

# Dear Padre,

## Why should I believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church?

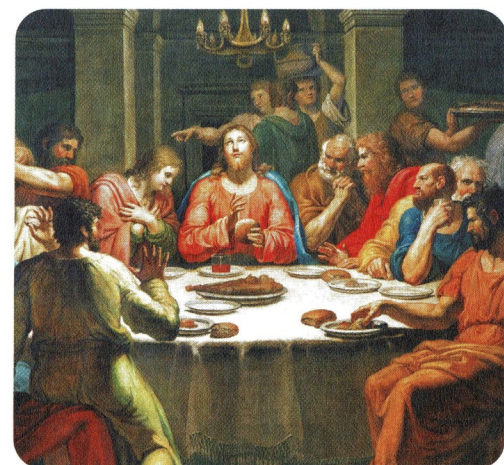
What a great question, especially during our Easter season, when the readings at Mass are about how the early Church discovers its mission and identity. Jesus intended to found a Church to carry on his mission.

Jesus chose twelve men to accompany him and learn from him. He passed on his mission to them: "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me" (Luke 10:16). Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah "Peter," meaning "rock." Indicating his foundational role, Jesus said to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

Throughout the New Testament, we read how the apostles in their turn passed on their authority to other individuals by the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Initially, the only two orders were bishops and deacons, but soon priests were also ordained to share some of the authority of the bishop and to be his assistants.

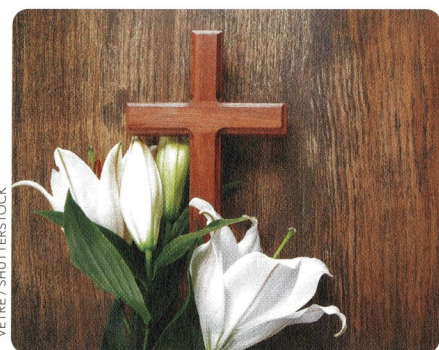
The Church would exist and do Jesus' work until the end of time. The whole Church, the "Body of Christ," as Paul would call it (1 Corinthians 12:27), would be Christ acting in the world on his behalf. The Church and all its members are to be "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13-16). ●

**Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 2:14, 22-32	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	Acts 2:42-47
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	1 Pt 1:3-9
						Jn 20:19-31

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**The peace Jesus gives to us at Easter is not the peace that follows the strategies of the world, which believes it can obtain it through force.... This peace, in reality, is only an interval between wars....The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and mildness: it is taking responsibility for others.**

GENERAL AUDIENCE, APRIL 13, 2022

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9



## Learning "Alleluia"

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**overheard this conversation in a coffee shop:**

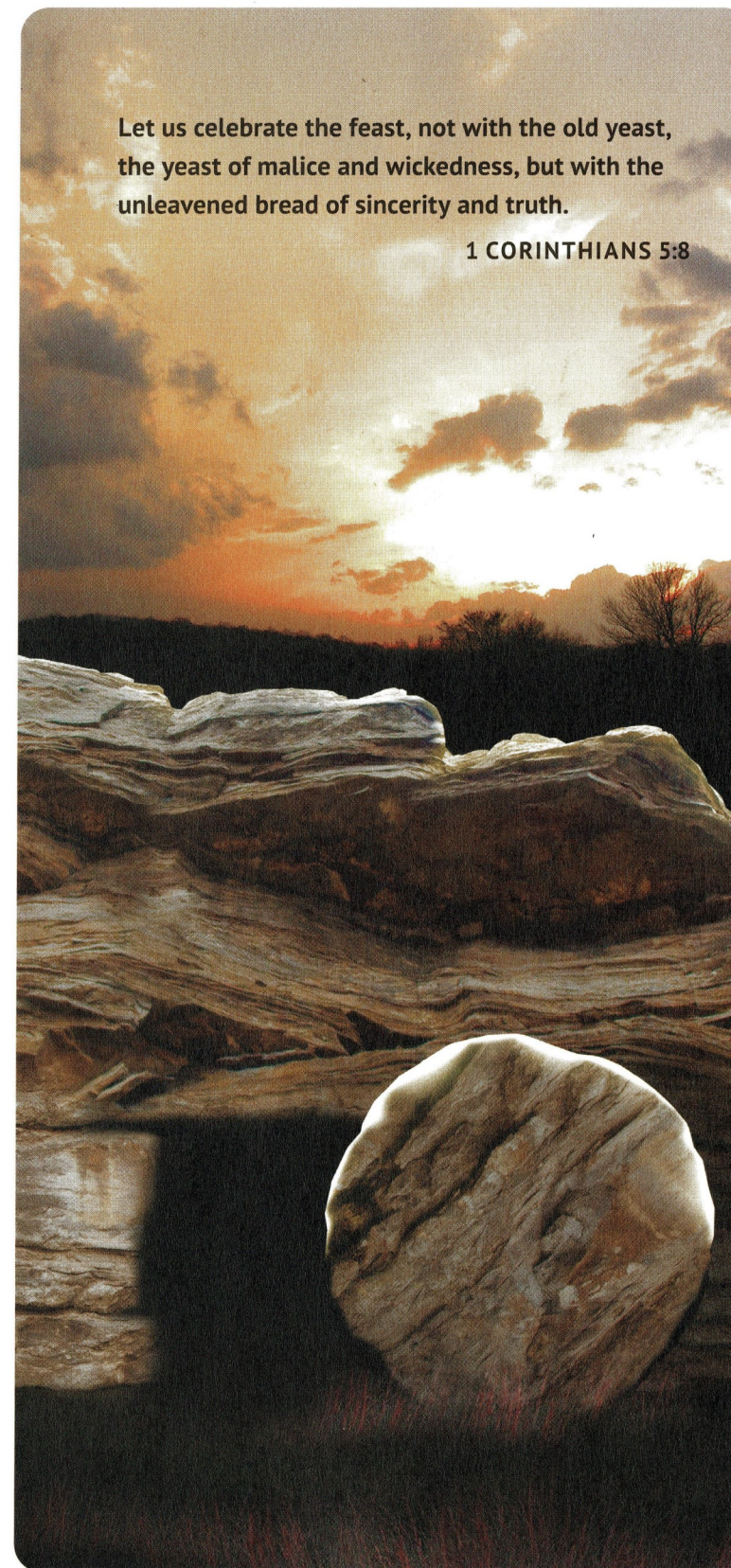
Child: Mom, I wouldn't have to go to school today. I could stay home with you.  
 Mom: I know, Joe, but I think Mrs. Burns would miss you.  
 Child: But won't you miss me, Mom?  
 Mom: Sure, Joe, but I know you'll be back in the afternoon, and I can be with you then.  
 Child: But I could help you in the kitchen.  
 Mom: What do you think you'll be doing in school today? It's getting close to Easter. I bet Mrs. Burns will let you make bunnies.  
 Child: Yeah, maybe. Mom, I think my tummy hurts.  
 Mom: Oh, I think it'll get better once you're busy in school.  
 Child: Mom, couldn't I stay home with you today? I'll miss you.  
 Mom: I know you will, Joe, but it's only for a couple of hours. How's your apple juice?  
 Child: OK. Mom, I think it would be OK if I stayed home today.

By the time they left, it looked as if Joe was going to school. Joe was learning an important lesson in life. Sometimes we have to do what we don't want to; we have to go into what seems to be "the tomb of death" if we're going to find life.

Easter's Gospel is that of Peter and John going and finding the tomb empty. Curiously, they didn't become believers until they entered the tomb, until they entered death's home. It's how faith happens, finding life when we expected only death and recognizing the hand of God in it. ●

### Reflect

**Have you ever had a Lazarus Experience—called out of a dark place into the light?**



Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:8

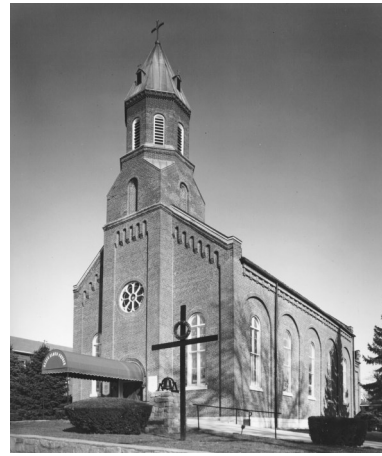


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# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon	No Mass
Tues	8:00 AM
Wed	8:00 AM
Thurs	8:00 AM 6:00 PM
Fri	8:00 AM
Sat	8:00 AM 4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM 10:00 AM

**\*HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:**  
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

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Tuesday thru Thursday  
Phone: 573-438-4686

**Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion**  
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**Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM**  
**Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM**

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:  
**April 10, 2023**



MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Stanley Roy
WED	8:00 AM	Heather Farrow
THU	8:00 AM	Melvin & RoseMary Sansoucia
THU	7:00 PM	Snead & Coffey Families
FRI	8:00 AM	Elaine Dix & Family
SAT	8:00 AM	Mike & Pat Pratt
SAT	8:00 PM	Gerald Golden (illness)
SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family
SUN	10:00 AM	Janet Coleman

## Week of: April 2, 2023

Envelope.....\$	4635.00	Easter offering.....\$	110.00
Loose.....\$	853.59	Easter Flowers.....\$	105.00
SVDP.....\$	850.70	Holy Land.....\$	75.00
Votive Lights.....\$	50.00	Retired Priests.....\$	70.00
Light House.....\$	4.00		
Main & Repairs.....\$	315.00		
On-Line donations.....\$	175.60		

## Special Ministers April 15 & 16, 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Paul Villmer

**Lectors:**  
Sunday 8:00 am  
Jamie Thompson

Sunday 10:00 am  
Danny Mueller

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:30 pm

C: Vikki Neier

L: Judy East

R: Annette Portell

Sunday 8:00 am

Don Thompson

Glenda Farrow

Susan Broombaugh

Sunday 10:00 am

Kim Coleman

Julie Jost

Nikki Warden

## Servers:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteers

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Daisy & Penelope Kearns & Meadow Henson

## Music:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Chala Short

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.**

Heavenly Duster: 04/14: Glenda Farrow

Altar Linens: 04/10: Sharon Forrester

## Sunday Reflection

There are seven signs in John's Gospel. The Resurrection is the seventh. But where's the proof? What can we see in today's Gospel that offers irrefutable evidence as to Jesus' resurrection versus an abduction of the body?

## Mass Offerings -

Masses can be said for the living also; birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.

*Encounter with God:* As I'm here at work, I just have to say that I am so very bless to be a witness to God's Healing Love. Seeing God's wonderful mysterious work through & for people and feeling His presence everyday! His Holy Spirit and Grace on me everyday! And all we have to do is just let go and let God take care of everything! Praise God!!  
Anonymous

## ACA 2023

It's that time of year again. Our 1st ACA weekend will be Sunday, April 22 & 23. Please come visit Mr. Jim Politte to complete your pledge cards. We need everyone to complete the cards even if you are unable to donate. Thank you so, so much for your continued support and generosity. We are so very Blessed here at St. James!

## Word of Life

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

May the glory of the Resurrection inspire lasting hope in all who work to protect human life;  
We pray to the Lord:

## Upcoming Events

Apr 09: Easter Sunday! Alleluia

Apr 16: Divine Mercy Sunday

Apr 23: PSR, 9:00 am, Parish Hall

Apr 30: 1st Communion celebrated @ 10:00 mass

St. Annes (St. Joachim) Basket Bingo at the KC Hall, doors open at 12:00 noon, bingo starts @ 1:00 pm

**Picnic news:** Save the date - Sunday, **September 17th.** Ideas: outside music, grand Raffle, "Bottle" Booth, Face Painting, Bounce houses, silent auction, pull tabs, "game of chance", hot dog stand, BINGO, Corn hole tournament, Country Store w/ handmade gifts & arts/crafts, homemade food items (items that can be gifted; say for Christmas or birthdays!), beer & wine booth, 50/50 drawing and of course, our chicken and pork steak dinner. *Whatcha think everyone.....sounds like lots of fun, right?!* Our next mtg is scheduled for **April 26th, 6:00 pm** in the parish hall. So, come on out and give us some more ideas!!!!

## Sunday of Divine Mercy April 16, 2023

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.



"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it." — Diary 742

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

Formed this week!

**O Lamb of God, I Love You (Holy Week/Easter Special Feature):** On this special feature-length episode, Benjamin Cello, Lolly Popular and the Cheerful Chums join with traveling troubadour, Brother Joseph, to tell the story of the Passion of the Lord Jesus to little children. Using immersive and artful shadow puppetry and a soaring full orchestral score, Brother Joseph and Benjamin Cello bring the Greatest Love Story Ever Told to life. (Great to enjoy with the kids)

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Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>

## Dynamic Catholic Alive!

### Easter Sunday: Resurrection and the Real Presence

Surrexit Dominus Vere, Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Share this great news. Not only has the Lord risen, but He also remains present to us in every Catholic church throughout the world. As Pope Paul VI taught, "The Catholic Church has always displayed and still displays this latria that ought to be paid to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of it, by taking the greatest possible care of consecrated Hosts, by exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and by carrying them about in processions to the joy of great numbers of the people" (Mysterium Fidei 56). We derive great strength from the Risen Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist each Sunday. How privileged we are to receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity and also to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Each tabernacle is a throne for the Risen King. We must take advantage of the opportunity to adore our Lord and to pray in His powerful presence. He has given us new life and has raised us to the status of adopted sons and daughters. Embrace this new life!

## A Very Blessed Easter to everyone!

Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost. For as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it.

May Christ's Glory and the promise of this joyous time of year, bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

May the joy of Christ's resurrection fill your heart and bless your life. May all your prayers be fulfilled & may God's blessings be upon you & all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter

## Easter Flowers in Memory of:

The Reicherts  
The Woodlands  
Louis Whitehead  
Theresa Whitehead  
Debbie Barbey  
John & Stella DeGonia  
Bill & Ollie Blankenship  
The Joyner Family  
Billy E. Cain  
Janet Carol Kincaid Berry  
Roy & Marie Boyer  
Billy Joseph Cain  
Paul Ney Jr.

Arn & Della Ullrick  
Chester & Gladys Merkel  
Leonard Miner  
Wes Forrester  
Orville & June Portell  
John & Lucy Politte  
Grady & Helen Walker  
Leo Hollinsworth  
Nadine Morgan  
Ellis Coleman  
Lori Blair  
Heather Farrow  
Craig David Warden

## Annual Easter Collection Supports our Retired Priests

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests is traditionally held on Easter Sunday. This is a beautiful opportunity to honor the vibrant legacy of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us and who continue to inspire our current and future priests.

Your support helps assure our priests receive the essential care they need, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care and disability, now and for years to come.

You can make your gift through the designated envelope, or any envelope marked Retired Priests, on or after Easter weekend. You can also text-to-give through April 20 by texting "4PRIESTS" to 314-648-8456. Online gifts are welcome year-round at [archstl.org/retiredpriests](http://archstl.org/retiredpriests)

**Operation Rice Bowl.....**please remember to bring your Rice Bowls and turn them in by Sunday, April 16th. There is a collection box labeled "Rice Bowls" in the back of church. Thank you and may God's Blessings be abundant.

## 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.

## St. James PSR NEWS

**Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!**

Next Class will be APRIL 23RD Unit 7 is due.

First Communion will be April 30th @ the 10:00 am Mass!

May 14th; May Crowning/Mother's Day, All are to attend Mass

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