “Who do you say that I am?” The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? ●

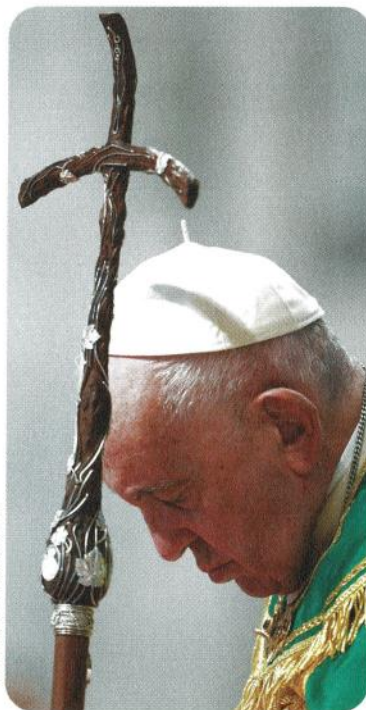
Reflect

Who do you say Jesus is and how does your answer make a difference in your life?



[Jesus] said to [his disciples], “But who do you say that I am?”

MATTHEW 16:15



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice.... And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: “Who do you say that I am?”... Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 24, 2014

MONDAY

August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10
Mt 23:13–22

TUESDAY

August 29
Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1–8
Mk 6:17–29

WEDNESDAY

August 30
Weekday
1 Thes 2:9–13
Mt 23:27–32

THURSDAY

August 31
Weekday
1 Thes 3:7–13
Mt 24:42–51

FRIDAY

September 1
Weekday
1 Thes 4:1–8
Mt 25:1–13

SATURDAY

September 2
Weekday
1 Thes 4:9–11
Mt 25:14–30

SUNDAY

September 3
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7–9
Rom 12:1–2
Mt 16:21–27



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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



AUGUST 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.

E-MAIL:
stjameschurch@centurylink.net
WEBSITE:
www.stjamespotosi.org
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:
Aug 28, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Aug 29 TUE	8:15 AM	Mary Pat Pratt
Aug 30 WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Aug 31 THU	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere
Sep 01 FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 02 SAT	8:00 AM	Lisa Gillam
Sep 02 SAT	4:00 PM	Parish Family
Sep 03 SUN	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Sep 03 SUN	10:00 AM	Christopher Rolwes

Week of: August 20, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2246.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	95.00
Loose.....\$	184.00	On-Line donations....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	498.00	Assumption of Mary..\$	95.00
Votive Lights.....\$	22.00		
Light House.....\$			

September 2023
Mass Schedule

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St. Joachim	Wed:	8:15 AM
St. James	Thurs:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Fri:	8:00 AM
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St. Joachim 2nd & 4th	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. James	Sun	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 AM

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“God created you out of love, for a specific purpose. Instead of being afraid that your vocation won’t make you happy or will take you down roads you’d rather not travel, you should be in awe that he has reserved a vocation specifically for you.”

Mark Hart
Blessed Are the Bored in Spirit: A Young Catholic’s Search for Meaning

Special Ministers
September 2 & 3, 2023

Lectors:
Saturday 4:00 pm Paul Villmer
Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Schloemer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Saturday 4:00 pm Sharon Forrester
Sunday 10:00 am Mary Roy
Diane McGirl
Kim Coleman

C: Sharon Forrester
L: Judy East
R: Annette Portell

Servers:
Sat: 4:00 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 a.m. (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 10:00 am Daisy, Joshua & Penelope Kearns

Music:
Sat: 4:00 p.m. Chala Short
Sun: 8:00 a.m. (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of August: 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~
Please think about volunteering for our Fall Picnic this year
September 17, 2023

Heavenly Duster: **09/01:** Jean Roberson
Altar Linens: **09/04:** Jean Roberson

Remember folks, in **September** our Mass schedule changes again!
8:00 am Sunday Mass is celebrated at St. Joachim.
10:00 am Sunday Mass is celebrated at St. James
1st and 3rd Saturday’s - 4:00 pm Mass @ St. James

Word of Life

“No sin or crime is greater than God’s mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ’s greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A”

For those who are imprisoned, especially those facing the death penalty: May they be treated with the respect due to every human person; We pray to the Lord:

What’s on the Calendar???

Aug 30: PSR Registration for 23-24 school year, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Sep 02: First Saturday, Marian Devotion Mass, 8:00 am
2nd Collection: Catholic Universities of America
Sep 07: First Thursday 8:00 am Mass followed by Adoration until 5:00 pm
Sep 10: St. Joachim Fall Picnic/Outside mass @ 10:00
Sep 17: **St. James Fall Picnic!!!**
Sep 20: First PSR Class, 6:30—7:45, Parish Hall

Are You Celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or over 50 Years of Marriage during 2023?
Annual Silver and Gold Wedding Jubilee Mass
Sunday, October 1, 2023. Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis 2:30 p.m.
For details or to register archstl.org/jubilee or call 314.792.7171.

*******FORMED*******

Jeremiah: The Bible Collection: The Prophet Jeremiah, compelled by faith, abandons the woman he loves and suffers persecution to warn of Jerusalem’s imminent destruction by the Babylonians. Starring Patrick Dempsey and Oliver Reed. Movie - 1 hr/31 mins/english

To sign up for “Formed”
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.

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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
*If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, being fully initiated (needs to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation) call the parish office at 573-438-4686 or Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343.
*Candidates meet at St. Joachim Church every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Incarnate Word Center. Beginning Thursday, August 24 th. If this time is impossible, please call Joyce Politte at the above number.
*Wanted: Team Members to help inform and form candidates in the Catholic Faith. Qualifications: Be a practicing Catholic, willing to share the Catholic faith and one’s own faith journey, and willing to take a Protecting God’s Children workshop as required for all volunteers. If interested, call Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343

Missionary Discipleship

Missionary Discipleship – The Papacy
Many Protestants overlook the importance of Matthew 16:18 and do not understand that it is the most prominent passage in which Christ establishes a hierarchy within the Church with Peter as its first leader. Memorize Matthew 16:18. It is a verse that all Catholics should know and be able to respond with when someone says that the Bible doesn’t mention anything about having a pope. Because of his confession of Christ as the son of the living God, Christ chose Peter to be the rock upon which He would build His church. Here we are 20 centuries later, and the gates of hell have not prevailed against it. Christ chose an ordinary, flawed, unqualified individual to lead the Church. Peter would be the first among many popes.

Who is the pope? The pope is the bishop of Rome, the shepherd of the entire flock of believers, who is also “the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful. For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered” (CCC 882). Let us pray for our pope daily so that he may receive strength, guidance, and wisdom. Vivat Papa!

First Saturday
Marian Devotion Mass
September 2nd @ 8:00 am
First Five Saturdays Devotion to our Lady

“Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to prayer with the heart. May your hearts, little children, be raised in prayer towards Heaven, so that your heart may feel the God of love who heals you and loves you with immeasurable love. That is why I am with you, to lead you on the way of conversion of heart. Thank you for having responded to my call.” August 25, 2023



Clarity Retreat House

Parishioners, Wayne and Mary Roy have a retreat house outside of Potosi in the Mark Twain Forest. You can learn more about it on Facebook @Clarity House of Retreat. Father Fleming has agreed to come Friday, September 8th to say Holy Mass. 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 during 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. Our very own local retreat house! Wow!

Picnic News!!

Time is flying!!!

- Picnic is **3 weeks** away! Fall is creeping in. Are we getting excited yet? YES!!! We are just about 3 quarters there on the bottles!!!! We need about 50 more! Several Beautiful items for the Country Store have been donated, there have been a couple prizes for Bingo too! We have lots of baskets for the silent auction! It’s gonna be a great time everyone.

Don’t forget, there will be Kids Games, Corn Hole tournament, hotdogs & brats and a whole lot more!!

Music by Ben Turnbough & Kegan Boyer!! Bring your lawn chairs and sit and enjoy!

We will also need help with set-up on Saturday, the 16th.
If anyone has questions, you may call Jamie or Don Thompson



St. James Catholic Church Quilters News

Our Quilters will still be selling raffle tickets for their quilt at the picnic. There are few tickets in the office, if anyone still wants to get tickets early come by the office. This is a hand quilted quilt that will be given away at our Parish Picnic in September. All proceeds benefit our parish.
Thank you Ladies for sharing your gift with us!!



St. James PSR NEWS

*****Registration for Fall PSR 2023-2024 will be held this Wednesday evening, August 30th, 5:30 to 7:00 pm.**

Sep 20: Welcome Back!!! Our First PSR Class is tonight @ 6:30—7:45, Parish Hall. See ya’ll there!!!

Annual Fall PICNIC is Sunday, **September 17th**. All PSR Families are encouraged to volunteer and help in any way possible.

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

