

# Dear Padre,

*If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?*

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



FRESCO OF APOSTLE ST. MATTHEW, THE EVANGELIST BY PIETRO GAGLIARDI / RENATA SEMAKOVA

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



*May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.*

ANGELUS, ROME,  
JANUARY 17, 2021

### MONDAY

January 15  
Weekday  
1 Sm 15:16-23  
Mk 2:18-22

### TUESDAY

January 16  
Weekday  
1 Sm 16:1-13  
Mk 2:23-28

### WEDNESDAY

January 17  
St. Anthony, Abbot  
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51  
Mk 3:1-6

### THURSDAY

January 18  
Weekday  
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7  
Mk 3:7-12

### FRIDAY

January 19  
Weekday  
1 Sm 24:3-21  
Mk 3:13-19

### SATURDAY

January 20  
Weekday  
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27  
Mk 3:20-21

### SUNDAY

January 21  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jon 3:1-5, 10  
1 Cor 7:29-31  
Mk 1:14-20

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 / 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / John 1:35-42



## A Haunting Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**“What are you looking for?”** asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus' first words in John's Gospel, and that's what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams. Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I'd like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I'm simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—"What are you looking for?"

**[Eli] said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"**

1 SAMUEL 3:9

I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It's what I'm looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost. ●

### Reflect

*When you pray, what are you looking for?*







# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



## January 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	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 AM

### \*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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**WEBSITE:** \*\*\*\*\*  
[www.stjames-potosi.org](http://www.stjames-potosi.org)  
**FACEBOOK:** St. James Catholic Church @stjamespotosi

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

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\*\*\*\*\*Our website has changed! Please note a slight change in the web address: [www.stjames-potosi.org](http://www.stjames-potosi.org). (There is a dash “-” between stjames & Potosi)



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: January 15th, 2023

Jan 16	MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Jan 17	TUE	8:15 AM	Juanita Smith
Jan 18	WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Jan 19	THU	8:00 AM	Barbara Whitlock
Jan 20	FRI	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Jan 21	SAT	4:00 PM	Mary Ann Degonia
Jan 22	SUN	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Jan 23	SUN	10:00 AM	Parish Family



### Week of: January 6 & 7, 2023

Envelope.....\$	3055.00	On-Line donations.....\$	75.90
Loose.....\$	1939.69	Seminary.....\$	10.00
SVDP.....\$	959.00	Christmas Offering.....\$	
Votive Lights.....\$	25.00	Solemnity of Mary.....\$	305.00
Light House.....\$		Funeral Dinner fund.....\$	
Main & Repairs.....\$	525.00	STL Review.....\$	70.00

**Special Ministers**  
**January 21 & 22, 2023**  
**Lectors:**  
**Saturday 4:00 pm** Paul Villmer  
**Sunday 10:00 am** Jamie Warden

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
**Saturday 4:00 pm** C: Laura Allen, L: Annette Portell, R: Vikki Neier  
**Sunday 10:00 am** Nikki Warden, Marvin Wright, Dave Woodland

Sat: 4:00 p.m Lane & Madison Battreal  
Sun: 8:00 a.m (celebrated at St. Joachim)  
Sun: 10:00 am Joshua, Penelope & Daisy Kearns

**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 January:** 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: 01/19: Marilyn Carter & Jeanne DeGonia  
Altar Linens: 01/22: Glenda Farrow

**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 or St. Joachim parish office at 573-438-6181 or Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343. Candidates meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Incarnate Word Center. If this time is impossible, please call Joyce Politte at the above number.

Please add parishioner, Mr. Tom Degonia to your prayer lists.



“The Lord has called us from different nations, but we must be united with one heart and one soul.” St. Maria Elizabeth Hesselblad

Apologies from the office...I am so sorry, I missed changing lector/ special minister mass time... should have been 10:00 am Mass in January!

Live Your Life for an Audience of ONE: GOD!

### Word of Life

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “How to Build a Culture of Life” (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God’s love and the dignity of every human life; We pray to the Lord:

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

- Jan 15: Rural Parish Clinic at St. James
- Jan 17: PSR night
- Jan 20: SVDP Food Give away
- Jan 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children
- Jan 23: Parish Council mtg, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
- Jan 28: Catholic Schools Week

Week of prayer for Christian Unity  
Join Christians from many communities in prayer for the greater visible unity of the Body of Christ.  
\*Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Presiding  
\*Bishop Michael Jones, Preaching Sunday, Jan 21 @ 7pm  
St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 12934 Marine Avenue Creve Coeur, MO 63146

### Special Thank You

To: Glen, Faye, Leroy, Nikki & all those who helped take down all the Christmas decorations in Church. & To Tommy & Wayne Roy!!! If it weren't for the two of you, our Nativity would not have been out this year! You guys are all special blessings to our Parish!!!!



There are still plenty of Poinsettias left in church, Please take as many as you like.

**Contribution Statements:** If you need your 2023 Contribution Statements, pls call the office & leave your Name, with an updated phone number and Address. :-)

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

**St. John Bosco: Mission to Love:** Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John (Don) Bosco, the great priest & educator of youth from the tough streets of Turin, Italy, Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that Don Bosco had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order, the Salesians, for helping educate boys. Growing up without a father gave him compassion for the many orphans that he cared for, while he faced persecution from both secular society & the Church as he fought to build a place to house & educate the homeless, outcast youth of Turin. His deep faith, creative imagination, & profound charity shine in this wonderful film. Also stars Charles Dance (Gosford Park) & popular Italian singer & actress Lina Sastri. PG,

**Reborn: A new Creation:** To understand the wonder of Baptism, we must go all the way back to creation itself & the unique, life-giving place of water & new life shown there. From there, we watch the story of Baptism in salvation history unfold, first in the nation of Israel & culminating in the work of Jesus & his Apostles. The stage is set for this very moment in time: the moment when each individual is baptized & brought into newness of life, fellowship with God & the community of faith. This is the beginning of a new life & a new creation.

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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

#### More Evangelization

How quick the first disciples were to follow Jesus! They immediately recognized Him as the Lamb of God and followed Him to where He was staying. How quickly do we go to the church or the chapel for Mass and prayer, to encounter the Lamb of God? In order for us to be effective evangelists, we must nourish our own spiritual life and know the One whom we are called to share with others. This week, take some time to nourish your spiritual life and focus on encountering the Lord anew so that you can share Him with conviction in your thoughts, words, and actions.

### In preparation for January 22, 2024 Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn Children 9 Days for Life (January 16 – 24, 2024)

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. You can download a printable version or sign up for the novena at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

### “Every Life is Worth Living,”

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



## Peace Be With You

HOW CAN WE, AS CHURCH, RESPOND TO THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS FACING OUR REGION?

Please join us for an evening of prayer, information, and discussion on:

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

RSVP Required by February 2<sup>nd</sup> to Debbie Koeller  
314-502-0340/[dkoeller@ccstl.org](mailto:dkoeller@ccstl.org)

### Our Panelists include

- Fr. Mike Lydon, Episcopal Vicar for the Southern Vicariate-Pastoral Theology
- Amy Maus, Assistant Director at West County Psychological Associates
- Phillip Hatler, Director of Outpatient Services at Queen of Peace Center
- Nancy McCarthy, Former Director of Mo. Probation and Parole
- Deacon Mark Eyring, Criminal Justice Professor at Jefferson College

### Could Someone Go to Hell Because No One Prayed for Him?

**Question:**  
Does someone end up in hell because no one prayed for him?

**Answer:**  
It is true that God wills our prayers to be a cause of good, including the administration of grace. And such grace can help someone attain heaven. But this doesn't mean that if someone ends up in hell it's simply because no one prayed for him.

Anyone who ends up in hell will be there due to their rejection of God's grace, which Paul says is sufficient for all to be saved (2 Cor. 12:9). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states, "God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end" (1037). (Catholic Answers)



### St. James PSR NEWS

**\*\* Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **January 17th** @ 6:00 pm. Dinner will start approximately 5:15. Unit 5 will be due.

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