

# Dear Padre,

*I have always been an “every Sunday” Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn’t feel that special. I believe that it’s the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels “routine.” Sometimes I’m even distracted while receiving. Help?*

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don’t always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don’t feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other’s company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don’t already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. ●

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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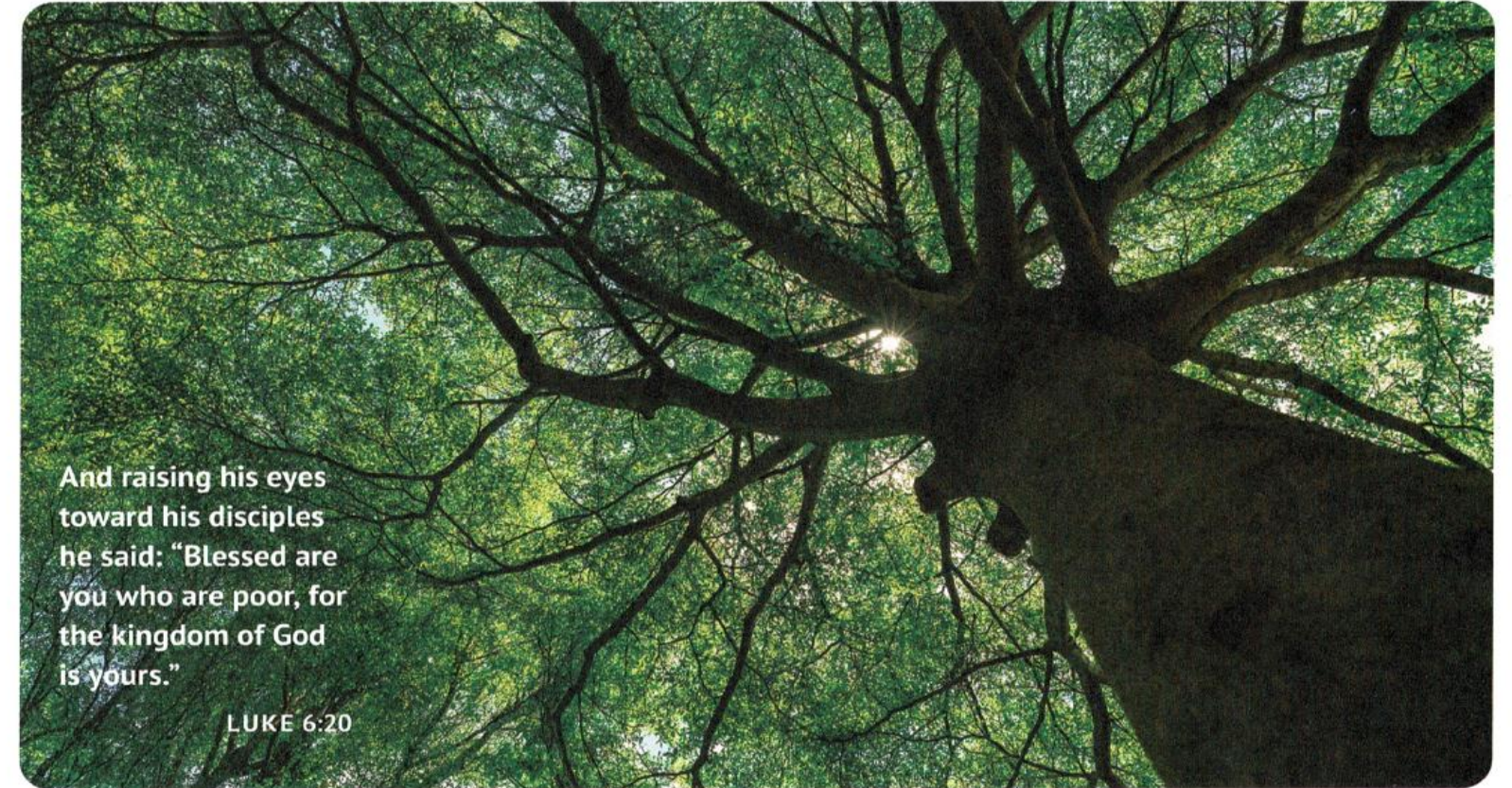
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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jeremiah 17:5–8 / 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20 / Luke 6:17, 20–26



And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.”

LUKE 6:20

## It’s All about the Roots

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**here we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage “Bloom where you are planted” may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won’t do much blooming. We’ll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week’s gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What’s so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.

The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that’s where we put down our roots. In other words, if that’s what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn’t come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become “like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream” (Jeremiah 17:8). ●

### Reflect

**Where are your roots? Are you growing and thriving?**



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Jesus says [his people] are blessed because they are poor. In what sense? In the sense that Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life.**

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

#### Monday

February 17

Weekday

Gn 4:1–15, 25

Mk 8:11–13

#### Tuesday

February 18

Weekday

Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10

Mk 8:14–21

#### Wednesday

February 19

Weekday

Gn 8:6–13, 20–22

Mk 8:22–26

#### Thursday

February 20

Weekday

Gn 9:1–13

Mk 8:27–33

#### Friday

February 21

Weekday

Gn 11:1–9

Mk 8:34–9:1

#### Saturday

February 22

The Chair of Saint

Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

#### Sunday

February 23

Seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,

12–13, 22–23

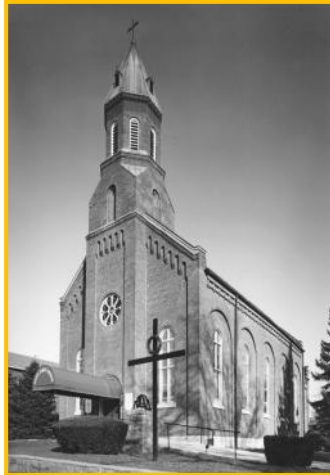
1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38



# 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](http://www.stjames-potosi.org)

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Tuesday-Thursday 8am-3pm  
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### STAFF

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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 24, 2024	8AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Feb 25 TUE	8:15AM	Joseph Richardson
Feb 26 WED	8:15AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Feb 27 THU	8:00AM	Joann Thebeau
Feb 28 FRI	8:00AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 01 Sat	8:00AM	Adoration & Benediction
Mar 01 SAT	4:00PM	Lisa Gillam
Mar 02 SUN	10:00AM	Beverly Sampson

### February 9th, 2025

Envelopes...\$	2495.00
Loose...\$	661.00
Votive...\$	10.00
St. V...\$	1227.00
Maintenance..\$	45.00



### Feb 23rd, 2025

**Lectors**  
**Sunday 8:00 am**  
**Mary Susan Campbell**  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**C: Jamie Thompson**  
**L: Don Thompson**  
**R: Jim Politte**

### Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm **Mass @ St. James**  
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**

**February-into March Heavenly Dusters**  
**Marilyn Carter & Jeanne DeGonia 2/14-2/21**  
**Glenda Farrow 2/28-3/7**

**February- into March Alter Linens**  
**Barb Cocos 2/17-2/24**  
**Glenda Farrow 3/3-3-10**

**Sorry for the confusion, I do have schedules that are made and can be picked up in the office**

**Monday, Feb. 17** - James II Project will serve hot lunches in Festus every Monday at the KC Hall of Sacred Heart. Our Lady (Festus) was very generous in letting us use their kitchen and hall for this corporal work of mercy. Contact Sandy Steffen at [sandystffn@aol.com](mailto:sandystffn@aol.com) or Susan Altnether at [saltnether@hotmail.com](mailto:saltnether@hotmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

**Join us in the Parish Hall Saturday, Feb 22nd @ 7:30AM - 8:30AM for Men's Faith Sharing. Let us walk our faith journey together, and build each other up.**

We are ready to start accepting BOTTLES for the Picnic. ( PLEASE CHECK DATES )



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

- Feb 15: St.V food giveaway  
**Catholic Men for Christ Conference**
- Feb 17: Rural Parish Clinic
- Feb 19: **Picnic MGT @ 6PM**
- Feb 21: St. Peter Damian , Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Feb 22: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
Mens Faith Sharing 7:30AM-8:30AM
- Mar 5: **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- Mar 7: St. Joachim Fish Fry
- Mar 11: **Parish Council Mgt 5:30pm & K&C mgt 6:30pm**
- Mar 14: St. James Fish Fry  
**Clarity House**

### A PRAYER FOR LIFE

To Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

**O Jesus, you came that we might have life-and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirits, you form us in our mothers' womb and call us to love you for all eternity.**

**As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

**By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whole lives are most vulnerable .**

**For you are God, forever and ever.**  
-AMEN

### \*\*\*\*\*Formed\*\*\*\*\*

**Bakhita: From Slave to Saint**

In 1948, Aurora Marin arrived with her family at the convent of the Canossian Sisters of Schio, Italy, where Sister Bakhita had just died. Aurora was hoping to see her before her death. She gathered her children around the picture of Bakhita, telling them of the incredible life of the woman who raised her as her nanny. Born in a village in Sudan, kidnapped by slavers, often beaten and abused, and later sold to Federico Marin, a Venetian merchant, Bakhita then came to Italy and became the nanny servant of Federico's daughter, Aurora, who had lost her mother at birth. She is treated as an outcast by the peasants and the other servants due to her black skin and African background, but Bakhita is kind and generous to others. Bakhita gradually comes closer to God with the help of the kind village priest, and embraces the Catholic Faith. She requests to join the order of Canossian sisters, but Marin doesn't want to give her up as his servant, treating her almost as his property. This led to a moving court case that raised an uproar, impacting Bakhita's freedom and ultimate decision to become a nun. Pope John Paul II declared her a saint in the year 2000. Directed by Giacomo Campiotti (St. Giuseppe Moscati, Doctor Zhivago) and stars Fatou Kine Boye, Stefania Rocca, Fabio Sartor, Ettore Bassi, and Francesco Salvi.

- 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!

Saturday, Feb. 22 – Celebrating the Jubilee Year with a morning of prayer and reflection, “Signs of Hope,” from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at Good Shepherd KC Hall in Hillsboro. Led by Fr. Mike Lydon and Jennifer Meehan, this is for all those who want to refresh their spiritual lives and learn more about Pope Francis’ call to be “Pilgrims of Hope.” Register at [forms.office.com/r/58h](http://forms.office.com/r/58h)

### Baltimore Catechism by Rev Deck Morning Prayer

As soon as you awake make the sign of the cross and say:  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts: the earth is full of Thy Glory.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
When dressed, bless yourself with holy water, kneel and say this morning prayer:

Our Father... Hail Mary... I believe in God...  
O my God, I believe all that Thou hast revealed because Thou canst neither deceive nor be deceived.  
O my God, I hope in Thee and I hope to obtain from Thee all the graces necessary to my salvation.  
O my God, I love Thee above all things because Thou hast first loved me and art most deserving of my love.  
O my God, I offer Thee all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings and I beseech Thee to give me Thy grace, that I may not offend Thee this day.  
All ye Angels and Saints of God, pray for me.  
Angel of God, my guardian dear  
To whom His love commits me here.  
Ever this day be at my side,  
To light and guard to rule and guide. AMEN

### Consecration to Mary

O Mary, my Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to thee; and to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to thee this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, and my whole being, without reserve. Wherefore, O loving Mother, as I am thine own, keep me and guard me as thy property ad possession. AMEN

May the Lord (sign of cross) bless me and keep me from evil.  
And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

Sunday, March 2, at Holy Family Parish in Arnold: “Meet Them at the Well” – A presentation to accompany family members who no longer practice their faith. Led by Jennifer Meehan and Tammy Chumley, with Fr. Lydon assisting.

### St. James PSR NEWS

**February Class**  
**26th**

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

