

# Dear Padre,

*Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?*

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1-7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 23 Weekday Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21	October 24 Weekday Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12:35-38	October 25 Weekday Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48	October 26 Weekday Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53	October 27 Weekday Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59	October 28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16	October 29 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40



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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 22, 2023

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21



When [the Pharisees] heard this they were amazed, and leaving him they went away.

MATTHEW 22:22

## Night Goggles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It was a gathering of longtime friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, “Can you name the wisdom in the others?” “There isn’t any,” came someone’s swift reply. “But surely there is,” the questioner persisted. “No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom.” What followed was dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew “You’re only OK if you think the way I do.” It’s a

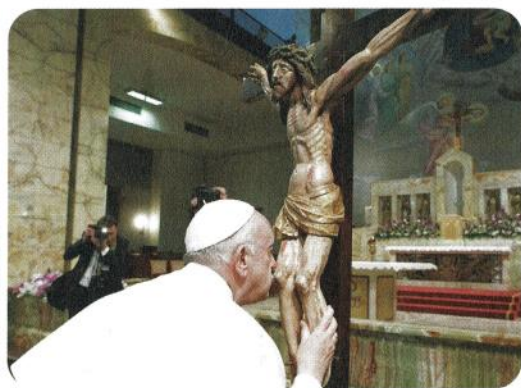
hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it’s OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God’s wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition. ●

### Reflect

**Are you able to find truth in an opinion with which you disagree?**



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus] acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid—for all of us, too, taxes must be paid—because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him alone that each person owes his own existence, his own life.*

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 18, 2020



# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



## OCTOBER 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

### HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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

### Staff

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8:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Tuesday thru Thursday  
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### Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion

Phone: 573-436-0144

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: October 23, 2023

MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 24 TUE	8:15 AM	Jeremy Mathis (birthday 10/25)
Oct 25 WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 26 THU	8:00 AM	Bishop Morgan Casey
Oct 27 FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 28 SAT	4:00 PM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
Oct 29 SUN	8:00 AM	Buckshot East
Oct 29 SUN	10:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)



### Week of: October 15th, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2410.00	All Saints day.....\$	
Loose .....	270.00	All Souls day.....\$	
SVDP.....\$	45.00	World Mission.....\$	
Votive Lights.....\$	7.00	Permanent Deaconate\$	
Light House.....\$		Picnic(placemat ad)....\$	30.00
Main & Repairs.....\$	65.00		
On-Line donations.....\$	100.90	**Complete picnic income will be posted in a future bulletin**	

### Special Ministers

October 29, 2023

### Lectors:

Sunday 8:00 am  
Sharon Forrester

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday 8:00 am

C: Don Thompson  
L: Jamie Thompson  
R: Jimmy Politte

### Servers:

Sat: 4:00 p.m. (celebrated at St. Joachim)  
Sun: 8:00 a.m Meadow Henson & Volunteers pls  
Sun: 10:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)



### Music:

Sat: 4:00 p.m. Chala Short  
Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards  
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of October: 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~

Heavenly Duster: 10/27: Glenda Farrow  
Altar Linens: 10/30: Sharon Forrester



We here at St. James Church are wanting to resume **Funeral Lunches** for our Parish Family. We can not thank our Ladies Sodality enough for all the luncheons they have prepared for our Parishioners. Thank you ladies for everything!

We have a new leader for our Funeral luncheon committee. Mrs. Kim Coleman has graciously taken this task over, but she NEEDS volunteers to help with the meals and fund raisers. We are hoping for enough volunteers so that we can take turns.

So please, all who are willing to step up and help take care of our parishioners, please call Kim Coleman @ 314-808-2207 or the office @ 438-4686.

We can NOT do this without the help of volunteers! WE NEED YOU!

### Word of Life

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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For women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through God's endless mercy; We pray to the Lord:

### What's on the Calendar???

Oct 22: World Mission Sunday: Special Collection  
**St. James QUILT BINGO TODAY!!!** Doors open at 11:00 am  
Oct 25: Post Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall  
Oct 31: Trunk-or-Treat...see PSR News for details  
Nov 01: Holy Day: All Saints Day, Mass @ 12:00 noon, St. James  
Nov 05: Daylight Savings Ends...Set your clocks back!!! :-)  
Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day: Mass @ 8:00 am, St. James

### Special Events Scheduled at the National Shrine

Relics of beloved saints including St. Jude and members of the Vincentian Family will be on display at the historic National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on **October 28** (Mass at 12:10 p.m.) and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on **October 29** (Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.). Guest Speaker Patty Schneier will present a talk titled "Live Life Like a Saint" at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. On Sunday, October 29, a music program will start at 12:30 p.m. Join fellow pilgrims in prayerful reflection and remembrance of all the saints of the Church. Questions? Call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279 or go to www.amm.org for more information.

### Rural Parish Workers of Christ the King

RUMMAGE SALE, SATURDAY, November 4, 2023  
8:30-12:00 noon at St. Michael House, located at the Junction of Hwy 21 & CC across from Washington State Park on the grounds of the Rural Parish Workers of Christ the King. For more info, call 636-586-5171.  
Sale will feature items of clothing, shoes, household items, linens, purses, toys, furniture, books, lamps, etc. Must take items the day of the sale.  
All proceeds benefit St. Michael House, a Christian Activity Center.

### \*\*\*\*\*FORMED\*\*\*\*\*

**The 13th Day:** In a world torn apart by persecution, war and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal, were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, and many thousands of independent eye-witness accounts, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady between May & October 1917, which culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13. Abducted from their homes, thrown into prison and interrogated under the threat of death in the government's attempt to silence them, the children remained true to their story about the crucial messages from Mary of prayer, repentance and conversion for the world.

Our Lady gave a secret to the children told in three parts, from a harrowing vision of hell, to prophetic warnings of future events including the advent and timing of the Second World War, the spread of communism and the attempted assassination of the Pope.

**Slaves and Kings:** The Story of St. Anthony Mary Claret (English): Set in Spain in the 1800's, this dramatic feature film tells the compelling story of St. Anthony Mary Claret, an Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, missionary and confessor to the Queen of Spain. Claret, one of Spain's most popular preachers, founded the religious congregation of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known as the Claretians. (Feast day, October 24th)

### 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.

### Missionary Discipleship

#### One God

The readings today are quite easy to understand. God speaks to His people, telling them that He alone is the Lord of all. There is but one God. Do we worship God alone and render unto Him all the praise, honor, and glory that are due to Him? Or do we place our trust in false gods that never satisfy us? Take a moment to reflect on any false gods that you need to eliminate from your life. As Jesus teaches in the Gospel, we certainly must live in this world as human beings but we must not yield to the evils of the world or turn away from the one and only God who is worthy of all of our worship.

Lessons from Fatima for October, **Month of the Holy Rosary**  
Let us call to mind some of the different apparitions of the Blessed Virgin where she speaks about the Rosary.  
The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly celebrated as Our Lady of Victory, is the commemoration of the victory of the fleet of the Holy League of 1571 against the Ottoman navy at the Battle of Lepanto. However, the sea battle from the 16th century was not the only important rosary event from October.  
In 1917, three shepherd children from Fatima, Portugal, received miraculous visits from Mary at the Cova da Iria, a place where they pastured their sheep near their mountain homes. Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta have passed into the history of devotion to the Blessed Virgin because of the message they were able to give the world thanks to the privilege of having been visited by the Mother of God.  
What are the ten lessons from Our Lady of Fatima for praying the rosary?

#### 1. Pray with intentionality

When Mary visited the children, they were able to see the power of their prayer. As soon as others were aware of the heavenly visits to the shepherd children, they brought them prayer intentions that they wanted them to share with the mysterious Lady who was coming monthly to the Cova da Iria. Men and women are so weighed down by the troubles of this world, and there are always many intentions for which it is good to pray. These shepherd children became true prayer warriors, dedicating themselves to pray for the needs of those around them, as well as the greater needs of the world in general. They would pray especially for the Holy Father, for the salvation of souls and for the end of war.

#### 2. The Rosary is a great way to meditate the mysteries of the life of Christ

Each day, a Christian can pray the Rosary and is thus ensured to meditate on some scenes from the life of Christ. The words of the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and Fatima prayer serve as a background for the mysteries of the Life and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. At the beginning of each decade, a mystery of the life of Christ is announced and meditated during the space of the prayers recited. Time is given to meditate the life of Christ and thus the person praying is introduced more fully into the mystery of Christ.

#### 3. Normally, it is good to pray five decades

Mary would ask them to pray the terço, the Portuguese term for the five-decade rosary. The word means third and refers to praying five of the fifteen mysteries known in the traditional Rosary. Thanks to Saint John Paul II, we have now adopted the Luminous Mysteries made popular by Blessed Bartolo Longo, for a grand total of twenty mysteries. The children would not have the patience for fifteen or indeed twenty decades, but five decades seems much more approachable for most people.

Tune in next week, we'll give you a few more lessons from Fatima

Know a Neighbor who needs assistance?  
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides clothes, shelter, utilities, food, medicine and more for people in need throughout the St. Louis region. Our personal, one-on-one approach gives people the help they need for today and frees them to see a better tomorrow.

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### St. James PSR NEWS

**Next in-person class:** Wednesday, November 18th @ 6:00. Dinner will start approximately 5:15. Unit 2 will be due. **There will be a short meeting on November 18th for the parents of 2nd grade students.**

**Trunk or Treat:** Tuesday, October 31st, we will be having Trunk or Treat in the parking lot by the rectory beginning @ 5:00 pm. Come decorate your trunk and have some fun. If you can't join us, but would be willing to donate candy or treats, please contact Laura Allen @ 573-436-0144/573-366-5235.

**November 1st is All Saints Day,** a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the bulletin for Mass Times.

**Daylight savings time** ends on November 5th. Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hr.  
Confirmation Class will be assisting with several service projects this year. So please watch the bulletin for updates.

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