

Dear Padre,

At what precise point in the Mass does the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?

For many centuries, thinkers in the Western and Eastern Churches have pondered this question. Some say the moment of consecration happens at the beginning of the sentence, "This is my body." Others say it happens at the conclusion of that sentence. Still others claim it happens sometime during the sentence. The same theories were proposed about the consecration of the cup. From the Eastern Churches, the theory was raised that it wasn't the eucharistic narrative that was consecratory, but rather the prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit known as the *epiclesis*.

These theories continue to be debated, but to what avail? Even the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does not specify when the consecration happens (CCC 1375–81). But knowing the precise moment it happens doesn't seem to be as important as simply knowing that the elements of bread and wine over which the prayer is prayed do become for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

This mystery of faith, moreover, adds another dimension to our lives: transformation into Christ. Whether we share in Communion at the liturgy or contemplate the Lord in the tabernacle, the loving call of the Spirit is to change our hearts. Specifically, when does that happen to us? One never knows for sure. But by participation in the mystery of faith, we're changed ever more deeply into the One whose Body and Blood we share. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Dt 10:12–22 Mt 17:22–27	August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rev 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20–27 Lk 1:39–56	August 16 Weekday Dt 34:1–12 Mt 18:15–20	August 17 Weekday Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17 Mt 18:21–19:1	August 18 Weekday Jos 24:1–13 Mt 19:3–12	August 19 Weekday Jos 24:14–29 Mt 19:13–15	August 20 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6–7 Rom 11:13–15, 29–32 Mt 15:21–28



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm. Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and the disciples, and also to us today. In dark moments, in sad moments He is well aware that our faith is weak.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a / Romans 9:1–5 / Matthew 14:22–33



Get Out of the Boat

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As priests we're expected to plan our own funerals, including the Scripture readings. As it happens, I chose the Gospel for this Sunday, the one about Jesus walking across the water and inviting Peter to trust and step out of the boat and come to him. You may think it strange for a funeral, but it's been pretty much the story of my life.

Often there have been times when I was asked to go where I didn't want to go, like Peter being asked to get out of the boat. Ultimately I realized that those were also the very times when I seemed most aware of God's presence. Oh, I think God

was always there, it's simply that my own ego often got in the way. It was when I gave in that I most felt buoyed by God. In fact, the least satisfying assignment was the one I eagerly sought out, and some of those I resisted

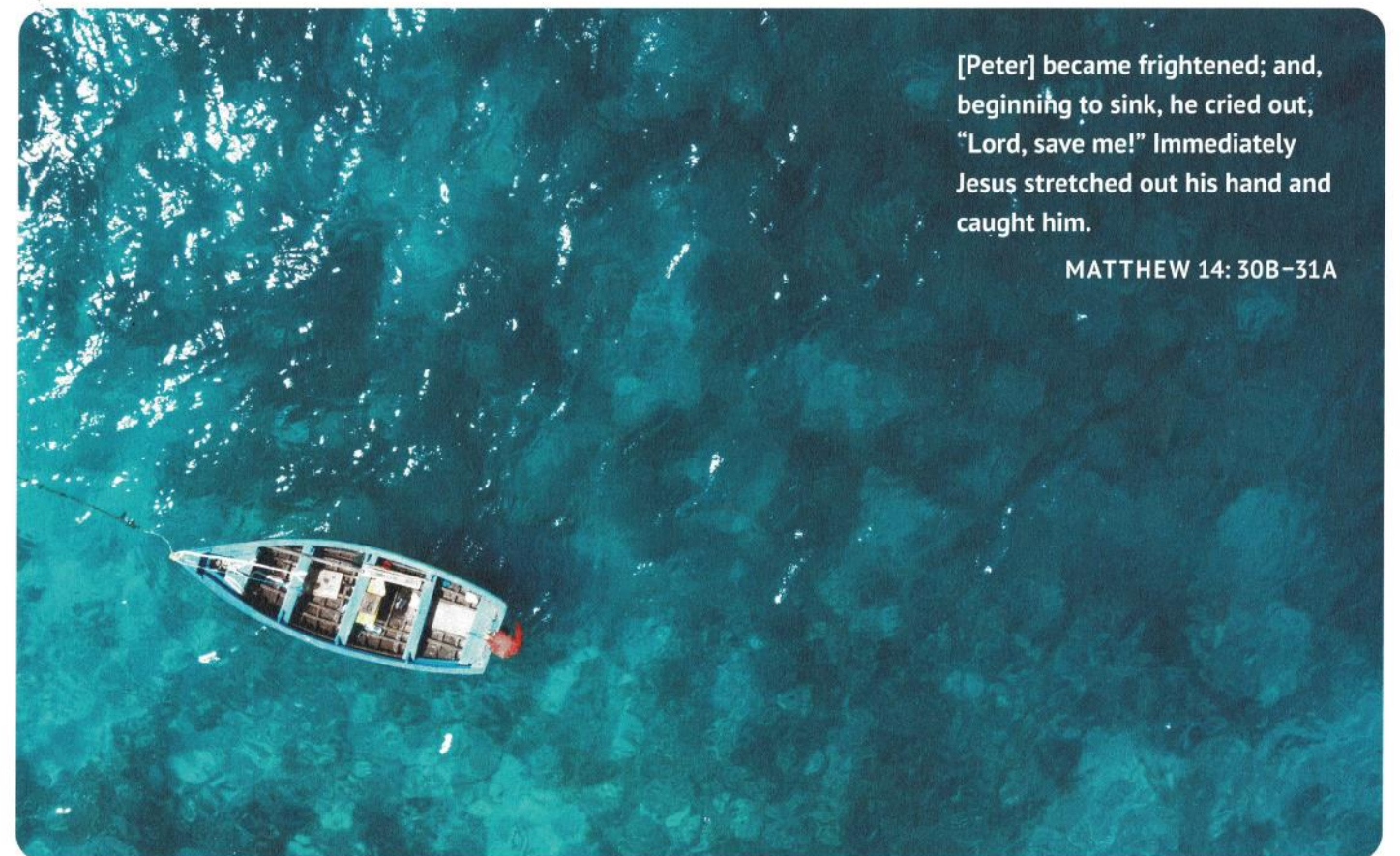
turned out to be graced. Like Peter, it's good to do what doesn't always make sense.

What does all this have to do with my choice of this Scripture reading for my funeral? Well, every

time I have stepped out of the boat of security, God has been there to sustain me. I figure there is going to be no bigger "stepping out" than death, so I'm expecting God will be there as well. ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced the impossible becoming possible with God's grace?



[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

MATTHEW 14: 30B–31A



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



AUGUST 2023

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

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Please check the Bulletin for Mass

E-MAIL:
stjameschurch@centurylink.net
WEBSITE:
www.stjamespotosi.org
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: Aug 14, 2023



MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
TUE	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
	12:00 Noon:	Bishop Morgan Casey
	7:00 PM	Barbara Bledsoe
WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
THU	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere
FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
SAT	4:00 PM	Bill Cain
SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family



Week of: August 6, 2023

Envelope.....\$	3815.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	278.00
Loose.....\$	1457.00	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	510.00	Assumption of Mary..\$	25.00
Votive Lights.....\$			
Light House.....\$			

Picnic Tickets are now available in back of church, Please stop and pick up your envelope!

Special Ministers August 19 & 20, 2023

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am
Bob Mills	Jamie Thompson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am
C: Paul Villmer	Don Thompson
L: Vikki Neier	Jim Politte
R: Judy East	Dave Woodland

Servers:

Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Volunteers

Music:

Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Rebecca Richards

Food of the Month of August: Canned meats and canned pasta meals: spam, canned chicken, canned ham, canned beefaroni, spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc.....

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

~We couldn't do it without you~

Please think about volunteering for our Fall Picnic this year
September 17, 2023

Heavenly Duster: **08/18:** Judy East
Altar Linens: **08/14:** Sharon Forrester

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 the parish office at 573-438-4686 or Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343.

*Candidates meet at St. Joachim Church every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Incarnate Word Center. Beginning Thursday, August 24 th. If this time is impossible, please call Joyce Politte at the above number.

*Wanted: Team Members to help inform and form candidates in the Catholic Faith. Qualifications: Be a practicing Catholic, willing to share the Catholic faith and one's own faith journey, and willing to take a Protecting God's Children workshop as required for all volunteers. If interested, call Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343

Word of Life

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains un-addressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"

For those grieving after a miscarriage: May they be comforted by God's everlasting love and His presence amidst their sorrow;
We pray to the Lord:

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

What's on the Calendar???

Aug 15: **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass times:
8:15 am - St. Joachim
12:00 Noon- St. James
7:00 pm - St. James
Office will be Closed

Aug 19: **Parish Grounds Workday, 6:00 am till ?????**

Welcome, Meet & Greet Fr. Nyman, refreshments after **4 pm mass in the Parish Hall.**

Aug 21: 1st Day of School
Rural Parish Clinic here at St. James

Aug 24: OCIA classes in the Incarnate Word Center, St. Joachim, at 6:30 pm.

Aug 30: PSR Registration for 23-24 school year, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

This Wednesday is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm here at St. James. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the back of church for all special ministers and servers. Please take a moment and sign-up for the mass you will be attending. **(8:15 am Mass is at St. Joachim.)**

Nothing in life has to be dreadful. Even the greatest struggle and suffering we endure can easily be transformed by God to become a source of His Mercy and our sanctification. But there is one thing that would be truly dreadful if it were to come upon us. And that one thing is the Day of Judgement if we were to remain closed to the Mercy of God through our obstinance and refusal to humbly repent and change our lives. This is a frightening reality to behold. When we stand before God we will never be able to justify our stubborn adherence to sin. No amount of rationalization or self-justification will appease the Justice of God. Do not allow yourself to come to this point. Repent now. Honestly repent and confess your sin. Do not hold onto your self-righteousness. This will be easy to accomplish if you clearly understand the infinite Mercy of God offered you now and until the day of your judgement. After that, it will be too late. Do not wait. (Diary #1160).

What do you need to repent of? Seriously, what is it? Do not cling to your own self-righteousness acting as if you have no sin. You may fool others, you may even fool yourself, but you will never fool God. His love for you is greater than you'll ever fathom and knowing this should ease your worries about admitting your sin. Do it and watch the floodgates of Mercy open before you.

*****FORMED*****

7 Life-Changing tips that will Transform Your Prayer w/Sr. Mary Grace: Sr. Mary Grace talks about the importance of prayer in our communion with Jesus and shares practical tips on building a life of prayer.

Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi: If you think you know Francis of Assisi, you're in for a surprise. Discover the astonishing life of Brother Francis, the fun-loving son of wealth and privilege who gave up everything for the sake of Christ. As a young soldier, he encountered suffering. As a victim of war, he began a search for inner meaning that would redirect his life. As a holy beggar, he embraced lepers, shook hands with the Pope, debated a Sultan, and touched the lives of millions.

Now the power and passion of one of the world's most popular saints is captured in this exciting **10-part audio drama** from Augustine Institute Radio Theatre. Bold and inspiring, AIR Theatre takes storytelling to a whole new level.

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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.

Missionary Discipleship

Faith

How strong is our faith in the Risen Christ? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself" (CCC 1814). As missionary disciples of Christ, we must not only keep the faith and live rooted in it, we must also profess it, bear witness to it, and spread it to others. Peter took a leap of faith by walking to Jesus on the water, but he lost his faith when he saw how dangerous the sea looked to him. Similarly, we too often lose faith quickly when the storms of life toss us around to places where we do not like to go. We must pray for Christ to strengthen the gift of faith He has given to us in Baptism so that we might be bolder witnesses to the world.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.



Picnic News!!

Next mtg is **Aug 23rd @ 6:00 pm!**

Time is flying!!! School will be in session in just a few short weeks!
A few updates:

- Picnic is 5 weeks away!
- Bottles for the bottle booth are starting to come in, keep them coming. :-)
- We've reached the 1/2 way mark to our goal of 200!
- We've also received a few more items for our Country store. Lets get those crafty minds a workin! Thank you so much for all your wonderful gift items folks!
- Bingo still needs help with a few prizes.
- Kids Games, Corn Hole tournament and more!!
- Music: Ben Turnbough & Kegan Boyer!!



This is our first picnic in 4 yrs, can you believe that???
Lets make this year's picnic a fantastic success. To do that, we need all Parish involvement, so come on folks, let's do this!

If anyone has questions, you may call Jamie or Don Thompson

St. James Catholic Church Quilters News

Our Quilters will still be selling raffle tickets for their quilt at the picnic. There are few tickets in the office, if anyone still wants to get tickets early come by the office. This is a hand quilted quilt that will be given away at our Parish Picnic in September. All proceeds benefit our parish.
Thank you Ladies for sharing your gift with us!!



St. James PSR NEWS

This year St. James will have our annual Fall PICNIC, Sunday, September 17th. All PSR Families are encouraged to volunteer to help in any way possible.

Registration for Fall PSR 2023-2024 will be held August 30th, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. PSR class schedule changes will be announced at a later date. Please watch the bulletin for further information.
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