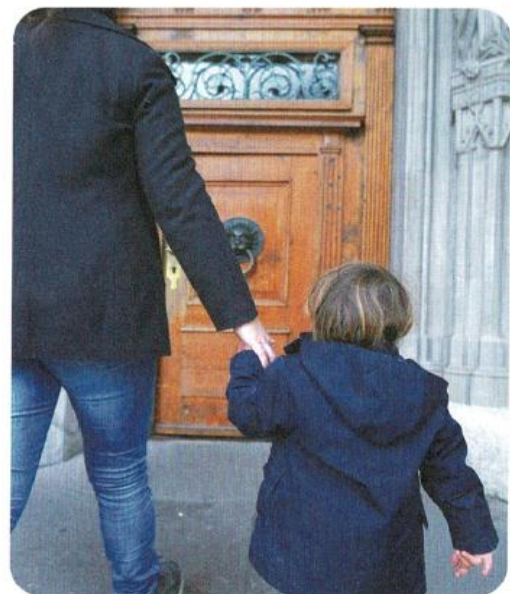


Dear Padre,

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect" (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly "respect" might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when "Sunday best" was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be "business casual" as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

After the labors of each day, it will do us good not to switch off the light in the room without placing ourselves in the light of God.... Wonder at the boundless love of God, who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new, unexpected light.



ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 13, 2022

UNSPLASH

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| Monday March 17 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38 | Thursday March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31 | Saturday March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| Tuesday March 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12 | Friday March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 | Sunday March 23 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9 |
| Wednesday March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a | Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about <i>Dear Padre</i> . | |

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 / Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 / Luke 9:28b-36



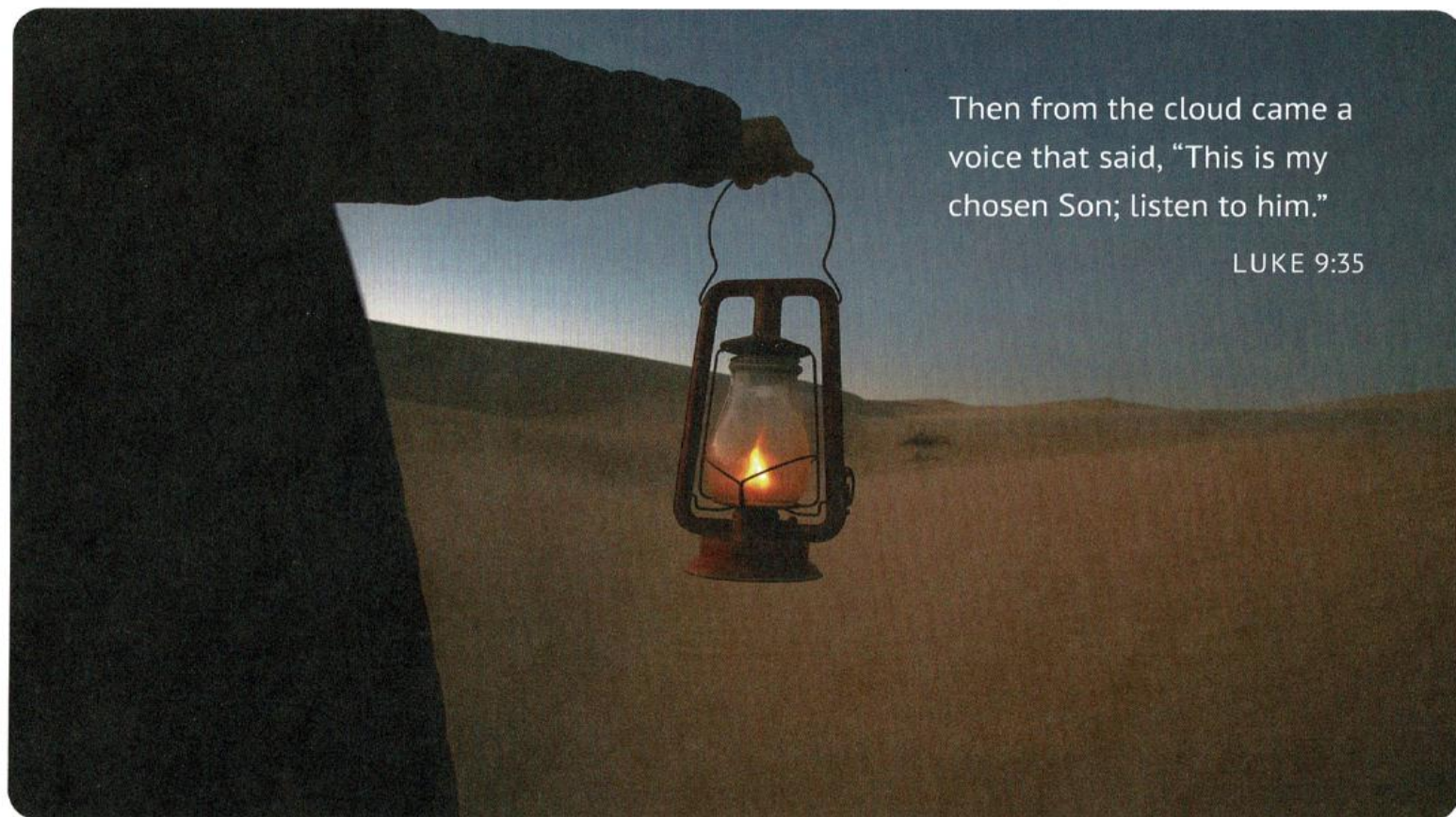
Embrace the Darkness

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom. Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

Reflect
When has life's darkness brought me to a new and deeper faith in God?

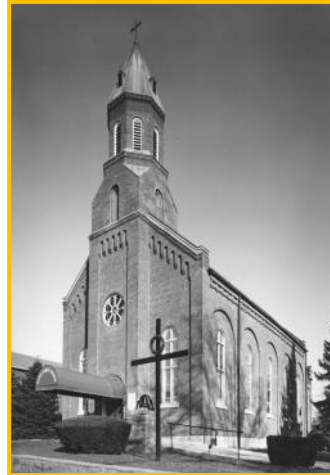


Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

LUKE 9:35

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



MARCH 2025

Mass Schedule

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

March 17th, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 18 TUE 8:15AM Charlie Schloemer
Mar 19 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 20 THU 8:00AM Jim & Judy Politte & Family
Mar 21 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 22 SAT 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 23 SUN 10:00AM Jack Malloy

March 9th, 2025

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| Envelope.s.....\$ | 1245.00 |
| Loose.....\$ | 1076.00 |
| Votive.....\$ | 16.00 |
| St. V.....\$ | 345.00 |
| Maintenance.....\$ | 60.00 |
| Stain-glass.....\$ | 600.00 |
| Online giving.....\$ | 35.60 |
| Catholic relief.....\$ | 20.00 |
| St. Joachim School...\$ | 135.00 |
| Black/Indian Miss....\$ | 55.00 |



March 23rd, 2025

Lectors

Sunday 10:00 am

Bob Mills

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C:Diane McGirl

L:Mary Roy

R:David Woodland

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Joachim

Sun: 10:00 am Daisy & Joshua

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 March collection: Personal hygiene products, laundry soap, or household cleaning supplies.

Faith, Hope, and Charity

February-into March Heavenly Dusters

Faye Jarvis 3/14-3/21

February-into March Alter Linens

Faye Jarvis 3/17-3/24

THE FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH COMMANDMENTS

By the fourth commandment we are commanded to respect and love our parents, to obey them in all that is not sinful, and to help them when they are in need. Besides our parents the fourth commandment obliges us to respect and to obey all our lawful superiors. By this same commandment, parents and superiors are required to provide for the spiritual and bodily welfare of those under their care. The fourth commandment requires of us certain duties as citizens. A citizen must love his country, be sincerely interested in its welfare, and respect and obey its lawful authority.

By the fifth commandment we are commanded to take proper care of the spiritual and bodily well-being of ourselves and of our neighbor. This commandment forbids murder and suicide, and also fighting, anger, hatred, revenge, drunkenness, and bad example.

By the sixth commandment we are commanded to be pure and modest in our outward behavior. This commandment forbids all impurity in words, looks, and actions, whether alone or with others.



What's on the Calendar???



- Mar 14: St. James Fish Fry
Clarity House
- Mar 15: St V Food Give away
- Mar 16: Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner @ St. Stephens
- Mar 17: HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY
- Mar 19: St. Joseph, the spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Picnic mgt @ 6pm
- Mar 20: SPRING IS HERE
- Mar 21: St. Joachim Fish Fry
- Mar 25: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Mar 28: St. James Fish Fry

ANYONE WHO CANT COME TO THE LATER TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, PLEASE LET SOMEONE KNOW SO WE CAN MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE IT.



Calvary Cemetery:

Reminder to all: Mowing season is upon us.

St. James Calvary cemetery is sacred ground. Be respectful of our loved ones.

Cemetery rules only allow for 2 decorations per grave

- No luminaries
 - No shepherds hooks or hummingbird feeders
 - No eternal flames; no votive lights or solar lights
 - No benches
 - No balloons
 - or any other unsightly grave decorations
 - And ABSOLUTELY NO Alcohol is Allowed on cemetery grounds.
- Please be considerate to those who care for our cemetery as weed eating and mowing are very difficult with all the decorations. Be advised that decorations will be removed periodically. God Bless.

“LENT is not something we do FOR GOD, LENT is something we do WITH GOD.”

*****Formed*****

Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Littleton, CO, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater, in Latin, which depicts the loving presence of Our Sorrowful Mother, sharing in the suffering of Christ at the foot of the cross. Take advantage of this audio on your commute, at home, or anywhere you find the time, to enrich your prayer during Lent or throughout the year, and better unite yourself to the Passion of Christ.

- 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!



Please Pray for Phyllis Merkel & Family as they lay her to rest with the Lord.



PRESENTED BY ST. JAMES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FRY DAY FRIDAYS
March 14th
March 28th
April 11th
April 18th
11:00-1:00
\$12/PLATE
FISH, BAKED BEANS, & POTATO SALAD
201 N. Missouri Street Potosi MO 63664

With our picnic approaching quickly we are going to start taking donations for bingo prizes!! Please contact Laura Allen ,Geraldine Heifner or the Church office if you would like to donate.



We are still accepting BOTTLES for the Picnic also. (PLEASE CHECK DATES)



March 16: Second Sunday of Lent – Start with the End in Mind
Missionary Discipleship – Start with the End in Mind
St. Paul reminds us today that “our minds are occupied on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven.” Before we start a project, we usually visualize the end result and make the proper preparations to achieve the desired result. Successful companies do this all the time. They plan, prepare, adjust and allocate resources to achieve the goal. Dr. Stephen Covey says “starting with the end in mind” is one of the habits of highly effective people. Maybe we should apply this concept to our relationship with the Holy Trinity. Too many of us set our sights too low, we don't reach for heaven! Starting with the end in mind doesn't make things any easier, but it does keep us focused on the end goal – heaven. God has given each of us a plan. Be open to what God is calling you to do and invite others to do the same.

St. James PSR NEWS March Classes 26th

There will be a training class for new servers for anyone that is in 3rd grade or above on Sunday March 30 after the 10:00 mass

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

