

Dear Padre,

I am African American. When I go to church, I feel disconnected from the rest of my life. How does the Church fit with my culture?

Church documents lift up different cultures as treasures to be preserved and incorporated into the life of the Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, “[The gospel] must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled: It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God’s children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit” (CCC 1204).

Many think “catholic” means homogenous, that the Mass should be exactly the same everywhere. On the contrary, it is “catholic” because it takes in everything. It is, or at least it should be, a cross-cultural experience, for we all are the children of God. All cultures should find their expression in the Catholic Mass.

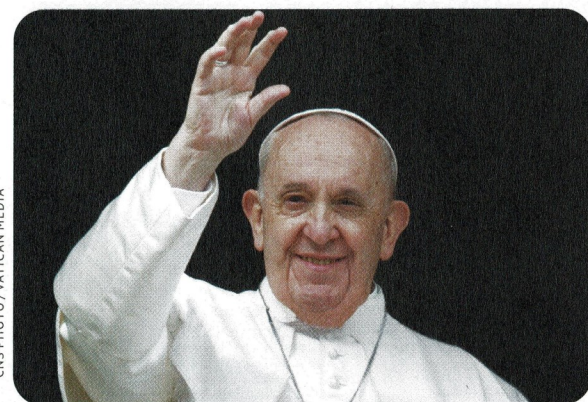
The difficulty is putting this into practice, especially in communities with members from more than one culture. Receptivity on the part of the pastor is important, too. As he learns about another culture, he’ll be more open to using the best of it in worship. Perhaps you, along with other concerned parishioners, might discuss this with your pastor. There are resources and institutes available to assist you in making your worship truly reflect who you are individually and communally. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY 16	JANUARY 17	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 22
Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22	Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6	Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12	Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21	Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord is deliberate in repeating the word all. He knows that we are always using the words “my” and “our”: my things, our people, our community.... But he constantly uses the word all. All, because no one is excluded from his heart, from his salvation.

HOMILY, WORLD MISSIONS DAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34



Who’s Calling?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

God called Isaiah: “You are my servant.... I will make you a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:3, 6). God called John the Baptist: “The one who sent me to baptize with water...” (John 1:33). God called St. Paul: “Called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus...” (1 Corinthians 1:1). And Paul says God calls us: We are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2). Given that call, the question is, “What are we called to do with our lives?”

Frederick Buechner, an author, suggests we are called to wherever our deep hunger and the world’s great need meet. As he explains, the world’s great need may be to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, but if we become depressed helping the poor, that is not where God wants us to be. On the other hand, we may love designing sandcastles, but the world has no great need for sandcastles, so that surely is not what God calls us to do. Rather, God calls us to the place where what we love doing and what the world desperately needs intersect.

Adults are often inclined to ask children what they want to be or do when they grow up. Perhaps asking them what they think God wants them to do might be a question laced with greater wisdom. To turn the question may call forth a more thoughtful answer. ●



The LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb....I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength!

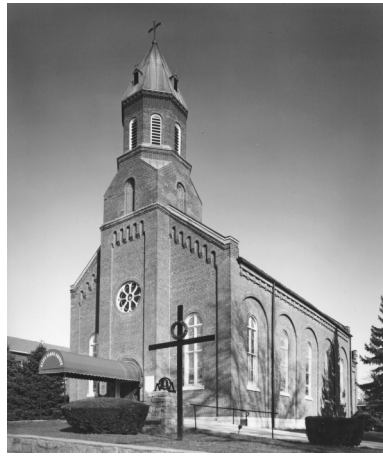
ISAIAH 49:5

Reflect

What is God calling you to do now, and how has God’s call changed over the years?

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	9:00 AM
	4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

***HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:**
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

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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: 8:00 - 8:30 AM
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM
Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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Special Ministers
Week of: January 21 & 22 2023
Lectors:
Sat: 4:30 pm Tom Hatley
Sun: 8:00 am Jamie Thompson
10:00 am Charlie Schloemer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Saturday 4:30 pm **Sunday 8:00 am** **Sunday 10:00 am**
C: Laura Allen **Don Thompson** **Nikki Warden**
L: Vikki Neier **Jamie Thompson** **Jamie Warden**
R: Judy East **Glenda Farrow** **Danny Mueller**
Servers:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal; Madeline & Elizabeth Hatley
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteers Please
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Cole & 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

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
YOU make the difference!

Heavenly Duster: 1/20: Sharon Forrester
Altar Linens: 1/16: Sharon Forrester

RCIA –The Right of Christian Initiation for Adults
Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith? RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA gives instruction to those wishing to be baptized & those who, for whatever reason, have never practiced their baptismal faith as Catholics. For more information, please phone the rectory office at (573) 438-4686.

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.

Word of Life
“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Build a Culture of Life” (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)
For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God’s love and the dignity of every human life; We pray to the Lord.

Dynamic Catholic Alive!
Generosity (cont.)
Missionary Discipleship
And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” God, Our Father, is so generous that he gave us his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God really loves us, too! How are we responding to God’s generosity? Do we just take this all for granted? Each week at Sunday Mass, we receive the greatest gift of all – the Holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist means “thanksgiving”. Are we thankful for this precious gift? We show our gratitude for this gift by imitating how Jesus lived. The next time you receive the Holy Eucharist, remember that we are to reflect Jesus’ love and mercy to others.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:
January 16, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Josh & Hannah Mathis Family
WED	8:00 AM	Jack & Rhonda Politte (38 yrs!)
THU	8:00 AM	Msgr. Jim Hanson
THU	6:00 PM	Lauren Land Family
FRI	8:00 AM	Richard & Elaine Dix & Family
SAT	9:00 AM	Heather Farrow
SAT	4:30 PM	Bess Lalumondiere
SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family
SUN	10:00 AM	Janet Coleman

Week of: January 8, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2817.00	Main & Repairs...\$	295.00
Loose.....\$	820.00	On-Line donations....\$	65.90
SVDP.....\$	822.00	Solemnity of Mary.....\$	20.00
Votive Lights.....\$	48.00	St. Louis Review.....\$	70.00
Light House.....\$			

Upcoming Events

Jan 16: Rural Parish Clinic here
Jan 16: SVDP mtg, Food Pantry, 6:00 pm
Jan 20: Generation Life gathering, (Youth Ministry Pro-Life)
Jan 23: Day of Prayer for Protection of the Unborn
Jan 29: Catholic Schools Week

Sunday Reflection: Jesus is the Lamb born to take away the sins of the world. Not only our original sin through our Baptism but also to extend His mercy upon us, again and again, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. LPI

St. James Church Presents
YOUTH NIGHT
2nd grade and up
Friday, February 10th
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Parish Hall
Escape Room, Scavenger Hunt & Games
Invite a friend to join you!
Refreshments will be served.

Join Catholics Nationwide for the 9 Days for Life Novena, January 19-27, 2023
9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.
Go to the link below to pray for life: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

How do you experience God? A voice, a divine nudge, an important reminder or just a powerful feeling? Encountering God happens in many different ways. Some folks may be facing struggles, some may be experiencing the happiest day in their lives and for some, it may just be a simple walk in the park. You might even have some similar experiences. How have you encountered God in your own life? Are you willing to share your “God Encounter”?
37% of those completing the DMI survey last year said they did not feel equipped to share their stories. If you are willing to share your encounter, we would love to put it in the bulletin. This would be a fantastic way to start “sharing our stories”. So, if you’re interested, call the office, write your story down and mail it or drop it in our drop box, or put it in an envelope and drop it in the collections. You could also email it to: stjameschurch@centurylink.net. If you want to remain unnamed, that’s perfectly ok. Let’s just start sharing our stories.

*******FORMED*******
This week on Formed:
REBORN Season 1: You, Your Child and the Heart of Baptism
A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding & devotion to the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary? Join the Formed team as they walk through these Biblical mysteries and seek to grow in understanding & love for Christ through them.

Unpacking Pope Benedict’s life and writings: We can all use some hope at the start of a new year. Lucky for us, Pope Benedict XVI wrote a whole encyclical about it. So in honor of his recent passing, lets explore what this great pope said about the virtue of hope.
Sign up for “Formed” and enrich your personal journey. Sign up info on flyer in back of church.

2022 Contributions Statements.
For those that requested Contribution Statements last year, this year’s statements have already been mailed. If you did not request one last year, but would like to get a copy this year, please call the office: 573-436-4686, leave your name and phone number. Thank you :-)

World Marriage Day
On Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:30 pm., Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event on February 12th.

Understand Your Catholic Faith with The Catechism in a Year Podcast With Fr. Mike Schmitz!
Starting January 1, 2023

It’s NOT too late to join the newest Ascension Podcast! We’re only in it by one week and it’s an amazing way to become stronger in your faith so you can share your Faith!
In response to countless requests, Ascension is launching **The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) on January 1, 2023!** FREE podcast!!!
To join in this journey through the Catechism, visit AscensionPress.com/CIY. The podcast is completely free and available on all major podcast apps and YouTube.

Monday, January 23: Day of Prayer for Protection of the Unborn
Our faith helps us to see that life is a gift of God and that we are called to make a gift of ourselves to others. Each person, created in God’s image and likeness, possesses inviolable dignity, and a person’s body is sacred and integral to his or her personality. We observe this day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, and we offer penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

“Where Your Treasure Is”
A 2023 Liturgical Composers Concert, Thursday, January 26, 7:00-8:30 at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 N. Geyer Road, Frontenac, MO. \$25 general admission; \$50 preferred seating. Info and ticket purchase at: www.mercycenterstl.org. Come and enjoy an evening of music and song. Sing with the composers who wrote some of your favorite songs for the Mass.
Some songs included:
All are Welcome: Marty Haugen
Taste and See: James E. Moore, Jr.
Rain Down: Jaime Cortez
The Cry of the Poor: John Foley, SJ And more!

St. James PSR NEWS
Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!
Next Class will be February 12th! Unit 5 is due.

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

