

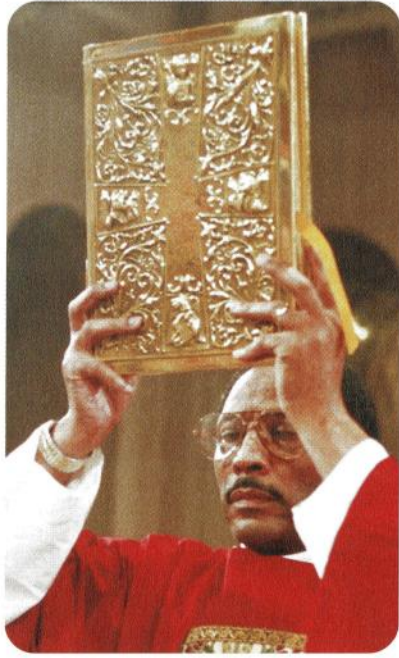
Dear Padre,

**Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal?
We read part of a verse then jump to another part.
Doesn't reading it like this distort the meaning of the passage?**

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition, 60).

So the readings are not "piecemeal" but rather arranged so that we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the second reading for today is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter eleven, verses 13–15 and 29–32. This is done not only for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 21 St. Pius X, Pope Jgs 2:11–19 Mt 19:16–22	August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jgs 6:11–24a Mt 19:23–30	August 23 Weekday Jgs 9:6–15 Mt 20:1–16	August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rev 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51	August 25 Weekday Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22 Mt 22:34–40	August 26 Weekday Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17 Mt 23:1–12	August 27 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19–23 Rom 11:33–36 Mt 16:13–20

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



KAROLINA GRABOWSKA/PEXELS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each one of us has our own story and...it is not always a clean story.... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain....What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 16, 2020

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 56:1, 6–7 / Romans 11:13–15, 29–32 / Matthew 15:21–28



Build Love Not Walls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

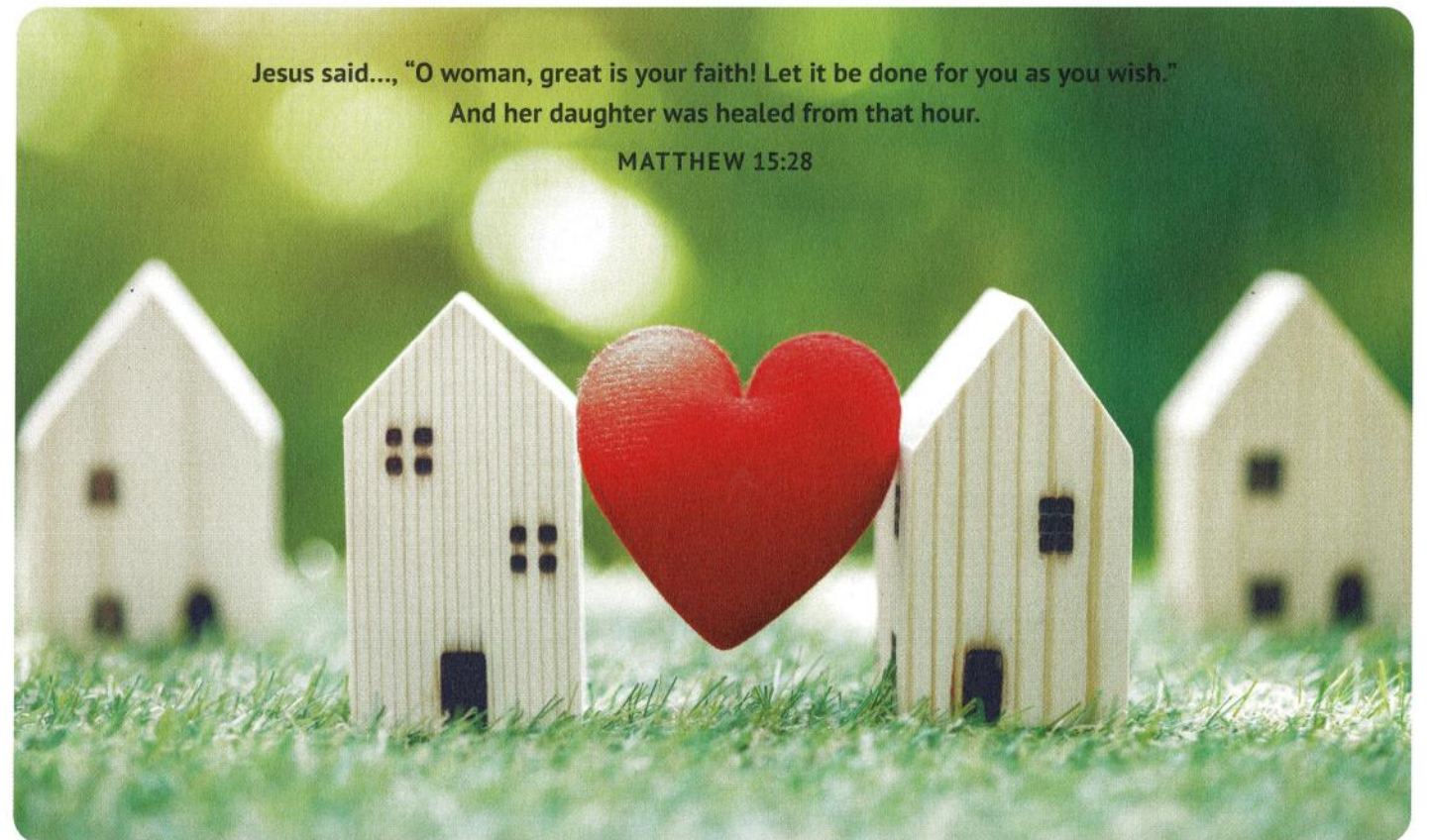
In Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," he tells how each spring he meets with his farming neighbor, and the two of them walk along on either side of the stone wall that marks their property to replace the stones toppled by the ice of winter. His neighbor loves the idea of a wall, inspired by his father's advice that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost, however, is not convinced and keeps suggesting that "something there is that doesn't love a wall," as if walls are not intrinsic to God's creation.

We humans seem to like our boundaries. As children, we divide ourselves between girl germs and boy germs and draw imaginary lines in the back seats of cars. Later we build walls everywhere—the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, the structures at Mexico's border, backyard fences, and gated communities. We set up national boundaries, build emotional walls, relegate people to ghettos and the other side of the tracks, and we differentiate among religions, arguing over which is God's preference. We seem to use walls rather than love to give us our identity.

Some Scripture scholars suggest that this Sunday's Gospel event was a turning point where it became clear that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Seeing her faith, Jesus willingly cured the Canaanite woman's daughter. With God there are no boundaries or walls—not those of nations, not those imposed by languages and customs, not those we use to divide people of faith. ●

Reflect

**Have you ever felt isolated by a wall?
Who built it—you or someone else?**



Jesus said...., "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed from that hour.

MATTHEW 15:28



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



AUGUST 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

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Please check the Bulletin for Mass

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

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Tuesday thru Thursday
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Parish School of
Religion
Phone: 573-436-0144

As some may already be aware, the website for St. James Church is down and has been for some time. We are working diligently to fix this problem. Until then, please use this temporary address to access our website.
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: Aug 21, 2023



MON	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
TUE	8:15 AM	Michael J. Pratt (2 yrs)
WED	8:15 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
THU	8:00 AM	Alvina Coleman
FRI	8:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
SAT	4:00 PM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)
SUN	8:00 AM	Wes Forrester
SUN	10:00 AM	*(Mass at St. Joachim)



Week of: August 13, 2023

Envelope.....\$	3350.50	Main & Repairs.....\$	65.00
Loose.....\$	356.00	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	363.00	Assumption of Mary..\$	265.00
Votive Lights.....\$	70.25		
Light House.....\$	5.00		

Picnic Tickets are now available in back of church, Please stop and pick up your envelope!

Special Ministers

August 27, 2023

Lectors:
Sunday 8:00 am
Jeanne DeGonia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday 8:00 am
C: Don Thompson
L: Jim Politte
R: Marvin Wright

Servers:

Sat. 4:00 p.m. No 4:00 pm Mass 8/26
Sun. 8:00 a.m. **Ava & Garryn West**

Music:

Sat. 4:00 p.m. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards

Food of the Month of August: 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~

Please think about volunteering for our Fall Picnic this year
September 17, 20223

Heavenly Duster: **08/25:** Marilyn Carter & Jeanne DeGonia
Altar Linens: **08/21:** 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 the parish office at 573-438-4686 or Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343.

*Candidates meet at St. Joachim Church every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Incarnate Word Center. Beginning Thursday, August 24 th. If this time is impossible, please call Joyce Politte at the above number.

*Wanted: Team Members to help inform and form candidates in the Catholic Faith. Qualifications: Be a practicing Catholic, willing to share the Catholic faith and one's own faith journey, and willing to take a Protecting God's Children workshop as required for all volunteers. If interested, call Joyce Politte at 636-328-1343

Did you know that you can Donate your vehicle and Help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul! Running or not. Free towing. Tax deductible. A vehicle donation from you gives hope to those in need. We have an easy process and free pick-up. To learn more, call or visit us online. 800-322-8284 or www.svdpusacars.com.

"Praise doesn't change God. It should change us. It changes our perspective on situations. We move from our limited view to God's unlimited view, and this provides an open door for God to move."
Jeff Cavins

Word of Life

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

For all Catholics: That we may steadfastly proclaim and uphold the dignity of all human life, in all stages and circumstances; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

- Aug 19: **Welcome, Meet & Greet Fr. Nyman, refreshments after 4 pm mass in the Parish Hall.** Please come join us in fellowship.
- Aug 21: 1st Day of School
Rural Parish Clinic here at St. James
- Aug 24: OCIA classes in the Incarnate Word Center, St. Joachim, at 6:30 pm.
- Aug 30: PSR Registration for 23-24 school year, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- Sep 02: First Saturday, Marian Devotion Mass, 8:00 am
- Sep 07: First Thursday 8:00 am Mass followed by Adoration until 5:00 pm
- Sep 10: St. Joachim Fall Picnic/Outside mass @ 10:00
- Sep 17: **St. James Fall Picnic!!!**
- Sep 20: First PSR Class, 6:30—7:45, Parish Hall



Are You Celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or over 50 Years of Marriage during 2023?

Annual Silver and Gold Wedding Jubilee Mass
Sunday, October 1, 2023. Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis 2:30 p.m.

For details or to register archstl.org/jubilee or call 314.792.7171.



Archdiocese of St. Louis to hold Abortion Healing Weekend Retreat Sept. 15-17, for Women, Men & Couples

Women, men, and couples wounded by abortion are invited to attend the Archdiocesan weekend healing retreat September 15-17

During the Holy Family Hope & Healing Retreat, offered through the Abortion Healing Ministry, a trained and compassionate team, including a priest and a professional therapist, will gently lead participants through the critical steps of healing after abortion and help them encounter the merciful love of Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician. The retreat will be held in a comfortable and prayerful setting in the St. Louis area (exact location shared at registration).

The cost is \$100 to attend which includes two night's lodging, all meals, and materials. To register by September 5 or for more information, contact 314.406.0815 or hopehealing@archstl.org. All information and inquiries are kept confidential.

*****FORMED*****

St. Maximilian Kolbe/Catholic Saints: At age twelve, St. Miaximilian Kolbe received a vision of Our Lady where he accepted the crowns of both purity and martyrdom, vowing to promote devotion to Mary as the defense against the twentieth century's evils. Join Dr. Sean Innerst & Dr. Ben Akers as they dive into the life of this modern martyr killed in Auschwitz to spare the life of a husband and father. Throughout his life, St. Maxmilion Kolbe had a great devotion to our Lady, which he promoted as the means to overcome evil in the world. Do you rely on Mary's intercession to face difficulties? Ask the Lord to strengthen your relationship with the Blessed Mother and allow her to assist you in overcoming evil. **Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe**, 1hr 31m (not in English)

Springs of Love Foster & Adoption Stories: Springs of Love encourages, educates, & equips Catholics to discern & live out the call to foster & adopt. As Catholics, we know how God has adopted us into His own family. This deeply rooted understanding gives us a new lens on His generosity and love as it shines through in the lives of those touched by fostering adoption. This series features inspiring real stories of vulnerable children & Families who love them.

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

Perseverance in Prayer

I have always found this passage in Scripture challenging because Jesus does not seem just or kind to this woman who has such great faith in His power as God. However, I think that His purpose in acting and speaking the way He did was to show the woman how necessary it is to remain persistent and dedicated in prayer. He shows us the truth that our prayers often seem ignored or neglected. The truth is that God rewards us when we continue to ask for what we need in prayer. When we most want to give up on prayer and neglect our spiritual life, we must find the energy and strength to remain steadfast in it.

Did You Know???

Did you know that we celebrate "the Queenship of Mary"? Why you ask? Well, Catholics celebrate the Queenship of Mary because her Divine Son is King. Pope Pius XII, having declared the dogma of the Assumption, that "the Immaculate Mother of God . . . was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory," then established the feast of her Queenship. He set the date for the octave (8th day) after the Solemnity of the Assumption, that is, **August 22nd** each year.

In his encyclical Ad Caeli Reginam, the Pope proclaimed, "We are instituting a feast so that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God. We are convinced that this feast will help to preserve, strengthen and prolong that peace among nations which daily is almost destroyed by recurring crises. Is she not a rainbow in the clouds reaching towards God, the pledge of a covenant of peace?"

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To the do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To the do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, thy most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy upon us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary; Pray for us, oh Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Picnic News!!

Time is flying!!!

- Picnic is **4 weeks** away! School starts Monday! Fall is creeping in. Are we getting excited yet? YES!!! Bottles are starting to come in, some Beautiful items for the Country Store have been donated, there have been a couple prizes for Bingo too! Keep those bottles, Country Store items and bingo prizes coming!

Our next mtg is this Wednesday evening, Aug 23rd @ 6:00 pm! All are invited to join us.



Don't forget, there will be Kids Games, Corn Hole tournament and more!!

Music by Ben Turnbough & Kegan Boyer!! Bring your lawn chairs and sit and enjoy!

We will also need help with set-up on Saturday, the 16th.
If anyone has questions, you may call Jamie or Don Thompson

St. James Catholic Church Quilters News

Our Quilters will still be selling raffle tickets for their quilt at the picnic. There are few tickets in the office, if anyone still wants to get tickets early come by the office. This is a hand quilted quilt that will be given away at our Parish Picnic in September. All proceeds benefit our parish.
Thank you Ladies for sharing your gift with us!!



St. James PSR NEWS

*****Registration for Fall PSR 2023-2024 will be held August 30th, 5:30 to 7:00 pm.**

Sep 20: Welcome Back!!! Our First PSR Class is tonight @ 6:30—7:45, Parish Hall. See ya'll there!!

Annual Fall PICNIC is Sunday, **September 17th**. All PSR Families are encouraged to volunteer and help in any way possible.

Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.

