

Dear Padre,

Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	April 30 Easter Weekday Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	May 1 Easter Weekday Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	May 4 Easter Weekday Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021



The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

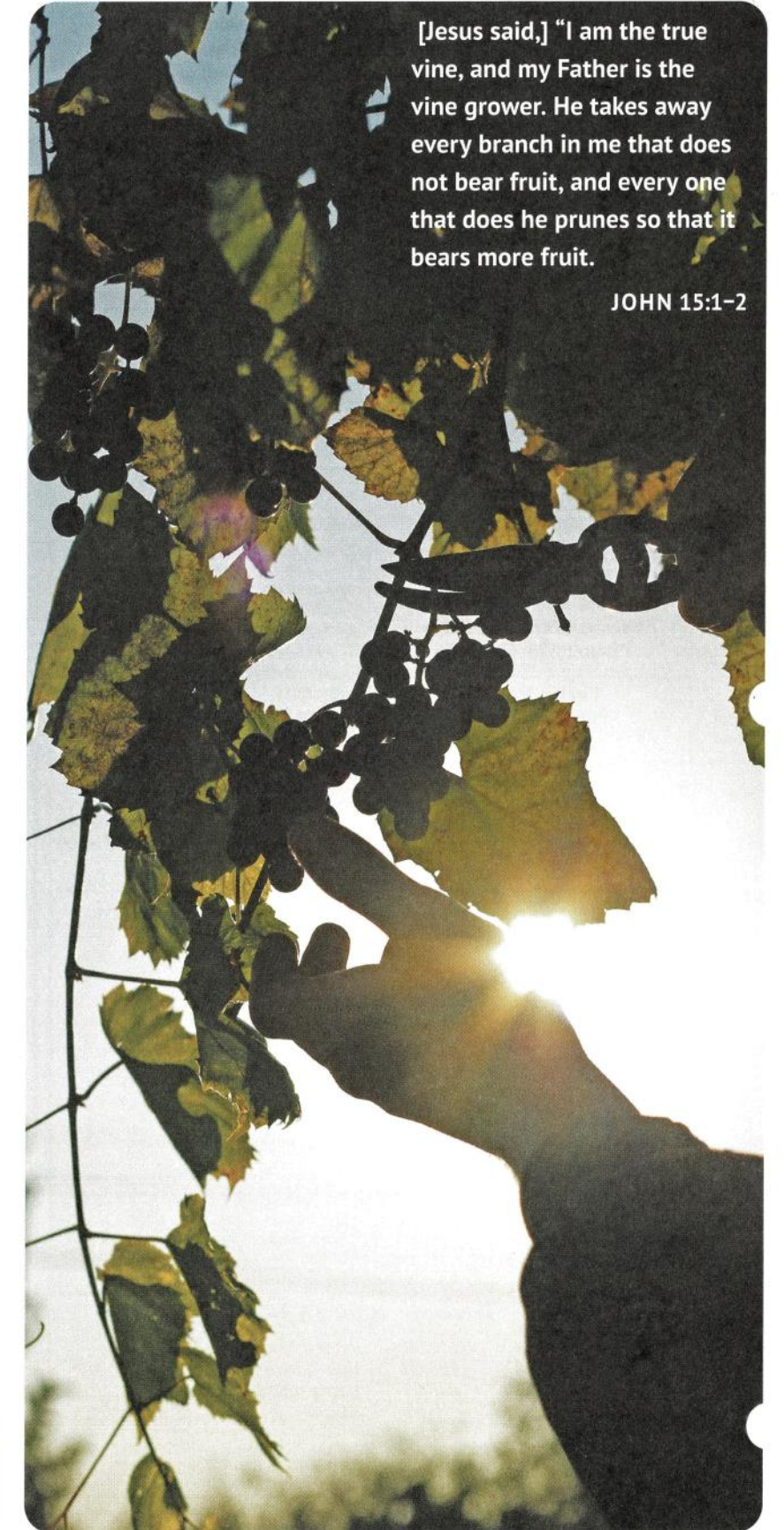
The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that "who" has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

Reflect

How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?



[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

JOHN 15:1-2

Parish Picnic 9/15/24
Next mtg:
24 Apr, 2024

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



May 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.

Confessions:

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

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Live Your Life for an Audience
of ONE: **GOD!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: April 29, 2024			
	MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Apr 30	TUE	8:15 AM	George Lalumondiere
May 01	WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
May 02	THU	8:00 AM	Bishop Morgan Casey
May 03	FRI	3:00 PM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
May 04	SAT	8:00 AM	Mary Pratt
May 04	SAT	4:00 PM	Parish Family
May 05	SUN	8:00 AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
May 05	SUN	10:00 AM	Jerry Mercille

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: April 21, 2024

Envelope.....\$	3250.00	Retired Priests.....\$	
Loose.....\$	703.00	Holy Land.....\$	
SVDP.....\$	218.00	Easter offering.....\$	
Votive Lights.....\$	19.00	Bingo.....\$	150.00
Main & Repairs.....\$	350.00		
On-Line donations.....\$	105.60		

Special Ministers

May 05, 2024

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am
Bob Mills Laura Allen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am

C: Paul Villmer C: Kim Coleman
L: Vikkie Neier L: Diane McGill
R: Judy East R: Mary Roy

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane and Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 10:00 am Ava and Garryn West

Music:

Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of May: breakfast food, oatmeal, cereal, breakfast bars

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 05/03:
Altar Linens: 05/13:

A BRAND NEW ROOF ON THE PAVILION!!!!

Just in case you haven't noticed, we have a new roof on our pavilion!! St. James Knights paid for all of the repairs. It looks great and will now last a whole lot longer!! We'd like to send a huge parish

THANK YOU to our Knights for making this happen. So when you see any one of the members, let them know how much we appreciate them!

THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANK YOU

Parish Mission

The Joint Parish Mission Core Team from (St. Joachim), Dave Politte - Chairperson, Don Boyer and Joyce Politte - Parish Coordinator and (St. James), Kim Coleman - Parish Coordinator, Diane McGill and Judy Wright have started planning for the joint Parish Mission this fall that will be led by Fr. Tom Santen. The Parish Coordinators will be reaching out to you soon asking for your help in planning for each parish. This will be a great opportunity for all of us! Please prayerfully consider being a part of the planning team and pray for a successful mission for all.

The team has met a couple times (and with Fr. Tom Santen) to share ideas regarding the theme for the mission as well as schedule, hospitality, prayer cards, banners, tee shirts and more! Please read the bulletin for future updates.

****Formed****

Who is St. Catherine?? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate Catherine of Siena: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a saint and a doctor of the Church.

Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley. Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

What's on the Calendar???

May 02: First Thursday Mass & Adoration
May 04: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass, Rosary & Adoration
May 05: First Holy Communion
May 08: Parish Mission Meeting
May 07: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
May 12: May Crowning
May 13: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
May 14: Parish Council mtg, 5:30 pm, Rectory
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30, Parish Hall
May 20: Rural Parish Clinic here at St. James 8:00 am

Jul 17: National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN

MISSION MEETING

St. James along with St. Joachim, St. Stephen and St. Michaels will be hosting a mission Saturday, September 28th, through Thursday October 3rd. St. James will be having our first mission meeting for our parish on Wednesday, May 8th, at 6:00pm in the parish hall. We are inviting all parishioners to come and be a part of our parish mission. Kim Coleman, Judy Wright and Diane McGill would be happy to answer any of your question. We are looking forward to seeing you at our first mission meeting on Wednesday, May 8th.

Mission Dates: September 29th thru October 3rd, 2024



Cemetery Upkeep!
Cemetery Flowers and Decoration removal has began. If you have any decorations other than those that are allowed in the Cemetery Rules, such as shepherd's hooks, votive lights, stepping stones, soda/beer cans, deer antlers, stuffed animals, etc, you need to get them now as mowing season is now upon us! Thank you for your cooperation.

The Church dedicates the month of May to celebrating Mary and the Rosary....



"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials

to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. When we remain in Him, our words and actions witness to His love. United as one Church For the Life of the World through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our gifts sustain life-giving ministries and services that lead others to Christ and help countless people of all faiths in situations of need and suffering.

Make a gift online at aca.archstl.org or use Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725



Church Yard Sale

St Joseph Church; Bonne Terre, Mo.
Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4
8:00am-2:00pm

"Even if I must suffer greatly, thanks be to God's mercy, I will not lack courage."

[Genoveva Torres Morales](#)

Why do we believe in indulgences?

In a nutshell, our belief in indulgences is rooted in the fact that we are sinners in need of God's mercy. We all sin and will incur punishment for our sins, either in the form of eternal punishment or temporal punishment (Isa. 1:18, Rom. 5:9, 2 Sam. 12). When we are absolved of our mortal sins in the sacrament of reconciliation, the eternal punishment is removed, but the temporal punishment remains. The *Catechism* explains: "Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused" (1459). Thus, the priest imposes a penance on the penitent, which can take the form of "prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service of neighbor, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, and above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear" (1460).

Clarity House of Retreat:

There will be a sewing weekend at the Clarity House. More information on the facebook page.



"Because of your support, the Annual Catholic Appeal has helped many people to understand their value and to know, often for the first time, that they are loved," Archbishop Rozanski said. "This is our mission, and we do it for the life of the world" ARCHSTL.ORG

PARISH PICNIC

Parish Family; The Bottle Game was a HUGE Success last year!! So, we are planning it again this year!

It's not too early to start this year with planning for the Picnic... "the Bottle Game" is back. We are asking all to bring a "bottle of..." (examples; shampoo, wine, ketchup, mustard, pickles, lotion, dish-washing liquid, laundry detergent, syrup, 2 liter soda, honey, jelly, vanilla, cooking oil, etc.) that we will use for this fundraiser. The way this will work is, we will sell the same number of "chances" that we have for the number of "bottles" that we receive, the tickets will be numbered, the bottles will be numbered, each ticket will cost \$3 to purchase, so you can see that this will be a good fundraiser for the church, just think you might end up with a bottle of.....!

We would ask that you please make sure when you are making your purchase for these items to please check the expiration date on any perishable food items.

We will put 3 boxes/containers in the back of church, not in the vestibule - **under the pew in front of the cry room for all to place their bottles in.** It's not too early to start collecting, so bring your bottles. Thank you all for your support of our Parish!

Our next Picnic mtg is scheduled for **April 24th @ 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** We strongly encourage our parish family to come to the next mtg and get involved. Lets make this year's picnic as good if not better than last year! :-)

St. James PSR NEWS

** Next in-person class: Wednesday, **May 15th:** Last PSR Class this year. PSR and Picnic!

May 5th, First Holy Communion, 10:00 am, St. James Church
May Crowning is May 12th, following 10:00 am Mass

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

