

Dear Padre,

My wife and I are in our mid-fifties; we have a comfortable life, go to church regularly, pray, and generally consider ourselves good Christians. So what's wrong? We feel empty, hollow, and strangely unfulfilled. What can we do?



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Barring any other unnamed problem, you and your wife seem to be at a spiritual crossroads. You've come to the disturbing but provocative realization that St. Augustine voiced, saying, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord." Feelings of emptiness are a gift, a message that God is calling you to something more. It's time for careful discernment.

At stake here is: What is life really about? Up to this point, like many people, it sounds like you have enjoyed a comfortable and productive life filled with many of the good things the world has to offer. But when these prove unable to give lasting happiness, you are finding that true meaning must be sought elsewhere: in a more profound relationship with God. It is no longer a matter of knowing about God but of connecting with God in a close, personal, intimate relationship.

Lent begins in less than two weeks. Perhaps you and your wife can decide how to spend this Lent seeking a deeper relationship with God and God's people. You could join a prayer group or work at a soup kitchen. You could learn about meditation practices or help your parish in projects for the poor. You could spend one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament. Whatever you decide, welcome this new stage in life to which God is calling you. ●

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| MONDAY February 13 Weekday Gn 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13 | WEDNESDAY February 15 Weekday Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Mk 8:22-26 | SATURDAY February 18 Weekday Heb 11:1-7 Mk 9:2-13 |
| TUESDAY February 14 St. Cyril, Monk and St. Methodius, Bishop Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Mk 8:14-21 | THURSDAY February 16 Weekday Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33 | SUNDAY February 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48 |
| | FRIDAY February 17 Weekday Gn 11:1-9 Mk 8:34-9:1 | |



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Time dedicated to being with God revives faith, which helps us in the practicalities of living, and faith, in turn, nurtures prayer, without interruption. In this circularity between faith, life, and prayer, one keeps alight that flame of Christian love that God expects of us.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SAN DAMASO COURTYARD,
JUNE 9, 2021

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 / Matthew 5:17-37
or Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37



What's in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would highlight four common shifts.

People's faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine or what we believe, to spirituality or how we live out what we believe as people of faith and where God is in our lives.

What's in our hearts has been a focus. It suggests that while actions are important, where the actions originate and what they say about who we are is also important in trying to understand why we do what we do.

People pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer is nurturing to the faith of many, there has also been a discovery of other forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be about only reporting kinds and numbers of sins but also about what is in one's heart and how people find themselves relating to others. People confess both attitudes and actions that are destructive rather than moral lists.

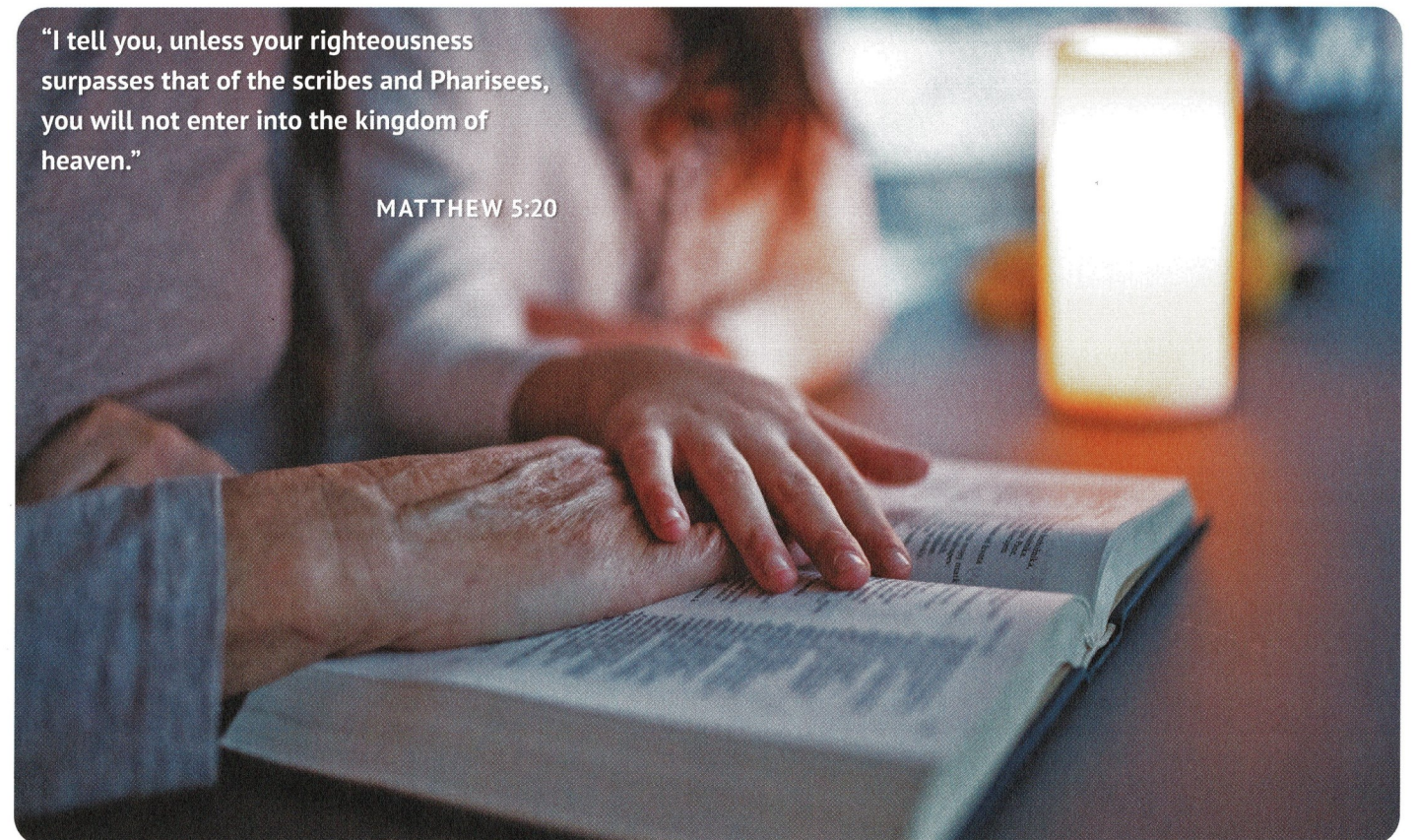
It would seem that all of this echoes this week's Gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts. ●

Reflect

How is your faith different today than it was ten or twenty years ago?

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:20



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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



Weekly Mass Schedule

| Day | Mass Time |
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| 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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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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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: February 13, 2023

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| MON | 8:00 AM | No Mass |
| TUE | 8:00 AM | The Abandoned Clergy Souls & Consecrated Religious in Purgatory |
| WED | 8:00 AM | Diane Koenitz & Family |
| THU | 8:00 AM | Francis Crimi |
| THU | 6:00 PM | Michael & Kate Moxley Family |
| FRI | 8:00 AM | Stanley Roy |
| SAT | 9:00 AM | Ramond & Hazel DeClue |
| SAT | 4:30 PM | Janet Coleman |
| SUN | 8:00 AM | Parish Family |
| SUN | 10:00 AM | Nancy Richards |



Week of: February 5, 2023

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| Envelope.....\$ | 6087.00 | Main & Repairs.....\$ | 295.00 |
| Loose.....\$ | 1730.00 | On-Line donations.....\$ | 65.90 |
| SVDP.....\$ | 820.00 | St. Louis Review.....\$ | 35.00 |
| Votive Lights.....\$ | 53.00 | Black/Indian Miss.....\$ | 326.00 |
| Light House.....\$ | | | |

Special Ministers
Week of: February 18 & 19, 2023

Lectors:
Sat: 4:30 pm Tom Hatley
Sun: 8:00 am Susan Broombaugh
10:00 am Charlie Schloemer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

| Saturday 4:30 pm | Sunday 8:00 am | Sunday 10:00 am |
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| C: Laura Allen | Don Thompson | Marvin Wright |
| L: Judy East | Jamie Thompson | Dave Woodland |
| R: Vikki Neier | Glenda Farrow | Danny Mueller |

Servers:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal; Elizabeth & Madeline Hatley
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteers Please
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Daisy & Penelope Kearns & Meadow Henson

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.

Heavenly Duster: 2/17: Jean Roberson
Altar Linens: 2/13: Connie Scott

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.

Have you encountered God in your own life? Won't you share your "God Encounter"? Your encounter may be exactly what someone else **NEEDS** to hear. Send your stories to: stjameschurch@centurylink.net. If you want to remain unnamed, we can do that. Let's just start sharing our stories.

Word of Life

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."
USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

For all married couples: May their openness to new life bear witness to the generous love of God;
We pray to the Lord:

Dynamic Catholic Alive! Reconciliation

With whom do you need to be reconciled in life? Maybe you have sinned against the law of God through anger, lust, dishonesty, gossip, or other evil actions. Jesus reminds us that the Christian life calls for higher standards. It is essential to keep in mind that we can live up to these standards by cooperating with the grace God gives to us in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. These sacraments give us sanctifying grace and bring us back to life when we are dead in our sin. As we approach the altar each Sunday, let us examine our consciences and seek the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we are guilty of mortal sin. Let us heed the Lord's wisdom to seek perfection by listening to His voice and responding to the graces He grants us. The Eucharist and Reconciliation are two extraordinary blessings we have as Catholics! "Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." ~Pope Saint John Paul II

Upcoming Events

Feb 13: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
Feb 22: **Ash Wednesday; Masses @ 8:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm**
Feb 24: Knights of Columbus Drive Thru Fish Fry lunch, 11:00 - 1:00
Feb 25: **Sat Mass time change: Mass will be celebrated @ 8:00 am**
Feb 25: Evangelization Workshop, Parish Hall, 9 to Noon
Feb 28: **FEARLESS** Lenten Study, 6:00 pm @ Judy Wright's house, Potluck, RSVP, No cost!
Mar 12: Daylight Savings Time begins, Set your clocks ahead Sat night!!!!

Sunday Reflection: In today's Gospel passage, Christ breaks the bad news that he hasn't come to do away with any rules, but to add one ginormous, supreme, uber-important clause to every existing part of God's law.
LPI

Beginning Saturday February 25th, the 9:00 am **Saturday Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am from now on.**

Lenten Study: FEARLESS: Lent 2023, don't walk the journey alone. Time & again, the people of God are called to be courageous and "be not afraid". Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we follow Jesus into the wilderness. Let's make this the most impactful & spiritually fruitful Lent of our lives. **(no cost!)**
Judy Wright's house, Tues evenings, 6:00 pm, potluck, pls RSVP

"Encounter with God":

One thing I appreciated about living out West was being able to attend the Religious Education Congress in LA. I looked forward to all the different cultural Mass celebrations. The Mass is always universal, but there are cultural differences; language, music, at that time we could celebrate with liturgical dance, but these celebrations were amazingly prayerful while all the while praising God. This specific year, I chose to go to the Celtic Mass. Anyway, we celebrated Mass as usual, me totally enjoying the Celtic music. My mother and I go to communion and returned to our seats. Music playing and easily 500 plus people still processing up to receive our Lord. As I was sitting down, I was watching all the people going to communion. I noticed how bright it started getting in front of me, so I looked up. In front of me, in front of the altar, there was Jesus, glowing in white, arms outstretched, looking straight at me; saying "I am here for You". I just kept staring in amazement. I finally sat down and closed my eyes so I could keep that image as long as I could. The rest of the evening, neither my mother nor I had much to say. Finally I started to explain to her what I had seen. She listened and when I was done, Mom explained that she had seen the very same image. I really don't remember anything being very difficult in my life at that time, but Jesus decided that I needed to "See" him and hear his voice. I have never forgotten that image or his soft voice speaking to me. I don't know why I have been so blessed, but I thank God for his abundant Blessings every day! Praise God!!!!

(Keep your "stories" coming)

*****FORMED*****

Formed this week!
- **Meeting God In Prayer**
- **St. Bernadette of Lourdes** (movie) the first "Children's cinema" release from Navis Pictures, "St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide;
- **Bernadette:** From Jean Delannoy, one of France's foremost filmmakers, comes this top quality feature film production of the story of St. Bernadette and the apparitions of our Lady of Lourdes. It is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience."
- **St. Benedict:** De. Tim Gray & Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.
- **St. Scholastica/Holy Women** you never heard of/ Episode 3
And of course, the Catholic Commentary on the CHOSEN; Episode 6
To sign up for "Formed",
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.

EVANGILIZATION 101WORKSHOP

Planning Area 14
25 February 2023
9:00 A.M-12:00 P.M.

St. James Potosi Parish Hall

This workshop will cover beginning fundamentals of evangelization. This is a free workshop offered to anyone who wants to increase their comfort of **sharing their faith**.
Registration is required:
archstl.org/evangelization

They're Back!!!!



Missouri Right to Life
"Keep Missouri Pro-Life"
Action Day
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Missouri State Capitol
Bus transportation is available from several sites in the St Louis metro and surrounding areas. Bus registration deadline is March 1.
Sign up online at
www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday. Or contact Missouri Right to Life-Eastern Region at 314.434.490

St. Joseph's Bonne Terre;

Women's Day of Recollection February 26, 2023
Area Catholic women are invited to attend a Women's Day of Recollection hosted by the Ladies of St. Joseph on February 26, 2023, following the 10:00 Mass at St. Joseph Church in Bonne Terre, Missouri. Deacon Mike Burch from Immaculate Conception will be our speaker. A light lunch will be served 11:00-12:30. Deacon Mike will speak from 12:30-1:30. Please RSVP by February 19, 2023, so we can plan for lunch. For further information or to RSVP, please call Margie Candelaria at 573-315-7208 or St. Joseph Rectory (Bonne Terre, Missouri), at 573-358-2112. We hope you can join us for some reflective time to prepare for the Lenten Season.

ALL THINGS NEW SECOND DRAFT MODEL - WINTER 2023 UPDATE

The All Things New planning committee has refined the draft models to one model per planning area. Armed with the feedback summaries, parish workbooks and financial data, the team has analyzed each model to ensure each one has the resources to sustain the new structure. **The Second draft model options have been shared with the priests last week**, with a period of feedback. Those draft models are now available for viewing on the All Things New website at <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>. Other factors will come under consideration, including redrawing maps of the archdiocese and priest reassignments. Please take a few minutes to watch the short video from Fr. Martin as he gives insight to these draft models.

It is expected that by the end of April, Archbishop Rozanski will have met with Consultors to review final draft models, and then he will have a month to pray and discern before announcing a final decision on May 28, the feast of Pentecost. Implementation of these plans will take effect beginning in fall 2023 through 2026.

Please continue to pray for the gift of true discernment so that we may continue to do the Will of God in all things.

St. James PSR NEWS

Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!

Next Class will be March 12th! Unit 6 is due.
(Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th also, so set your clocks ahead 1 hour)
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