

Dear Padre,

What is the “gospel of prosperity”? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God’s favor?

That’s a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●



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Monday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
1 Cor 5:1–8
Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

September 10
Weekday
1 Cor 6:1–11
Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

September 11
Weekday
1 Cor 7:25–31
Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 12
Weekday
1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13
Lk 6:27–38

Friday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27
Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

September 14
The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Sunday

September 15
Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 50:4c–9a
Jas 2:14–18
Mk 8:27–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going?Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!.... The healing of the heart begins with listening.... We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us: “Ephphatha, be opened!” Open your ears.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Isaiah 35:4–7a / James 2:1–5 / Mark 7:31–37



Life at the Edge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an “empty nest.” Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we’ve dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed

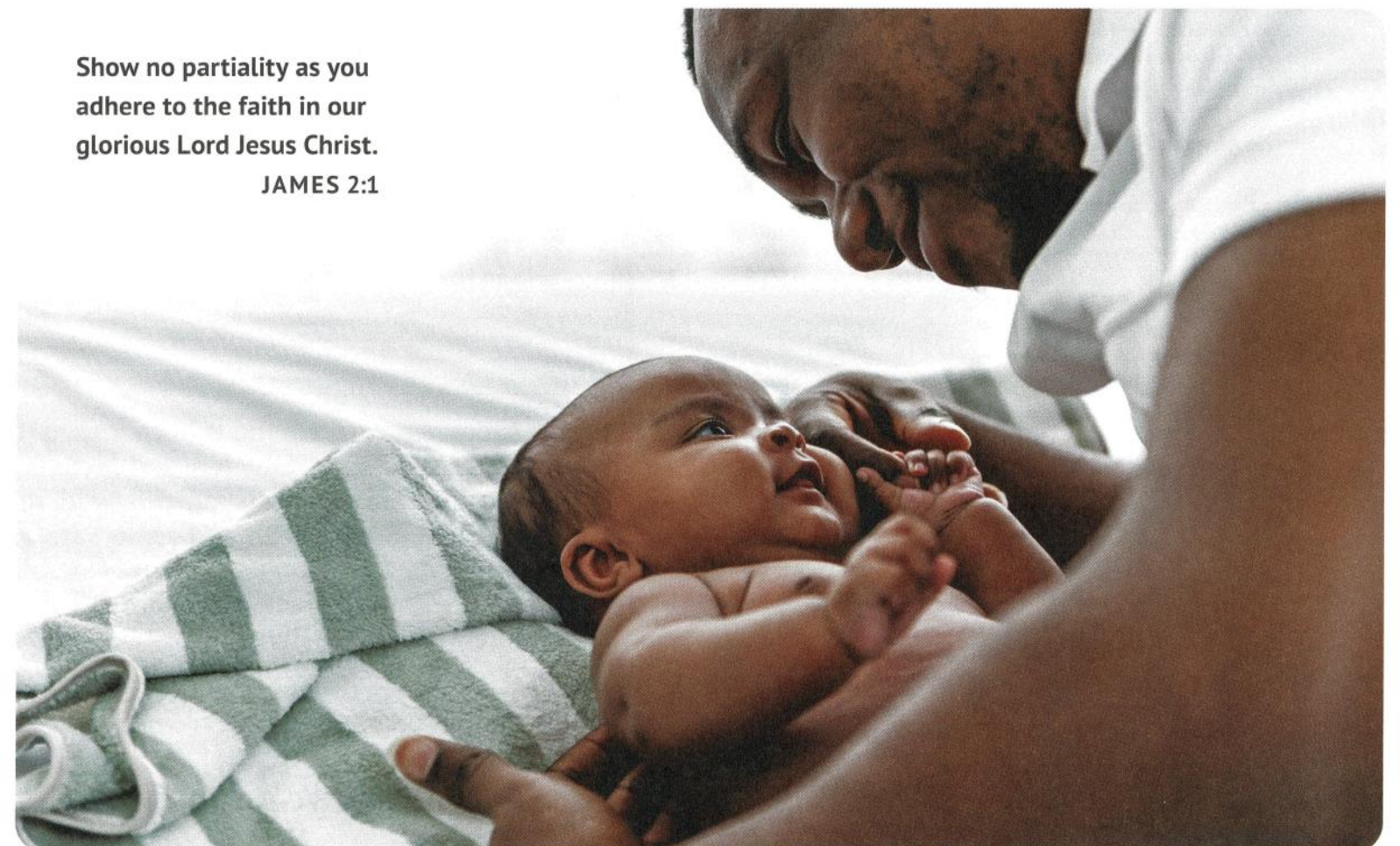
strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God’s presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life’s glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn. It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?” (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us. ●

Reflect

Do you feel God’s presence differently in hard times than you do in easy times?

Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

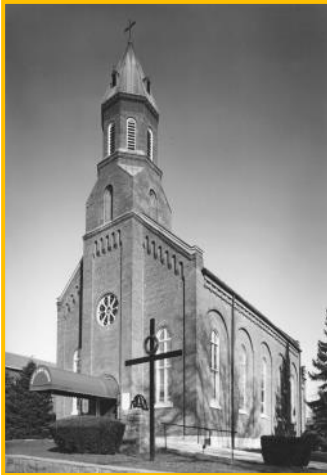
JAMES 2:1





St. James Parish Family

201 N. MISSOURI STREET



September 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.

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

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Phone: 573-366-5235

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: September 09, 2024

MON	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Joachim
Sept 10 TUE	8:15 AM	Betty Matthews
Sept 11 WED	8:15 AM	Mass at St. Joachim
Sept 12 THU	8:00 AM	Michael & Kate Moxley
Sept 13 FRI	8:00 AM	Ashley DeMarnis
Sept 14 SAT	4:00 PM	Mass at St. Joachim
Sept 15 SUN	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Joachim
Sept 15 SUN	10:00 AM	Jeremy

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Envelope.....\$	4670.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	70.00
Loose collections..\$	506.00	On-Line donations...\$	65.60
Fall Picnic.....\$	210.00	Stain Glass Repair...\$	500.00
SVDP.....\$	175.00	Assumption of Mary....\$	10.00
Votive Lights.....\$	43.00	Flowers.....\$	65.00
Cemetery Fund and funeral dinners.....\$	200.00	Ladies Sodality.....\$	200.00
		Catholic Univ.....\$	215.00

September 15, 2024
Lectors
Sunday OUTDOOR 10:00 am
Danny Mueller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Nikki Warden
L: Diane McGirl
R: Marvin Wright

Servers
Sat: 4:00 pm **Mass at St Joachim**
Sun: 8:00 am **Mass at St Joachim**
Sun: 10:00 am **Joshua & 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 September collection: Soup & peanut butter-crackers

Faith, Hope and Charity

Heavenly Duster: 09/20: **Nedra Villmer**
Altar Linens: 09/23: **Barb Cocos**

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Caring Hearts PRC
* Walk For Life *
9:45 AM Oct 5th
@ the City Park
JOIN US!!!

Just a Reminder
Clarity House of Retreat:
Meets every second Friday of the month. Rosary starts at 6:00pm and Mass follows. Prayer, Quiet, Healing, people come together....

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By the sacraments a Catholic is born, raised to maturity, fed, healed, reconciled, and given his or her mission. The seven sacraments, with the Holy Eucharist at their heart and center, are the very life blood of the Roman Catholic Church. Dive into fascinating video and audio titles to learn more about these divine gifts.

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- Go to : <http://signup.formed.org/>
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What's on the Calendar???

Sept 08: St Joachim parish picnic
Sept 10: Parish Council mtg-5:00pm
K of C 6:00pm mtg
Sept 12: Most Holy Name of Mary
Sept 13: Clarity House
Sept 14: Exaltation of The Cross
Sept 15: **St. James Church Picnic!!!**
Sept 16: Mission Mtg
St. Vincent DePaul mtg
Sept 22: St Joseph Fall Festival-Bonne Terre
Sept 29-Oct 03: Parish Mission Fun Begins
Oct 03: First Thursday Adoration
Oct 05: First Saturday
Caring Hearts PRC *walk for life*
Oct 06: STS. Philip/River Aux Vases Picnic

"Peace I leave with you; I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."
-John 14:27

DSS
!Social Services is in need for foster families!
For more information
Contact Sherry Leeling @ 573-518-2564

"You might be temporary in their lives; they might be temporary in yours. But there is nothing temporary about the love or the lesson."

"There is nothing more fulfilling in life than deepening your relationship with God. Your desire to begin to pray or deepen your prayer life is one that comes from God himself."

DAN BURKE
Into the Deep

DynamicCatholic.com

Quote

When you look at your life, can you point to regular acts of charity that flow from your love God and are bestowed upon others? Charity is not based on your preferences in life. It's not based on what you feel like doing. Charity is always selfless and sacrificial. It always looks toward the good of the other. How much charity is alive in your life? Jesus clearly told this parable because He was aware of many who professed a faith in God but did not live the love of God. It's very easy to live our lives day in and day out, doing what we do because of our personal likes or dislikes. However, it is very difficult to foster true charity within our souls and to regularly choose to love others because it is good for them.

!Our Parish Picnic Is Here!
Outdoor Mass @ 10Am
FR. Anthony Dattilo

Raffle Ticket Drawing
CORNHOLE

COUNTRY STORE
Don't FORGET to check out this cute set-up.

Crafts and so much more to choose from.

***BINGO**
***Pull Tabs**

Bounce House & Games

Hotdogs & Burgers

Fried Chicken OR Pork Steak Dinner 11-3

Music By Shannon Cox & TNT Acoustics

St. James PSR NEWS

Next PSR class is Wednesday September, 11th

- Drop off @ 5:45 PM
- Doors will be locked @ 6:05 PM(if your late dropping off please message Laura , she will meet you at the door)
- Pick up @ 7:15 PM

Laura at 573-366-5235
REMEMBER OUR PARISH PICNIC ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER, 15TH