# Dear Padre,

While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass. Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.



Some people have valid reasons for leaving Mass early, such as feeling ill or taking a crying child from church. Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should reconsider that practice.

Fr. Victor Karls, CSsR / DearPadre.org

#### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10	TUESDAY January 23 Weekday 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35	WEDNESDAY January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	THURSDAY January 25 Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22	FRIDAY January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 4:26-34	<b>SATURDAY January 27</b> <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	SUNDAY January 28 Fourth Sunda in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15–20 1 Cor 7:32–35
Mk 3:22–30		2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20	Mk 16:15–18	MK 4:20-54		Mk 1:21–28



#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Brothers and sisters, before the Lord's call, which can reach us in a thousand ways—through others, happy or sad events—our attitude at times might be rejection. But God's call is always love: we have to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021

Pope Francis meets with "Phone Friend" volunteers of the Samaritans Italy in 2017. @ L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO



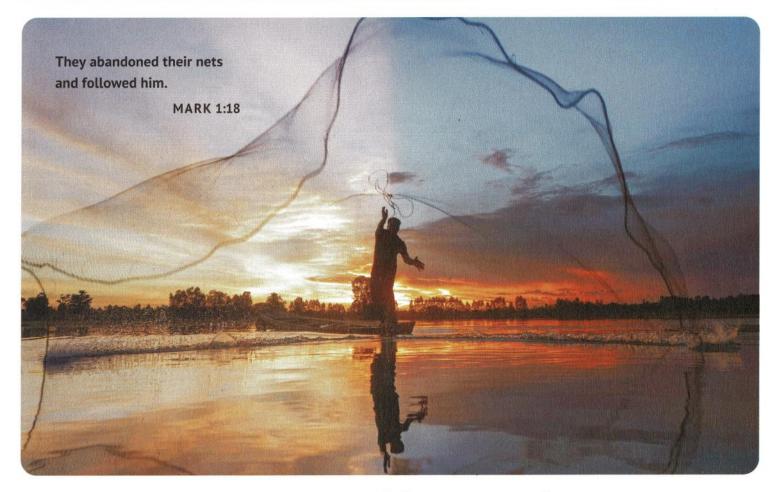
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 / Mark 1:14-20





# A New World Is Coming

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

ur lives are filled with calls of one kind or another. Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, "Next!" And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God's call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday's Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn't live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God's new world will be?

## -Reflect-

To what is God calling you, your community, our nation?

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# St. James Parish Family 201 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664



# January 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	10:00 AN
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 AM
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Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

stjameschurch@centurylink.net 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 Religion

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Light House.....\$

# **Confessions:** Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM; prior to Sat evening Mass

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#### **Special Ministers January 28, 2023 Lectors:**

Sunday 10:00 am Charlie Schloemer

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sunday 10:00 am

C: Mary Roy

L: Kim Coleman R: Dave Woodland

Sat: 4:00 p.m (celebrated at St. Joachim) Sun: 8:00 a.m (celebrated at St. Joachim)

Sun: 10:00 am Abraham Rolwes, Ava & Garryn West

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 January: SVDP still needs the canned meats please: spam, canned chicken, canned ham, Tuna

# THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

~We couldn't do it without vou~

Heavenly Duster: 01/26: Jean Roberson 02/05: Jean Roberson Altar Linens:

#### **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 St. James Parish Office @ 573-438-4686 or St. Joachim parish office at 573-438-6181 or Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343. Candidates meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Incarnate Word Center. If this time is impossible, please call Joyce Politte at the above number.

"There was my answer: If I wish to become a saint, then God's Will must be my greatest aim." – Valentina Imhoff

Please add parishioner Marvel Chazelle to your prayer lists.

## From the office of the Vicariate Morning of Reflection

February 24th, 8:30 am-11:30 am Hillsboro Knights of Columbus Hall All lay Leaders, Parish Staff, catechists & Ministers are welcome to join us!

#### Word of Life

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB

For public servants and elected officials: May God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life; We pray to the Lord:

For the legal protection of unborn children and for loving support for their mothers before and after their births; We pray to the Lord:

#### What's on the Calendar???

Jan 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children

Jan 23: Parish Council mtg, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall

Jan 28: Catholic Schools Week, Special Collection for St. Joachim Catholic

Feb 14: PSR, 5:15 dinner, class then Mass

Ash Wednesday, Mass @ St. James, 7:00 pm

Feb 16: Stations of Cross, 6:30 pm @ St. Joachim Church

# EMMANS YOUTH GROUP

# \$3 each or 5 for \$10

**Ouilt Raffle** 

Winner will be announced at the St. Anne's bingo

Proceeds help with the cost of our Steubenville



#### Annual St. Joachim Catholic School Collection

Beginning next week, January 28, 2024, (Catholic Schools Week), St. James will start an annual special Collection for St. Joachim Catholic School. It is the only Catholic School in Washington County, at this time there is one parish family attending and we want to support them. There will be envelopes in the pews for all donations to the school.

Thank you in advance and God Bless, Fr. Tony Dattilo



#### \*\*\*\*\*FORMED\*\*\*\*\*

Begin the Year with Hope and rest/Catholic Bible Sleep story: In this sleep story compilation from the Amen App, renew your hope in the new year as you listen to stories of God's companionship and heling power. This video, featuring mediations from Exodus, Psalm 23 and the book of Tobit, can help anyone fall asleep with the comfort of God's Word.

The Legends of Robin Hood: Hero. Outlaw. Faithful. Rogue. Champion. Vigilante. The child of a reputable family and a faithful son of the Church, Robert of Locksley had no intention of becoming an outlaw. But the relentless cruelty and tyranny by the elite nobility of England demanded that someone rise up to give an answer. And so Robert of Locksley became Robin Hood—a man thrown into a fierce struggle to balance his deep faith with a call to action in a violent age.

The legends of Robin Hood is an exciting 12-part audio drama from the awardwinning Augustine Institute. Bold and inspiring, the Augustine Institute's audio dramas take storytelling to a whole new level of sound that quickens the magination and inspires the heart.

# To sign up for "Formed"

Go to: <a href="https://signup.formed.org/">https://signup.formed.org/</a> Enter our parish's zip code

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

#### Missionary Discipleship

#### Repentance

The message we hear from the Gospel reading today is one that we must hear again and again: repent and believe the good news. This is the constant task of the faithful Christian, to seek to grow in virtue and root out sinfulness. The authentic witness of a disciple who has truly repented of his sins can work wonders in the cause of evangelization. We love conversion stories of the saints and people we know in our own lives today. One who has repented and has chosen to live for Christ alone provides an extraordinary example for us who want to be better evangelists.

#### January 22, 2024 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children

Beginning on January 22, 1973 with Roe v. Wade, and during the nearly 50-year period following the Supreme Court decision, nearly 64 million children have been killed—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath. Even with the overturning of Roe v. Wade in June 2022, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons warranting protection, and federal laws fail to protect the lives of unborn children.

"Every Life is Worth Living,"

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people. especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth liv-

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

### O&A

#### **Question:**

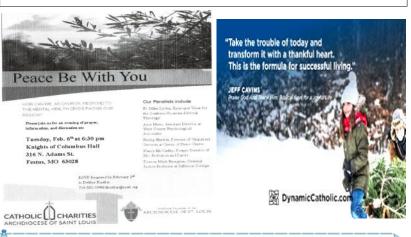
Did St. Francis really create the "Serenity Prayer"? Did he really say, "Lord, grant me the strength to change the things I can,

the serenity to deal with the things I cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference"?

#### Answer:

As with a number of famous St. Francis quotes, this one is misattributed. The Protestant theologian Reinhold Niebuhr wrote what we now commonly call the "Serenity Prayer" that is often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. The earliest version of the prayer comes from a 1927 Christian student newsletter that attributes this prayer to Niebuhr: "Father, give us courage to change what must be altered, serenity to accept what cannot be helped, and the insight to know the one from the other." The prayer increased in popularity after a secretary at Alcoholics Anonymous noticed it in a 1941 New York Herald Tribune obituary and began using it in the context of addiction recovery. (food for thought)

(Catholic Answers)



#### St. James PSR NEWS

\*\* Next in-person class: Wednesday, February 14th @ 5:15 Dinner, 6:00 pm class time, followed by Ash Wednesday Mass @ 7:00 pm. Unit 6

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Or by appointment

Parish School of Phone: 573-436-0144

Live Your Life for an Audience of ONE: GOD!

> MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: **January 22nd, 2023**

MON 8:00 AM (Mass at St. Joachim) Jan 23 TUE 8:15 AM Bess Lalumondiere Jan 24 WED 8:15 AM (Mass at St. Joachim) Jan 25 THU 8:00 AM Alvina Coleman Jan 26 FRI 8:00 AM (Mass at St. Joachim) (Mass at St. Joachim) Jan 27 SAT **4:00** PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM



I Need Your Help Please

Theresa West

(Mass at St. Joachim)

Have you moved, or have you changed your Phone number? Are you new to our parish? If so, please call the office to register, or update vour information. 573-438-4686

# Week of: January 14, 2023

Envelope	.\$	3049.00	Main & Repairs\$	100.00
Loose		224.00	On-Line donations\$	75.90
<i>SVDP</i>	.\$	1000.00	Funeral Dinner fund\$	
Votive Lights	\$	2.50	·	