

# Dear Padre,

***Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?***

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional. ●

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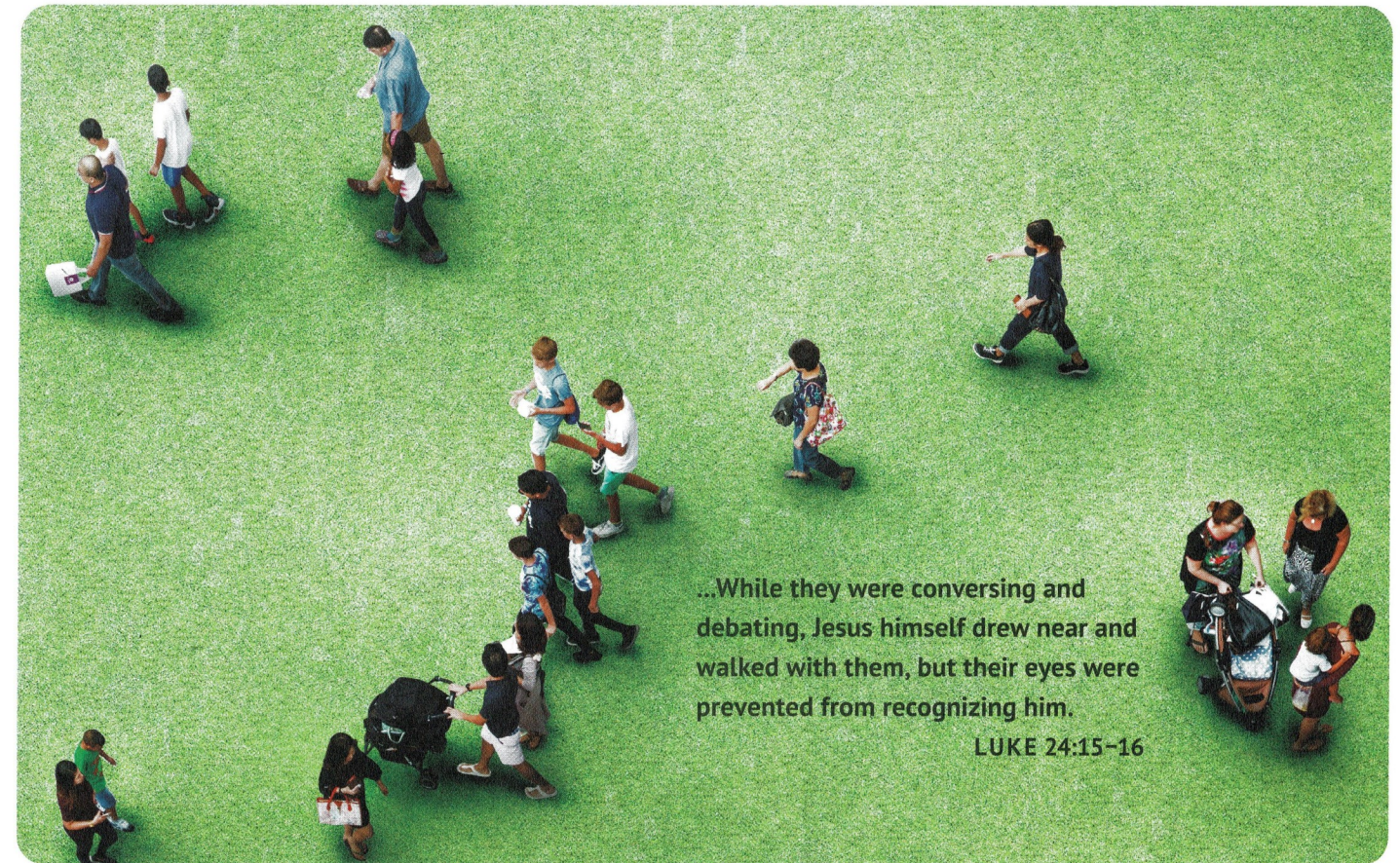
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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22-28 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35



...While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

LUKE 24:15-16

## Not Just a Walk in the Park

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A multiple-choice question:** Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, "All of the above." Life takes us along many paths, through many fields, and down many blind alleys.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain, and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking ten to fifteen miles a day with little to think about other than one's life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints, and a discovery of how to

travel light. But then, such is all of life.

This week's Emmaus Gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one's problems nor eliminate one's difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed. ●

### Reflect

**What has made you realize that the Lord walks with you?**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 24 Easter Weekday Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29	April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20	April 26 Easter Weekday Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40	April 27 Easter Weekday Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51	April 28 Easter Weekday Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59	April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69	April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

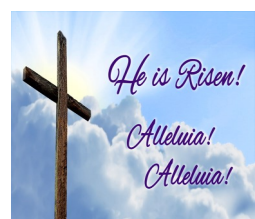
***The adversity that we are experiencing with the pandemic, and that we already feel in climate change, must spur us on, must drive us to innovation, to invention, to seek new paths. We do not come out of a crisis the same, we come out better or worse.***

VIDEO MESSAGE TO MARK EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021



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# 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

**\*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

**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: 3:30 - 4:10 PM**  
**Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM**

### Staff

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: April 24, 2023



MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Ellis Coleman
WED	8:00 AM	Joe & Delores DeClue & Family
THU	8:00 AM	Brandon Mathis (2nd Birthday)
THU	6:00 PM	Jim & Judy Politte & Family
FRI	8:00 AM	Ron Scott
SAT	8:00 AM	Pat Pratt
SAT	8:00 PM	Leroy & Faye Jarvis & Family
SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family
SUN	10:00 AM	Anna Slinkard

### Week of: April 16, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2301.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	25.00
Loose.....\$	1287.00	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	352.00	Easter offering.....\$	50.00
Votive Lights.....\$	59.38	Retired Priests.....\$	80.00
Light House.....\$			

### Special Ministers April 29 & 30, 2023 4th Sunday of EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Bob Mills

**Lectors:**  
Sunday 8:00 am  
Jeanne DeGonia

Sunday 10:00 am  
Sharon Forrester

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:30 pm

C: Judy East  
L: Vikki Neier  
R: Volunteer

Sunday 8:00 am

Don Thompson  
Susan Broombaugh  
Jamie Thompson

Sunday 10:00 am

Kim Coleman  
Danny Mueller  
Annette Portell

### Servers:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal  
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteers  
Sun.10:00 a.m. Cole, Joshua & Daisy 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

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.**

Heavenly Duster: 04/28: Sharon Forrester  
Altar Linens: 04/24: Jean Roberson

Have you encountered God in your own life? Won't you share your "God Encounter"? Your encounter may be exactly what someone else needs to hear. Send your stories to: [stjameschurch@centurylink.net](mailto:stjameschurch@centurylink.net). If you want to remain unnamed, we can do that. Let's just start sharing our stories. They are so important in sharing your Faith and praising God! How are people going to know if we don't share!!!!

### Mass Offerings -

Masses can be said for the living also; birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.



*For all of us, guests at the table where Jesus offers and blesses the signs of His sacrifice, that we too may recognize Him in the breaking of the bread, and build up our brothers and sisters with the witness of our joy and hope.*

### Word of Life

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

For elected officials: May they work to protect human life from conception to natural death; We pray to the Lord

## Upcoming Events

Apr 22/23: ACA weekend. Time to fill out our pledge cards!  
Apr 23: PSR, 9:00 am, Parish Hall  
Apr 26: Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall  
Apr 30: 1st Communion celebrated @ 10:00 mass  
St. Annes (St. Joachim) Basket Bingo at the KC Hall, doors open at 12:00 noon, bingo starts @ 1:00 pm  
May 4: First Thursday Adoration, Mass of reparation & healing prayer Service

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

God's grace lives in all of us, and so it is important that we share it with our brothers and sisters and fill their hearts. When Jesus arose from the tomb after being crucified, He chose to reach out to help His followers understand what had happened. In one of these instances, Jesus prevented the eyes of two disciples from seeing Him, but when He broke bread and reached out to them, they could see Him and fully understand the wonders of His boundless grace. In the same manner, we, as Catholics, must Reach out in Love to those who yearn for the Bread of Life.

This week, we are launching the Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish. The Appeal provides us an opportunity to allow the Lord to work through our hands as one Church, sharing His grace with those who need it most.

Please consider supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. You can pick up your pledge card after Mass, make a gift online at [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org) or use Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725. Mr. Jim Politte will be in the Hall with all Pledge Cards. Please take a moment to fill them out, even if you aren't able to participate this year.

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

Formed this week!

Via Lucis: The stations of the Resurrection. Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection. There's a PDF or you can listen to the Stations of Light.

What does God want?! Rules for discernment. Even the most faithful Catholics struggle with discernment. Figuring out what God wants can really stress you out. But when you develop your discernment skills, you can relax. There's no peace like knowing you're in tune with God's will. Fr. Timothy Gallagher has spent years deep-diving into Ignatian prayer and the Rules for Discernment. He's also written some excellent books of discernment advice. So, if you've ever felt like flinging your arms out and yelling up to the heavens "God, what do you WANT?!" Listen/watch this one.

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.

### Dynamic Catholic Alive!

Missionary Discipleship – Spiritual Heartburn and Typology  
The disciples recounted how their hearts were burning within them when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them. One of the many beautiful elements of the Faith is Biblical typology, the fulfillment of elements of the Old Testament in the New Testament. Common examples are Noah's ark prefiguring the Church, the Flood prefiguring Baptism, and Moses prefiguring Jesus Christ. As we rejoice throughout this blessed Easter Season, let us pray with the Old Testament and see how Christ fulfills what is found in it. St. Augustine wrote, "In the Old Testament the New Testament is concealed; in the New Testament the Old Testament is revealed." Through typology we can experience spiritual heartburn, the best kind, and more fully appreciate God's plan in salvation history.

### Sunday Reflection

Even the disciples on the Road of Emmaus suffered from shortsightedness. They were expecting Jesus to put Israel back together, save it from the Romans and redeem it! Instead, he was killed, and

**Picnic mtg:** We really want to make this a fun time, so if you're interested & you have some ideas, please come and join us! We need to get some of our ideas finalized and get busy. September will be here before we know it!

Save this date: **17 Sept 23**



April 26, 2023  
Parish Hall  
6:00 pm

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations - April 30th.

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Please:  
-Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living & dead.  
-Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.  
-Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.  
-Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

### St. Joachim is hosting a Youth Group Game Night

6:00 pm, May 21st, Incarnate Word Center  
Incoming 6th graders - Graduating Seniors come join us for a night of games and food!! And bring a friend!!

### WOMEN'S CROSS TRAINING

Sessions in St. Francois Co.  
@ Immaculate Conception Hall (downstairs)  
1020 W. Main St., Park Hills, MO  
MAY 2023 DATES: 2, 9, 16

Rosary: 6:35 p.m. Event: 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. (sharp) It is a group of women who are in the preliminary stages of forming Cross Training sessions. The sessions are about God's purpose in our lives, in the roles we have as wives, mothers, teachers, caregivers, etc.  
For more information, contact:  
Rhonda Lavacot, 573-431-2427  
icsja@icsja.net

### Calvary Cemetery:

**Reminder to all: Mowing season is upon us.**  
St. James Calvary cemetery is sacred ground. Be respectful of our loved ones. Cemetery rules only allow for **2 decorations per grave**  
-No luminaries  
-No shepherds hooks or hummingbird feeders  
-No eternal flames; no votive lights or solar lights  
-No benches  
-No balloons  
-or any other unsightly grave decorations  
-And ABSOLUTELY NO Alcohol is Allowed on cemetery grounds.  
Please be considerate to those who care for our cemetery as weed eating and mowing are very difficult with all the decorations. Be advised that decorations will be removed periodically. God Bless.

### St. James PSR NEWS

Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!



**First Communion is April 30th @ the 10:00 am Mass!**  
**May 14th: May Crowning/Mother's Day, All are to attend Mass**

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