

Dear Padre,

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●



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Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSSR, PhD

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 24 Weekday Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42	July 25 St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9	July 27 Weekday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13:10-17	July 28 Weekday Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23	July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 24:3-8 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 23, 2023

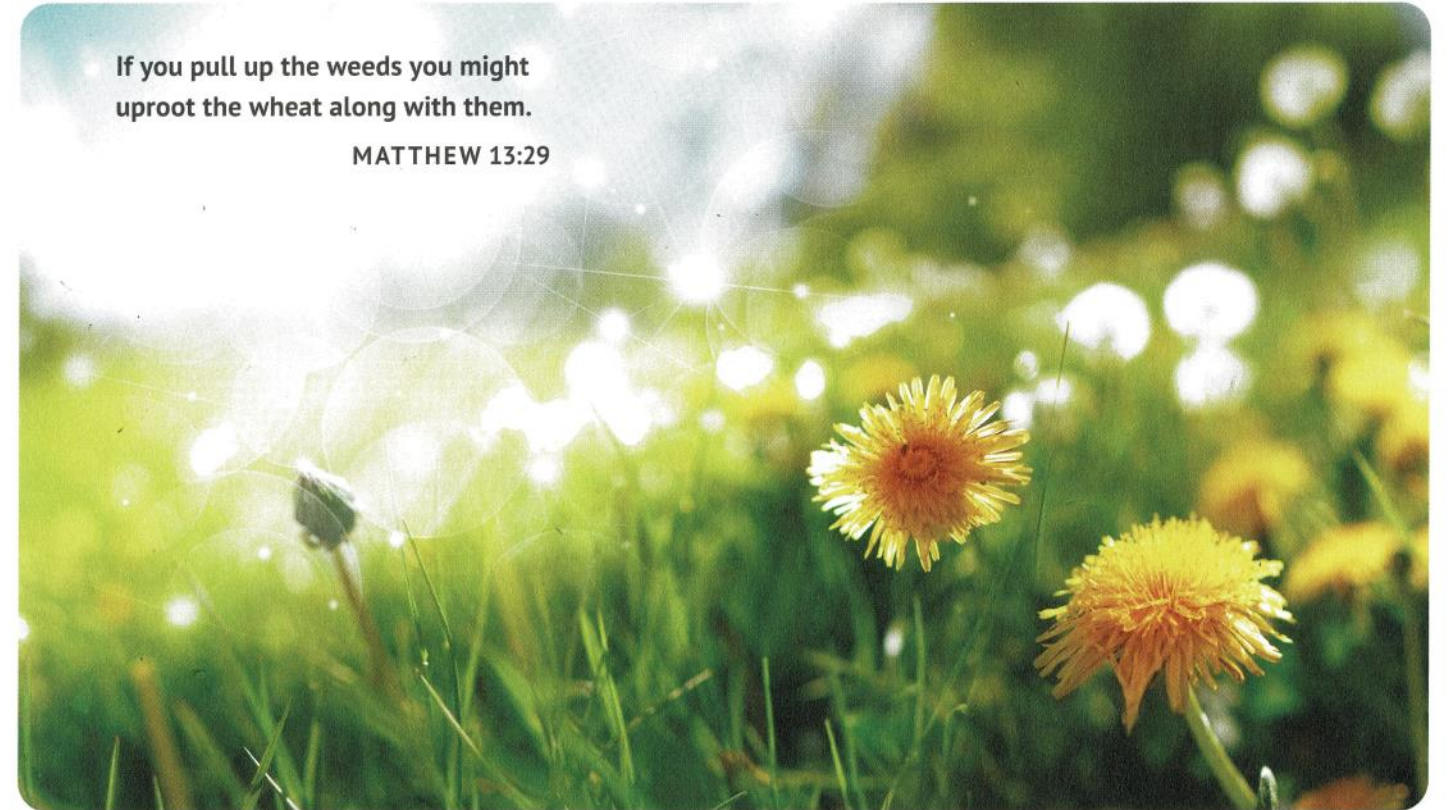
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 / Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.

MATTHEW 13:29



Weeds in the Gardens of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult

to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith.

Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when

heretics were burned at the stake.

Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal.

God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of

faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind. ●

Reflect

Are there some believers you find difficult to tolerate?



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon	No Mass
Tues	8:00 AM
Wed	8:00 AM
Thurs	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Fri	8:00 AM
Sat	8:00 AM
	4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

New Mass Schedule will begin in Aug!
HOLYDAY SCHEDULE
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

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www.stjamespotosi.org
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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:
New schedule begins in Aug!
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM
Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: **July 24, 2023**

MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Anna Rolwes
WED	8:00 AM	Alvina Coleman
THU	8:00 AM	Pat Pratt
THU	6:00 PM	Bishop Morgan Casey
FRI	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere
SAT	8:00 AM	Cyrylla Boyer
SAT	4:30 PM	“Shorty” Jarvis
SUN	8:00 AM	MaryLou Malloy
SUN	10:00 AM	Parish Family

Week of: July 16, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2104.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	25.00
Loose.....\$	861.00	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	97.00	Cemetery care.....\$	25.00
Votive Lights.....\$	21.00		
Light House.....\$	8.00		

Special Ministers
July 29 & 30, 2023
Lectors:
Saturday 4:30 pm Paul Villmer
Sunday 8:00 am Susan Broombaugh
Sunday 10:00 am Danny Mueller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Saturday 4:30 pm C: Laura Allen L: Judy East R: Vikki Neier
Sunday 8:00 am Julie Jost Sharron Forrester Jimmy Politte
Sunday 10:00 am Mary Roy Diane McGirl Kim Coleman

Servers:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ava & Garryn West
Sun.10:00 a.m. Daisy, Penelope & Joshua Kearns

Music:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun.10:00 a.m. Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of July: We are in need of 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, 20223

Heavenly Duster: **07/28:** Nedra Villmer
Altar Linens: **07/24:** Faye Jarvis

Sunday, July 30th, 8:00 am Mass: This will be the last time we pray the **Rosary together with Father Fleming**. All are invited to pray the Rosary with us immediately following Mass. (It takes about 20 minutes.) Please prayerfully consider this as a most beautiful gift of time, prayer, and presence to Father Fleming as he concludes his tenth year as our Pastor here at St. James and embraces God’s new path for him at St. Rose of Lima Parish. Thank you!

Word of Life
“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.”
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Married Love and the Gift of Life”
May married couples embrace their call to total, faithful, and fruitful love with openness to new life; We pray to the Lord:

Missionary Discipleship
Divine Justice
The parable of the wheat and the weeds shows the greatness of divine justice. God reminds us in the parable that we are not to judge those whom we think may be the weeds in the field. God allows the good and the evil to live side by side because He respects the free will that He bestowed on all human beings. All individuals will have the chance to choose to serve God or Satan, and God will judge them at death accordingly, but not until that time. We should refrain from casting judgment upon our neighbors, for we too have neglected to serve God at times. Instead of judging others, let us seek to do the will of God and to transform the “weeds” into “wheat.” Let us share the goodness of Jesus with others and lead them to the harvest of heaven.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS AUGUST 1, 2023! Copies are posted on the church doors, FB, website, and in back of church! **PLEASE take a copy and hang on your fridge so you wont be late for Mass and the Eucharist!!!**

What’s on the Calendar???
Jul 26: Picnic Mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall, all are welcome to join us!
Jul 30: Special Gathering, Parish Hall, after 10:00 am Mass
Aug 01: Tues Mass **8:15 am**
Aug 03: First Thursday Mass & Adoration: **NO 6PM Mass of Reparation/healing service**
Aug 05: First Saturday Marian devotion Mass, Adoration & Rosary

As some may already be aware, the website for St. James Church is down and has been for some time. We are working diligently to fix this problem. Until then, please use this temporary address to access our website.
temp-hwzunysozgdycjcpnjze.webador.com

Alter Servers: You have an extraordinary opportunity to serve Father Fleming for the last time. Six servers are needed for the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, July 30th. A sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule, on the bulletin board to the right, as you exit. Please, please report as close to 9:15 am as possible.

MISSION SUPPORT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORORO UGANDA
The Archdiocese of Tororo, covering an approximate area of 8,500 square miles, serves an estimated population of 3.6 million people, about 1.2 million of whom are Catholic. These are some of our needs.
1) Parishes: caring for 45 parishes (this number will increase to 47 by the end of this year as two more parishes will be opened), 984 missions or sub-parishes.
2) Formation of pastoral ministers
Currently we have about 335 minor seminarians, about a quarter of whom will proceed on to the major seminary. We have about 48 seminarians studying in the philosophical and theological seminaries.
We currently have 123 native diocesan priests and 14 religious priests. Once ordained, our priests need to continue their formation, especially by attending educational workshops and spiritual retreats.
The 1340 catechists serve the mission churches (sub-parishes).
3) Transportation of pastoral ministers: The priests and catechists need to travel to and from the mission churches, usually scooters and bicycles.
4) Education: In collaboration with the Government of Uganda, the Archdiocese runs several Primary, Secondary and Technical schools. Most of these schools, run by our 16 native religious brothers and 243 native religious sisters, are in rural settings where there is no electricity, no computers and not enough textbooks and laboratory equipment. The teaching and learning process becomes very difficult in such an environment.
5) Health: The Archdiocese has one hospital, three sub-hospitals and twelve small medical facilities through which we try to fulfill Christ’s ministry of physical healing. These facilities, usually run by the religious sisters are not funded by the Government and must depend on user fees to purchase drugs and equipment and cover the cost of personnel.
6) Economic development: The Archdiocese of Tororo, through its development arm CARITAS, empowers the laity with skills that can improve their economic base. 69% of the people are peasant farmers with small plots of land on which to cultivate their crops. Because of this, most of them live from hand to mouth, which has an adverse impact on their income. Through CARITAS-Tororo, the Archdiocese runs programs, especially in the area of improved agricultural methods, so that families can sustain themselves better economically.
7) Women: Archdiocesan Women’s Desk focuses on the realities of women. When empowered, women can do a great deal to improve their families’ economic situation as well as the sanitary condition of their homes.
8) Water: Our Five-Year Strategic Plan includes a program to increase access to clean, safe water. Presently only 72% of our people have access to improved water sources; the rest have to rely on unprotected springs and wells.
HOW CAN YOU HELP?
Provide a catechist with a bicycle \$100
Educate a high school seminarian (\$50 a month) \$600
Educate a major seminarian i.e. college and beyond (\$80 a month) \$1,000
Provide a priest with a motor-scooter/bike \$3,000
Provide a village with water (well, cisterns, gravity flow etc) \$6,000
Provide a rural primary school with solar power \$6,000
Construct a mission church \$30,000
Construct a rural health clinic \$50,000
Construct a new parish church \$120,000
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SAVE THE DATE!!
July 30th following the 10:00 am Mass
Parish Hall
The Ladies sodality is hosting a potluck brunch for Fr. Fleming! The ladies will provide cake, fruit, coffee & tea. So, start thinking about a dish you could bring and lets have a fun time. Lets show Fr. Fleming how much we love and appreciate him!!!! Everyone is invited, bring brunch dish, come on out and enjoy the fellowship!

St. James Catholic Church Quilters News
Our Quilters are raffling a hand-quilted quilt to be given away at our Parish Picnic in September. Tickets will be sold after masses on July 15 & 16 AND July 22nd & 23rd. Cost will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Thank you Ladies for sharing your gift with us!!

Picnic News!! Next mtg is **July 26, 6:00 pm!**
We received just a few more bottles this week, we still need lots more bottles to meet our goal of 200 for our bottle booth!
Just a few ideas: Kids juices...motor oil???..salad dressing.. peanuts.. hot sauces.. ice cream toppings.. Perfume.. Peanut butter.. Pickles.. Olive oil.. Pancake syrup.. Vanilla.. Spices.. BBQ sauce.. Bubbles.. marshmallow cream.
Our **Country Store is starting fresh this year folks**. All you crafty people out there; woodworking, scrapbooking, crochet, canned goods, sewn craft, embroidery, printed shirts, pallet crafts, jewelry making, painted items, handmade gift baskets, homemade breads; all of these things would be FANTASTIC gifts!
Kids Games, Corn Hole and more!!
Music this year: Ben Turnbough & Kegan Boyer!!!
Fall Picnic is only 2 months away, summer’s flying by fast!
If anyone has questions, you may call Jamie or Don Thompson

“Each time we participate in the Eucharist, we draw power from the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, the saving event that defined our enemies. Jesus himself comes to aid us in our daily battle with problems that come from self-indulgence, sin, the world and the devil.”
BERT GHEZZI *Living the Sacraments*

*******FORMED*******
Heresies: 7 Items * Heresies have plagued the Catholic Church throughout the centuries. Yet, because of them, Catholic doctrine has grown more specifically articulated. Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Chris Mooney as they unpack these heresies and the church’s response to them. This series will showcase the historical context in which heresies emerged, saints that served as counter witnesses and surprising ways they sneak into culture today!
The Jesus Film/English: Based on the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament, here is the life of Jesus from the miraculous virgin birth to the calling of his disciples, public miracles and ministry, ending with his death by crucifixion at the hands of the Roman Empire and resurrection on the third day. 2h 7m
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.

St. James PSR NEWS
This year St. James will have our annual Fall PICNIC, Sunday, **September 17th**. All PSR Families are encouraged to volunteer to help in any way possible.
Registration for Fall PSR 2023-2024 will be held in August, date to be announced. PSR class schedule changes will be announced at a later date. Please watch the bulletin for further information.
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