

Dear Padre,

What is a “covenant,” and how are marriage and covenant related?

“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of “contract” is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording.

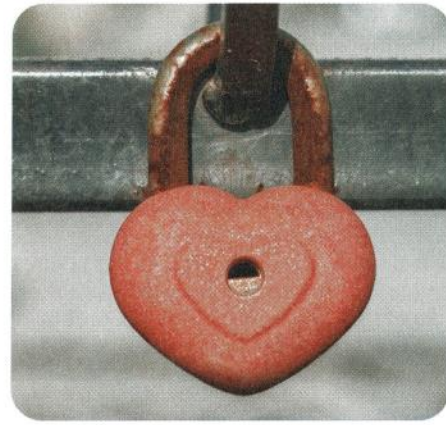
Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other’s well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, “I will take you as my people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

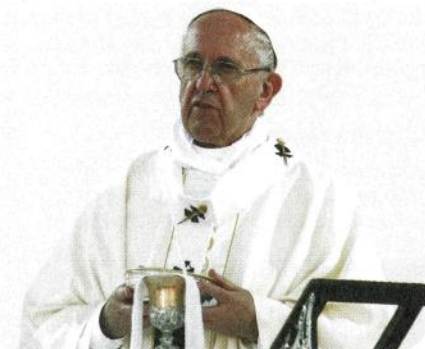
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 15 Easter Weekday Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29	April 16 Easter Weekday Acts 7:51–8:1a Jn 6:30–35	April 17 Easter Weekday Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40	April 18 Easter Weekday Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51	April 19 Easter Weekday Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59	April 20 Easter Weekday Acts 9:31–42 Jn 6:60–69	April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8–12 1 Jn 3:1–2 Jn 10:11–18

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration. How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021



GIOVANNI CARDILLO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 / 1 John 2:1–5a / Luke 24:35–48



Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Spiritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, “Peace be with you,” that’s the sort of peace he’s talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God’s love

over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

The thing about such peace is that only you know if it’s genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that’s God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it’s not easy to know if that’s God’s peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you’re at peace when everything else around you is not, that’s when you know it’s the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?



Jesus asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41–43

Parish Picnic 9/15/24
Next mtg:
24 Apr, 2024

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



April 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	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	10:00 AM

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

Confessions:

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

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of ONE: **GOD!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: April 15, 2024

Apr 16	TUE	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 17	WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 18	THU	8:00 AM	Sheila Gaghen
Apr 19	FRI	3:00 PM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 20	SAT	4:00 PM	Parishoners
Apr 21	SUN	8:00 AM	Ruth Jarvis
Apr 21	SUN	10:00 AM	(Mass @ St. Joachim)

We Need Your Help Please

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 your information. 573-438-4686

Week of: April 7, 2024

Envelope.....\$	5431.00	On-Line donations.....\$	80.60
Loose.....\$	224.00	Retired Priests.....\$	110.00
SVDP.....\$	1681.00	Holy Land.....\$	35.00
Votive Lights.....\$	57.00	Easter offering.....\$	250.00
Light House.....\$			
Main & Repairs.....\$	80.00		

Special Ministers

April 21, 2024

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am
Laura Allen Sharon Forrester

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am

C: Paul Villmer Jim Politte
L: Annette Portell Donna Kennon
R: Vikkie Neier Glenda Farrow

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane and Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 am Ava and Garryn West
Sun: 10:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)

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 April: Peanut Butter & canned meats pls
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 04/19: Marilyn Carter & Jeanne DeGonia
Altar Linens: 04/29: Sharon Forrester

Quilt Bingo

St. James Quilt Bingo is on! April 21st, beginning @ 1:00 pm. Doors open @ 11:00 with refreshments available throughout the day. All are welcome. Must be at least 16 to enter the building. Any questions, please call Judy Cain @ 573-210-8220 for more information. All proceeds go to St. James Church.

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start, despite their mental and social conditioning.”
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Word of Life

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

For all who work to build a culture of life: May the hope of the Resurrection renew and sustain them in their mission; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

Apr 14: Confirmation at the Cathedral, 2:00 pm
Apr 15: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
Joint Parish Mission Mtg: St. James Rectory, 6:00 pm
Apr 21: Quilt Bingo, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
Apr 24: Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall
Jul 17: National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN

What does it mean to be confirmed in our Catholic faith?

Confirmation is the sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives them the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation.

Congratulations: Lane Battreal, Ava West, Abraham Rolwes, Olivia Aubuchon, Maci Mueller, Joshua Kearns. We love you and are here to help you grow in this great faith we have been blessed to be apart of!!!

Welcome aboard, let the Holy Spirit guide you as you join efforts in the parish to further our presence for others as we put that grace in action.



Daughters of Isabella Spaghetti Dinner April 14, Knights of Columbus Hall. 13225 Hwy. E, Desoto. Serving from 11-3. Adults \$12, Children \$8. Includes drink and dessert. Sponsored by St. Rose Daughters of Isabella#659.



Cemetery Flowers and Decoration removal will begin this Sunday. If you have any decorations other than those that are allowed in the Cemetery Rules, such as shepherd's hooks, votive lights, stepping stones, soda/beer cans, deer antlers, stuffed animals, etc, you need to get them now as mowing season has begun!

*****FORMED*****

Did you know you can pray with Form? Prayer for Spouses, Prayer of St. Francis, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Serenity Prayer, Act of Contrition, Ave Maria, Litany of Saint Joseph, The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of course the Rosary and much more.

Tolton: From Slave to Priest: Meet America's first Black Priest, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, in this audio drama adapted from our live state production. The drama opens with nine-year-old Augustus Tolton's harrowing escape from slavery to freedom. In a leaky boat with bullets whizzing overhead, his mother courageously rows the family across the Mississippi River. They settle in the town of Quincy, Illinois, where hardships and persecution continue to afflict them. Despite all this, Augustus perseveres in his deep desire to become a Catholic priest. Rejected by all U.S. seminaries, he is finally ordained in Rome. When he returns to America, he tirelessly serves people of all races, especially the former slaves who flock to Chicago.

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Enter our parish's zip code
Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

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.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

[Mother Teresa](#)

Question:

Does doubting make God angry?

Answer:

This depends on what you mean by "doubting." Sometimes we use this word simply to indicate that we find it difficult to understand a particular truth or see how it could be true at all. St. Cardinal John Henry Newman said, "A thousand difficulties do not make one doubt." So it is reasonable to examine the Faith and to try to resolve the problems our mind has with its teaching.

The same goes with the sometimes extremely troubling events of life that we have a hard time reconciling with what we understand to be God's will, or plan, or goodness. A sinful doubt would be to refuse the testimony of God's word in preference for our own or someone else's reasoning, like the serpent's persuading of Eve in Eden, so she followed his words instead of the divine command.

This, of course, leads to some punishment for our sin of doubting—for example, confusion, further errors we ourselves commit because we have cut ourselves off from the light of God's word (this is perhaps the most common punishment), frustration in our activities, and so on. These punishments for doubting God's word are experienced as though God were angry at us. Of course, God cannot be really angry in the human sense, but his corrections and punishments in order to establish justice and to further instruct us are described in Sacred Scripture as effects of God's anger because that is how we experience them.

Let us put all our faith and trust in God, so that as difficult as things may seem to us, we always cling to him. As Holy Job said, "Even though he kill me, still will I praise him!" And yet Job had difficulties that he openly expressed to God about the trials he was made to undergo.

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PARISH PICNIC

Parish Family; **The Bottle Game was a HUGE Success last year! So, we are planning it again this year!**

It's not too early to start this year with planning for the Picnic... "the Bottle Game" is back. We are asking all to bring a "bottle of..." (examples; shampoo, wine, ketchup, mustard, pickles, lotion, dish-washing liquid, laundry detergent, syrup, 2 liter soda, honey, jelly, vanilla, cooking oil, etc.) that we will use for this fundraiser. The way this will work is, we will sell the same number of "chances" that we have for the number of "bottles" that we receive, the tickets will be numbered, the bottles will be numbered, each ticket will cost \$3 to purchase, so you can see that this will be a good fundraiser for the church, just think you might end up with a bottle of

We would ask that you please make sure when you are making your purchase for these items to please check the expiration date on any perishable food items.

We will put 3 boxes/containers in the back of church, not in the vestibule – **under the pew in front of the cry room for all to place their bottles in.**

It's not too early to start collecting, so bring your bottles. Thank you all for your support of our Parish!

Our next Picnic mtg is scheduled for **April 24th @ 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** We strongly encourage our parish family to come to the next mtg and get involve. Lets make this year's picnic as good if not better than last year! :-)

St. James PSR NEWS

** **Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **April 17th:** Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, **Unit 7** will be due.

Apr 14th is Confirmation @ the Cathedral, 2:00 pm CONGRATULATIONS!!!

May 5th, First Holy Communion, 10:00 am, St. James Church
May Crowning is May 12th, following 10:00 am Mass

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