

Dear Padre,

What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.

Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22-38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:32).

Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year. ●

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
February 3 <i>Weekday</i>	February 4 <i>Weekday</i>	February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	February 7 <i>Weekday</i>	February 8 <i>Weekday</i>	February 9 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20	Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13	Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11



DANIEL IBÁÑEZ / CNA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like Simeon, let us also pick up this child, the God of newness and surprises.... Let us be restless, let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna.... If, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life.

HOMILY, ROME, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



Blessings of Many Shapes

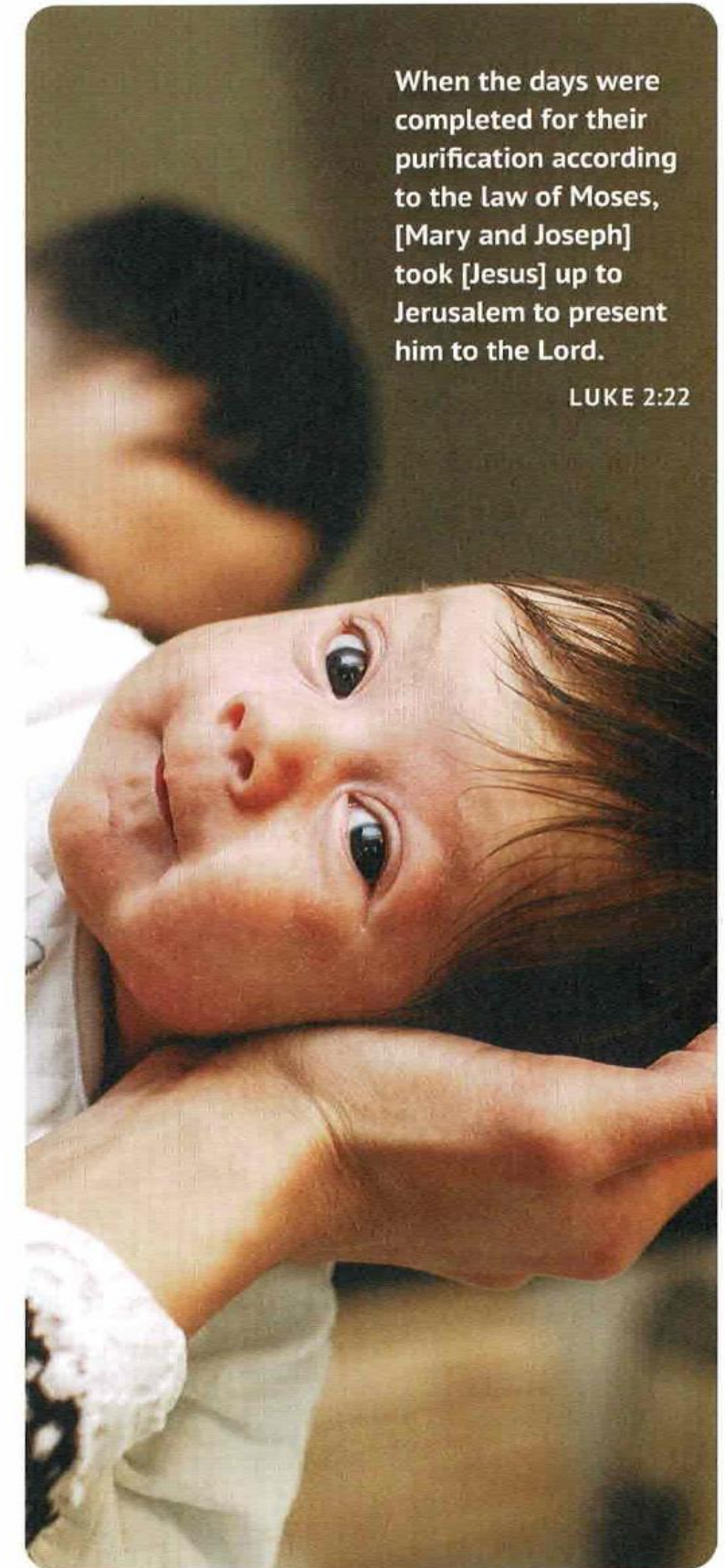
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:34-35).

Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came. ●

Reflect

Call to mind someone you love deeply and remind yourself that God loves him or her even more.

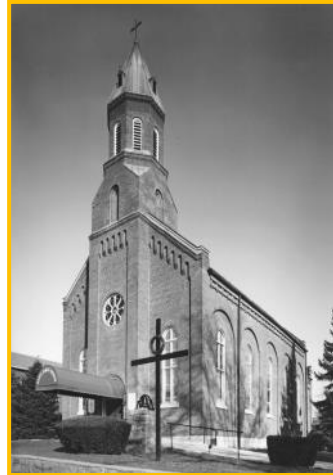


When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] took [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

LUKE 2:22

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



February 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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www.stjames-potosi.org
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF
February 03, 2024 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Feb 04 TUE	8:15AM	Anthony Killian
Feb 05 WED	8:15AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Feb 06 THU	8:00AM	Oscar (BOB) Pashia
Feb 07 FRI	8:00AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Feb 08 SAT	4:00PM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Feb 09 SUN	8:00AM	Harold & Patsy Courtois

January 26th, 2025
*Will be posted with next weeks count.

is ALMOST here.
Hopefully that means we are closer to warmer weather!

Feb 9th, 2025
Lectors
Sunday 8:00 am
Mary Susan Campbell
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Glenda Farrow
L: Donna Kennon
R: Jamie Thompson

Servers
Sat: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Joachim
Sun: 8:00 am AVA WEST

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 February collection: Soup, Crackers, and Peanut Butter. :)

Faith, Hope, and Charity

Heavenly Duster: 01/24-02/07: **Diane Mull**
Altar Linens: 01/27-02/10: **Faye Jarvis**

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

*"What does love look like?
It has the hands to help others.
It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see the misery and want.
It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.
That is what love looks like."*

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

— St. Augustin

*******Formed*******
Coming to Formed February 12

HOW TO LENT

Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent—we just don't know how to do it.

How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using How to Lent to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.

Formed is free to the parishioners, paid for by St. James parish. It is simple to put on your phone.

- Go to : <http://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 63664
- Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you are in!

What's on the Calendar???

Feb 02: The presentation of the Lord
Feb 04: Ladies Sodality MGT @ 1PM
Feb 07: First Friday
Feb 10: St. V MGT @ 6PM
Feb 11: Parish Council MGT @ 5:30
Knights of Columbus MGT @ 6:30PM
Feb 14: Clarity House
Feb 15: St.V food giveaway
Feb 17: Rural Parish Clinic
Feb 19: Picnic MGT @ 6PM

We are needing volunteers for the alter linens, contact the office and let me know if your interested.

SUMMER LANGUAGE COURSES
JUNE 23-28, 2025

Saint Louis Priory School is delighted to offer the following intensive language courses for adults this summer. Ideal for those seeking a new skill or reviving an old passion, in or preparing for Christian ministry, expanding language skills for work, travel, or simply an opportunity to meet new and like-minded people. All abilities and backgrounds are welcome.

COURSE OPTIONS
Latin
Beginner Latin
Intermediate Latin
New Testament Greek
Beginner Greek
Intermediate Greek
Spanish
Beginner Spanish
Intermediate Spanish

FEATURES
• Small and personal class sizes for a rewarding experience
• Saint Louis Priory School teachers with advanced degrees
• Intensive (90-120 minutes) classes per day (1,250 minutes of instruction)
• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Monday through Friday with one hour for lunch
• Freshly prepared lunch (hot and cold choices)
• Social events with drinks and food on Monday and Friday
• All learning materials and refreshments included
• Stunning 150-acre campus with modern facilities and active monastery
• Daily Mass and prayer (optional) at 5:30 p.m.

COST: \$600
REGISTER BY: 5/30/25
QUESTIONS? Email Josh Dixon at jdixon@priory.org

LIMITED SPACES! SIGN UP TODAY!

Grants available for students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade for the 2025-26 school year. Grant applications open on Tuesday, January 21 at 8 a.m. Apply at www.ttef-stl.org
If you have any questions please contact danaboyd@stjoachimschools.com

MEET THEM AT THE WELL
Walking with our Loved Ones who have left the Church

LEARN HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR ADULT CHILDREN ABOUT FAITH
HEAR PRACTICAL DO'S AND DON'TS
PRACTICE SHARING YOUR FAITH STORY WITH OTHERS
GAIN STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING "ROADBLOCKS" TO RETURNING

TWO OPTIONS (SAME PROGRAM)

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
5:00PM-8:30PM
(DINNER SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS COUNCIL #6018)
HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER
2300 CHURCH RD. ARNOLD, MO 63010

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
9:00AM-12:00PM
MOST SACRED HEART - FR. DOWLING HALL
350 E 4TH ST, EUREKA, MO 63025

Registration REQUIRED
Sign up at this QR code

More Info:
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Signs of Hope
A Morning of Reflection to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope
Saturday, February 22, 2025
8:30am-Noon
Hillsboro Knights of Columbus Hall
9330 Old Missouri 21, Hillsboro, MO 63050

Join us as we explore what it means to be "Pilgrims of Hope" in our families, in our parishes, in the greater community.

All are welcome!
Register at QR code or:
<https://forms.office.com/r/58hTLCym1j>

presented by
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We are now accepting BOTTLE items for the bottle game @ the Picnic June 1st. Please check the expirations dates on all bottles donated.

The Knights of Columbus Lister Agency is proud to announce that we are once again sponsoring the Catholic Men for Christ Conference held on February 15th. Men who register can use the code KNIGHTS to get 15% off at registration. Please call Eric Aubuchon 314-605-6268 with any questions.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST Conference
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St. James PSR NEWS

February Class
12th and 26th

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