

Dear Padre,

May I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live.

Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside. As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life-giving.

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30
Lenten Weekday	The Annunciation of the Lord	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14	Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 23, 2025

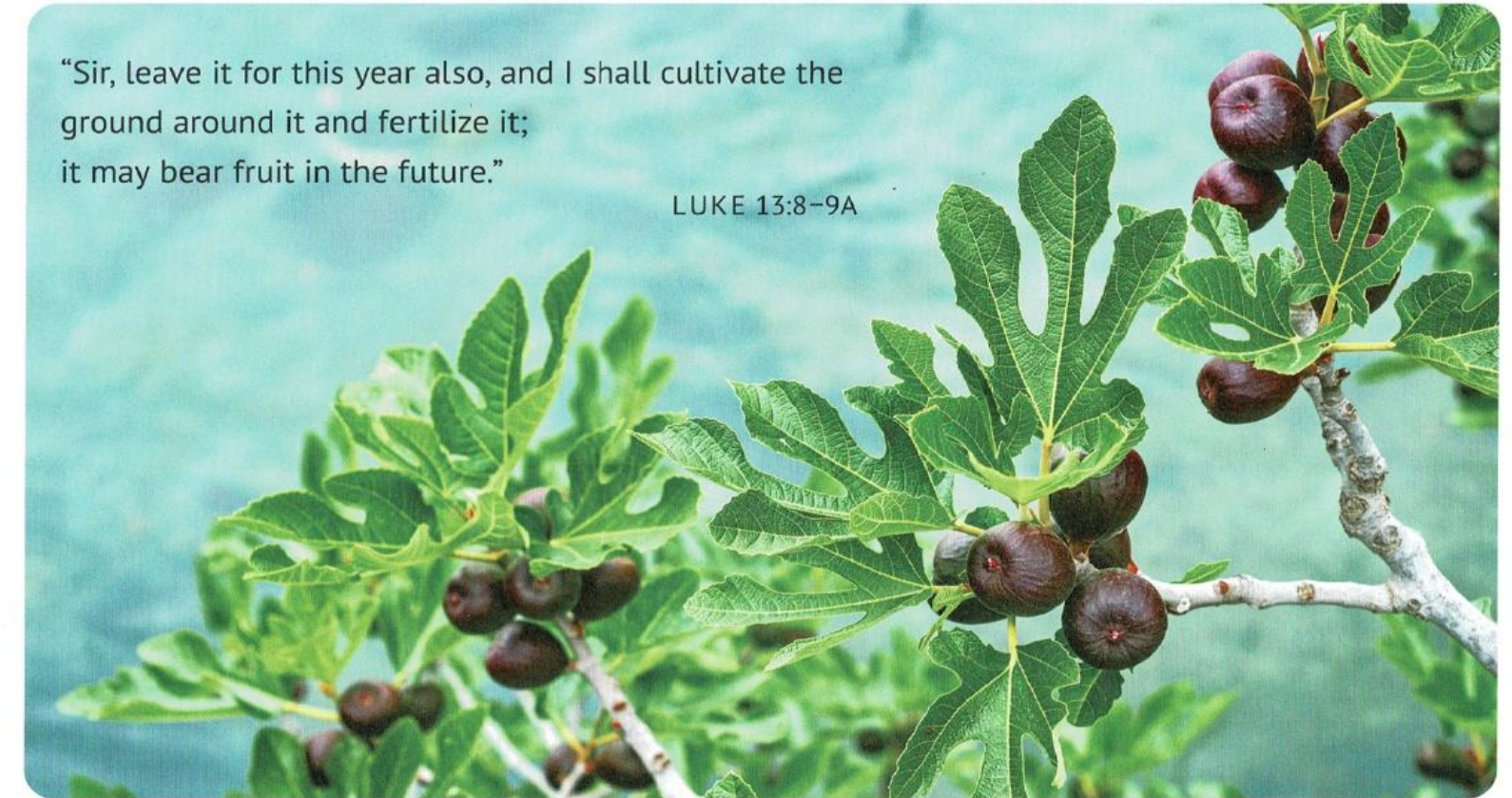
Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9



"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."

LUKE 13:8-9A



A Gardener God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit. ●

Reflect

What needs nurturing in my life, and what needs weeding out?

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I like to think that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility".... [God] does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can still bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on your past, but confidently bets on your future.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 20, 2022

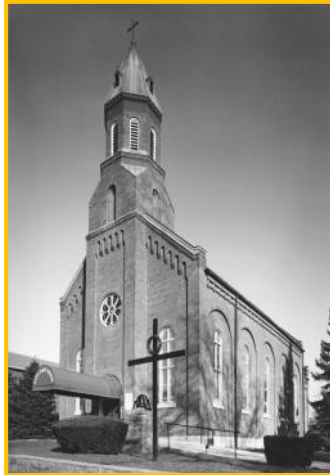


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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



MARCH 2025

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.

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Confessions:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

March 24th, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 25 TUE 8:15AM BETTY MATTHEWS
Mar 26 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 27 THU 8:00AM GLEN GELHOT
Mar 28 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 29 SAT 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 30 SUN 10:00AM KARLEEN PATRICIA OSIA

March 16th, 2025

Envelope.s.....\$	2385.00
Loose.....\$	780.00
Votive.....\$	27.00
St. V.....\$	405.00
Maintenance.....\$	25.00
Stain-glass.....\$	45.00
Online giving.....\$	35.60
St. Joachim School...\$	220.00
Black/Indian Miss....\$	653.00



March 30th, 2025

Lectors

Jamie Warden

Sunday 10:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C:Kim Coleman

L:Diane McGirl

R:Mary Roy

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Joachim

Sun: 10:00 am Daisy & Penelope

Music:

Sat: 4:00 pm. Chala

Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards

Sun: 10:00 am **Anita Govero or The Little Way Band**

St Vincent DePaul March collection: Personal hygiene products, laundry soap, or household cleaning supplies.

Faith, Hope, and Charity

March-April Heavenly Dusters

Faye Jarvis 3/14-3/21

Diane Mull 3/28-4/4

March-April Alter Linens

Faye Jarvis 3/17-3/24

Barb Coco 3/31-4/7



THE SEVENTH, EIGHTH, NINTH, AND TENTH COMMANDMENTS

The seventh commandment requires us to respect what belongs to others, to live up to our business agreements, and to pay our just debts. This commandment forbids all dishonesty such as: (1) stealing, (2) cheating, (3) unjust keeping of what belongs to others, (4) unjust damages to the property of others, and (5) the accepting of bribes by public officials.

The eighth commandment requires us to speak the truth in all things, but especially in what concerns the good name and honor of others. The eighth commandment forbids: (1) lies, (2) rash judgment, (3) detraction, (4) calumny, and (5) the telling of secrets we are bound to keep. A person who has sinned by distraction or calumny, or has told a secret he is bound to keep, must repair the harm he has done to his neighbor, as far as he is able.

The ninth commandment requires us to be pure in thought and in desire. Mere thoughts about impure things are not always sinful in themselves, but such thoughts are dangerous.

The tenth commandment forbids all desire to take or to keep unjustly what belongs to others. This commandment also forbids envy at the success of others.



What's on the Calendar???



Mar 21: **St. Joachim Fish Fry**

Mar 25: **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Mar 28: **St. James Fish Fry**

Apr 01: **Ladies Solidity MGT**

Apr 04: **St. Joachim Fish Fry**

Apr 05: **Rummage Sale St. Michael House 8:30am-12pm**

Apr 08: **Parish MGT 5:30pm**
KC Mgt 6:30pm

Apr 11: **St. James Fish Fry**

Apr 14: **St V Mgt 6pm**

Apr 16: **St V Truck**

Apr 18: **Good FRIDAY**

Apr 19: **Food Pantry**

ANYONE WHO CANT COME TO THE ALTER TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, PLEASE LET SOMEONE KNOW SO WE CAN MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE IT.



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.

Rummage Sale Saturday April 5th

8:30am-12pm

St. Michaels House

More infor call 636-586-5171



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Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture

Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture explores the biblical roots of the Eucharist and how the earliest Christians understood it as the fulfillment of many Old Testament promises. Based on Dr. Brant Pitre's book Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, these daily Lenten reflection videos will radically transform your love for the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up to receive these daily during Lent at <https://daily.formed.org/lent> Get a closer look at the artwork featured in Daily Bread: https://leaders.formed.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/DailyBread_ArtCredits.pdf

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- Enter our parish's zip code 63664
- Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you are in!

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

— Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



From Fr. Tony Dattilo

I would like to thank the Willet-House Company for the wonderful work they did on our windows at St. James Church. I would like to thank you for our volunteer project and Manager, Don Thompson for all that he did on this project.

I thank all the Parishioners and others who donated funds for this project. The windows are more beautiful than ever. It really brightens up our church.

I thank all those who helped and contributed to the project and the

Willette Houser Company for their magnificent work.

God bless you all!

Fr. Tony Dattilo

With our picnic approaching quickly we are going to start taking donations for bingo prizes!! Please contact Laura Allen ,Geraldine Heifner or the Church office if you would like to donate.



We are still accepting BOTTLES for the Picnic also. (PLEASE CHECK DATES)

The Placemats for the dining room are going to be a little different this year...instead of asking businesses to purchase spots we are going to change it to a memorial (In Memory Of) . Anyone can purchase a spot (prices differ). You can add pictures. For more information contact Kim Coleman 314-808-2207.

St. James PSR NEWS March Classes 26th

There will be a training class for new servers for anyone that is in 3rd grade or above on Sunday March 30 after the 10:00 mass

Contact **Laura** at 573-366-5235 with any questions.

