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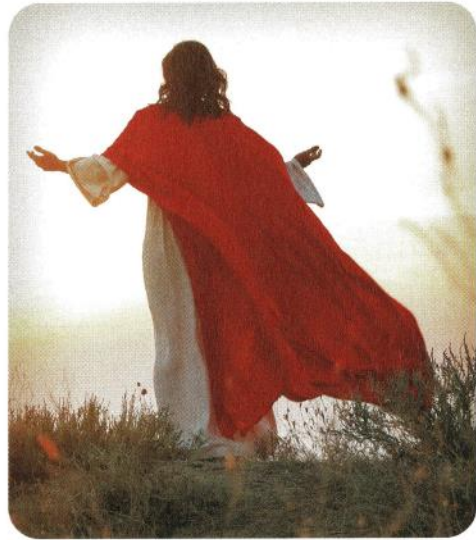
*In the Our Father, we pray, “thy kingdom come.”
Will God’s kingdom come only at the end of the world?*

God’s kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus’ Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus’ first coming as a man. That means we are in God’s kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don’t have to just wait for God’s kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God’s kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus’ Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). ●



NEW AFRICA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56	February 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13	February 7 Weekday 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23	February 8 Weekday 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30	February 9 Weekday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37	February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10	February 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31- 11:1 Mk 1:40-45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mark 1:29-39



Why Is There Evil?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At some point in one’s faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

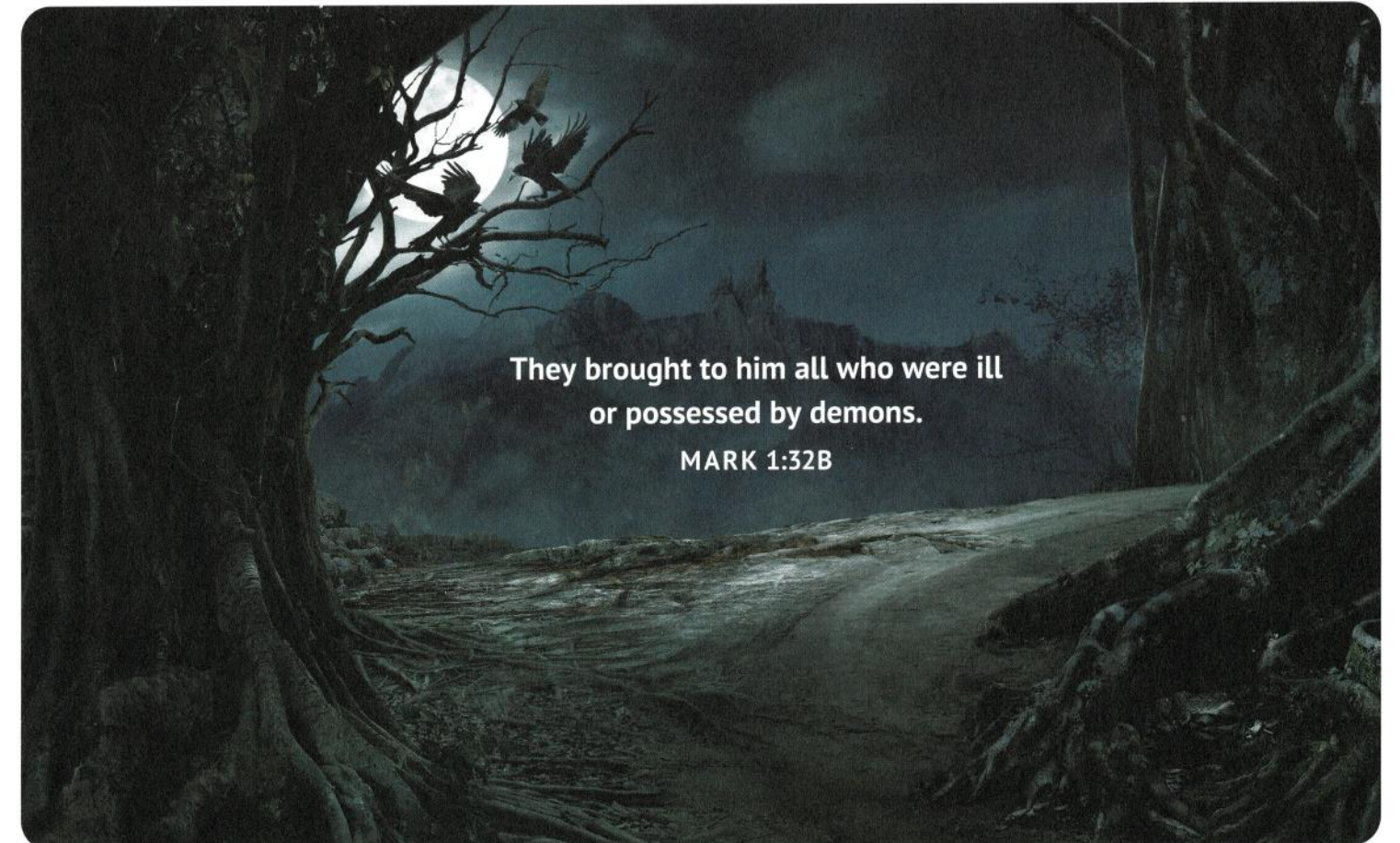
God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today’s first Scripture reading—Job’s lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job’s friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job’s only answer to the question about the “why” of evil. ●

Reflect

How do you answer the question of why evil exists?



They brought to him all who were ill
or possessed by demons.

MARK 1:32B



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



February 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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www.stjames-potosi.org

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

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Religion
Phone: 573-436-0144

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: February 5th, 2024

Feb 06	TUE	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 07	WED	8:15 AM	Josephine Fahey
Feb 08	THU	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 09	FRI	8:00 AM	Ty Broombaugh
Feb 10	SAT	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 11	SUN	4:00 PM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 11	SUN	8:00 AM	All families who've lost Loved Ones
Feb 11	SUN	10:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)

We Need Your Help Please

Have you moved, or have you changed your Phone number? Are you new to our parish? If so, please call the office to register, or update your information. 573-438-4686

Week of: January 28, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2405.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	75.00
Loose.....\$	277.00	On-Line donations.....\$	75.90
SVDP.....\$	165.00	Funeral Dinner fund..\$	
Votive Lights.....\$	57.00	STL Review.....\$	70.00
Light House.....\$			

Special Ministers February 11th, 2023

Lectors:
Sunday 8:00 am
Jeanne DeGonia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sunday 8:00 am

C: Don Thompson
L: Jamie Thompson
R: Dave Woodland

Sat: 4:00 pm (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 8:00 am Ava & Garryn West
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 February: SVDP still needs the canned meats please: spam, canned chicken, canned ham, Tuna

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 02/09: **Nedra Villmer**
Altar Linens: 02/19: **Faye Jarvis**

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, being fully initiated (needs to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/ or Confirmation) call St. James Parish Office @ 573-438-4686



"In God's will, there is great peace."
St. Josephine Bakhita

From the office of the Vicariate Mental Health Awareness Workshop

Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
316 N. Adams St.
Festus, MO 63028

Morning of Reflection

February 24th, 8:30 am-11:30 am
Hillsboro Knights of Columbus Hall
All lay Leaders, Parish Staff, catechists & Ministers are welcome to join us!

Just around the corner:
St. James
Knights of Columbus
Lenten Drive-Thru
Fish Lunches:
Save the Dates:
02/23, 03/08 & 03/22



Word of Life

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021
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For the sick, especially those nearing life's end: May they be cared for with tenderness and compassion as they prepare to enter eternal life; We pray to the Lord

What's on the Calendar???

Feb 03: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass 8:00 am
Feb 11: "Goodies Sale" after 8:00 am Mass
Feb 14: Ash Wednesday, Mass 8:15 am & 5:00 pm St. Joachim
Ash Wednesday, Mass @ St. James, 7:00 pm
Feb 16: Mass & Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm @ St. Joachim Church
St. Joachim Fish Fry, 3:00 pm, KC Hall, Old Mines
Feb 23: **St. James Fish Fry Drive-thru Luncheon, 11:00 - 1:00**
Mass & Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm @ St. James
Feb 25: Revive Documentary and Healing Service, 1:00 pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bonne Terre

In your kindness and compassion, please pray for the repose of the Soul of Mark Coleman and pray for his loving family in their time of grief. May God's blessings of Peace and Love be with you.

EMMAUS YOUTH GROUP

Quilt Raffle

\$3 each or 5 for \$10

Winner will be announced at the St. Anne's bingo
Need not be present to win

Help support our Youth Group in continuing to grow their faith.
Proceeds help with the cost of our Steubenville conferences and Pro-Life trips.



Clarity House Friday evening Rosary & Mass

Friday, February 9th. Come celebrate the Holy Mass with us. All are Welcome!! The evening starts at 6:00 pm with the rosary and prayers of intention. It is followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. Then we share refreshments & fellowship. All are invited and welcome to attend. Also, there are bedrooms available if anyone wants to reserve one for the night. Please contact Mary Roy @ 636-234-6680 and let her know if you'd like a room.

If anyone wants to ride together, please call the church office and let us know! **We will drive the church van if there are enough riders.** (5:00 pm departure)

Great opportunity to prepare for Lent.

*****FORMED*****

Don Bosco: the True Story of the Apostle of Youth: Ben Gazzara stars in this classic film about St. John Bosco, the beloved nineteenth century Italian priest who sought out the homeless youth of Turin to help them have a better life. He overcame incredible challenges, including the government who wanted him out of the way, an archbishop who tried to silence him, and the revolution that put a price on his head. But nothing could stop Don Bosco from rescuing the poor and outcast children to give them a home, teach them work skills and catechize them in the Catholic Faith.

The Slugs and Bugs Show for kids: It's a great day for the Slugs & Bugs show! Join musician Randal Goodgame, Doug the Slug, Sparky the Lightning Bug, Morty and Maggie Raccoon, and a slew of special guests inside the brand-new Slugs & Bugs Workshop. Imaginations are kindled, songs are sung and hijinks are discovered, along with timeless truths about life and faith. From a producer of VeggieTales, the Slugs & Bugs show is delightful, quirky, hand-crafted fun for kids of all ages.

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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 Perseverance

One can sense from the readings today that a real need exists for the preaching of the Gospel. Jesus is so resolved to preach the Gospel to as many people as possible even though he certainly must have felt fatigue & the desire for more time in solitude as he prayed in the early hours of the morning. These readings teach us the blessing we have to proclaim the Gospel to others in word & deed. Seize the opportunities you have to speak of Jesus Christ to others! The time is always ripe to share the Good News. God can work through our simple "yes" to chances we have each day to bring Jesus Christ to the lives of others.

Superbowl Sunday Goodies sale!

Sunday February 11th after 8:00 am Mass
Any and All Donations accepted/needed and all proceeds go to **Funeral Lunch fund.** **Home Made** items could include: Veggie pizzas, pretzel snack, cookies, dips, cupcakes, salsa, charcuterie board, etc. Contact Kim Coleman with any questions. Thank you all for helping support our Parish!



Revive Documentary and Healing Service

Sunday, February 25 @ 1:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bonne Terre, we will be showing the **Revive Documentary** and will have a **healing** service afterwards. There will be prayer teams that have been trained by Encounter Ministries to assist with praying for healing.

The Revive Documentary is "**A CUTTING EDGE DOCUMENTARY THAT DEMONSTRATES THE ROLE OF SUPERNATURAL SIGNS, WONDERS AND HEALINGS BREAKING INTO HIGH SCHOOLS TO CONFIRM THE GOSPEL OF JESUS AND PAVE THE WAY FOR AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP.**"

Please join us & invite your friends who would like to receive prayer for healing.

Q&A Question:

Did Jesus have a sense of humor? Monty Python and the Holy Grail is one of my favorite movies. But since becoming Catholic, I'm wondering if this is the kind of movie I should be watching.

Answer:

Humor was part of Jesus' humanity. We see this in Scripture (e.g., Luke 18:25). However, when a Christian is wondering whether to watch an irreverent movie that has no redeeming value, the go-to question should be, "Would Jesus watch this with me?" Some people may find this to be a corny question, but is it?

The movie Monty Python and the Holy Grail contains a lot of irreverent humor and vulgarity. Catholics should be bothered by the mocking references to relics and the disturbing conversations with God in this movie. Why is this considered funny? Unfortunately, because crude and irreverent humor is so commonplace today, we've become desensitized to the spiritual harm it can cause. What once offended our Catholic sensibilities is now viewed by many as normal and acceptable. This type of irreverent humor only helps contribute to the loss of the sense of the sacred.

We can control what movies or television shows we watch. We can also control how we nourish and feed our spiritual life. By reading good literature (including spiritual reading), and pursuing holiness, crude and irreverent humor will be less attractive.

I might add that there are movies and books that are morally problematic yet have redemptive value (e.g., Graham Greene's The End of the Affair and The Power and the Glory, both of which were made into movies) and could be comfortably viewed or read by most Catholics.

For further reading, try How to Read a Dirty Book by Irving and Cornelia Sussman.

(EWTN Catholic Answers Live)

St. James PSR NEWS

Wednesday February 14, 2024 is Ash Wednesday.
Mass will be at 7:00 P.M. this will be a youth mass.
All PSR families are strongly encouraged to attend mass
There will be **NO in person class on Ash Wednesday.**

Servers: Abraham Rowles
Joshua Kearns
Ava West
Lectors: Maci Mueller
Bryce Griffin

Offertory Gifts: Meadow Henson
Mallori Mueller
Special Minister: Kim Coleman

**** Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **February 21st:** Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, **Unit 5** will be due.

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