

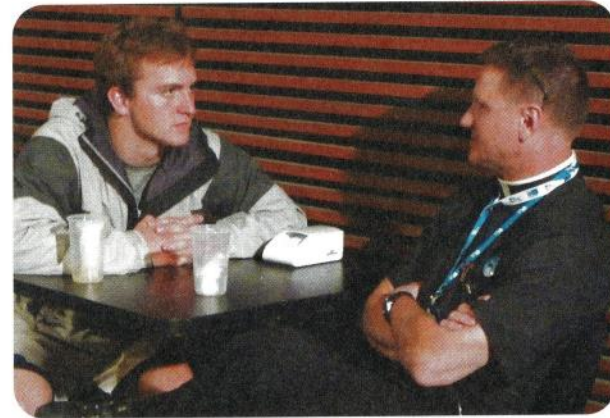
Dear Padre,

I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is “a call from God to a particular state in life,” by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of *vocation* is really the understanding of God’s call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God’s call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●



A pilgrim takes time during a World Youth Day event to speak with a priest about vocations. MICHELLE BAUMAN / CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another” [2 Corinthians 13:11]. The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this—just as Paul himself testifies—necessarily passes through the experience of God’s mercy, of his forgiveness.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 11, 2017



MONDAY

May 27
Weekday
1 Pt 1:3–9
Mk 10:17–27

TUESDAY

May 28
Weekday
1 Pt 1:10–16
Mk 10:28–31

WEDNESDAY

May 29
Weekday
1 Pt 1:18–25
Mk 10:32–45

THURSDAY

May 30
Weekday
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12
Mk 10:46–52

FRIDAY

May 31
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16
Lk 1:39–56

SATURDAY

June 1
St. Justin, Martyr
Jude 17, 20b–25
Mk 11:27–33

SUNDAY

June 2
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Ex 24:3–8
Heb 9:11–15
Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 26, 2024

Most Holy Trinity (B)

Deuteronomy 4:32–34, 39–40 / Romans 8:14–17 / Matthew 28:16–20



Doubting, Remembering, then Believing

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

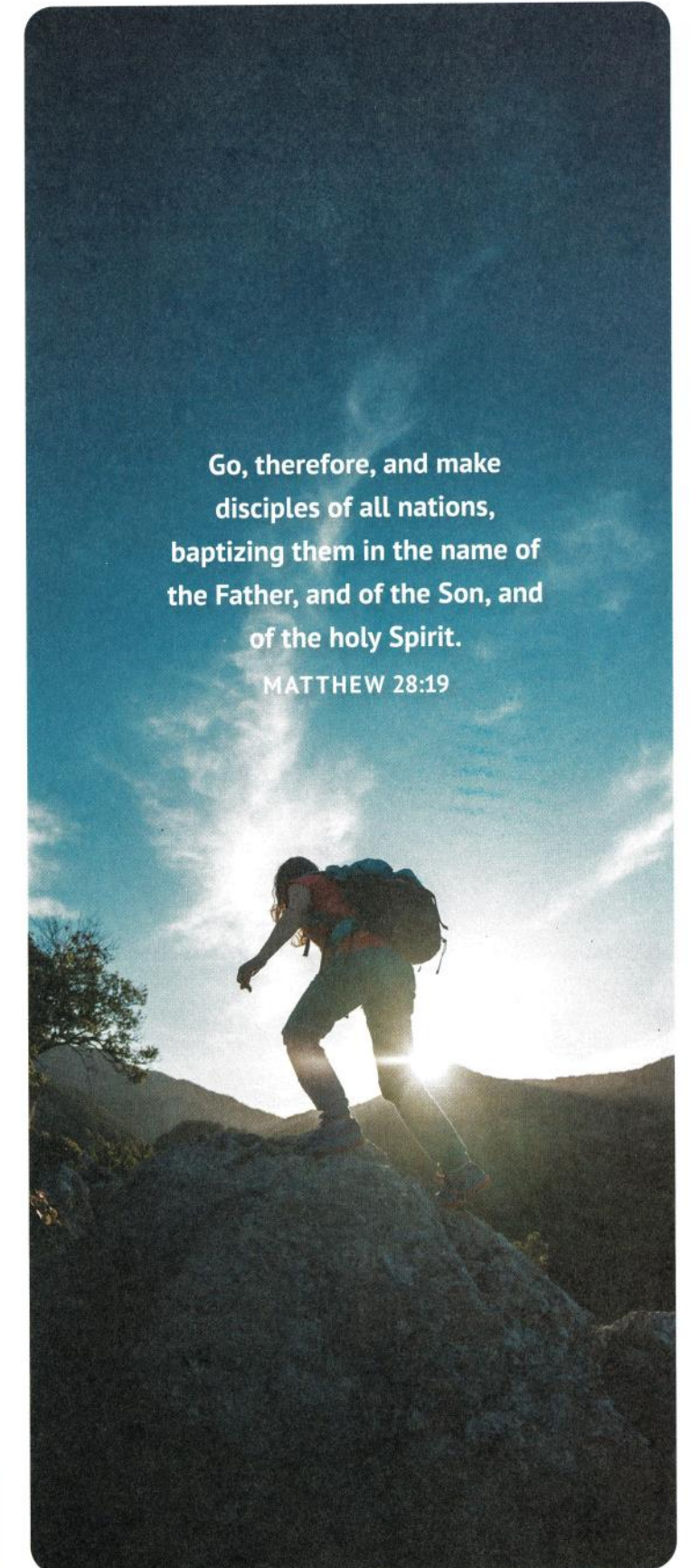
Voltaire, the French author, once commented that God created us in God’s image, and ever since we have been trying to pay God back. When we fail to forgive, we may not believe that God forgives us. If we hate another person (or another nation), we may imagine that God agrees with us. “God is on our side,” presumes that God is rooting only for our team. In other words, we tend to think of God being like us rather than discovering how we reflect God.

It is little wonder, then, that amid such confusing images we can find ourselves wondering who God is or even doubting God’s existence. Yet faith of its nature tends to be sown with doubt simply because faith does not bring the kind of certainty we think science does. This week’s Gospel tells how “the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted” (Matthew 28:16–17). From the beginning believers seemed to be inclined to uncertainty and doubt.

How then do we live in faith? The reading from Deuteronomy tells of Moses asking the people to remember how they had been freed from slavery in Egypt, how God had taught them and taken care of them. It is in remembering past blessings that we recognize a power at work greater than ourselves, a remembering that will lead to renewed faith. We are people who live with the promise of Jesus “to be with you always, to the end of the age.” ●

Reflect

This week, perhaps you could spend some time remembering how God has worked in your life.



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 28:19

**Parish Picnic
9/15/24
Next meeting:
June 26, 2024**

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



June 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	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	10:00 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!

Pray

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:
May 26, 2024



MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
May 28 TUE	8:15 AM	James Callahan
May 29 WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
May 30 THU	8:00 AM	Fr. Fleming (ordination)
May 31 FRI	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
June 01 SAT	8:00 AM	Joe and Delores DeClue
June 01 SAT	4:00 PM	Parish
June 02 SUN	8:00 AM	Fr. Fleming (ordination)
June 02 SUN	10:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)

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: May 19, 2024

Envelope.....\$	3055.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	100.00
Loose.....\$	403.00	On-Line donations.....\$	80.60
SVDP.....\$	92.00	Catholic Comm.....\$	40.00
Votive Lights.....\$	43.00	Catholic Home Miss..\$	20.00
Cemetery Fund....\$	170.00	Light House.....\$	20.00

Special Ministers

June 2, 2024

Lectors:

Saturday 4:00 pm **Sunday 8:00 am**
Laura Allen Sharon Forrester

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion :

Saturday 4:00 pm **Sunday 8:00 am**

C: Vikkie Neier **C: Donna Kennon**
L: Judy East **L: Kim Coleman**
R: Annette Portell **R: Jim Politte**

Sat: 4:00 pm Cole and Joshua Kearns
Sun: 8:00 am Eli and Abraham Rolwes
Sun: 10:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)

Music:

Sat: 4:00 pm. Chala
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or [The Little Way Band](#)

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

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

Heavenly Duster: 06/07: Glenda Farrow
Altar Linens: 06/10: **Connie Scott**

Saint Quote

“Since we offend our sweet Jesus, every day, in thought word, deed and the omission of good works, we should pray every day, and every hour of the day, and weep for our offenses against so kind and loving a Father , Master and Spouse.”
St. Rita

WORD OF LIFE

Question:
I'm thinking of becoming Catholic, but some of the things that Pope Francis says really bother me. Like when he said Catholics that "shouldn't breed like rabbits." Whatever happened to Catholics being open to life?

Answer: First, Catholicism is much more than what a bishop, even the bishop of Rome, may say off the cuff in answer to a reporter. As a Catholic, you're free to have a negative opinion about how a priest or bishop phrases certain issues while still respecting the office that they hold. However, in many cases these quotes get ripped out of the context that makes them much more reasonable.

This statement comes from Pope Francis's comments about a woman he met in a parish in Rome in 2015, who had given birth to seven children via C-section and was pregnant with her eighth child. According to one article:

“Does she want to leave 7 orphans?” “This is to tempt God,” [the pope] said, adding later: “That is an irresponsibility.” Catholics, the pope said, should speak of “responsible parenthood.” “How do we do this?” Francis asked. “With dialogue. Each person with his pastor seeks how to do that responsible parenthood.” “God gives you methods to be responsible,” he continued. “Some think that—excuse the word—that in order to be good Catholics we have to be like rabbits. No” (Jasmine Garsd, “Pope Francis Says Catholics Don't Need to ‘Breed like Rabbits,’” npr.org).

In fact, Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (HV) has an entire section on responsible parenthood. It says, in part,

With regard to physical, economic, psychological, and social conditions, responsible parenthood is exercised by those who prudently and generously decide to have more children, and by those who, for serious reasons and with due respect to moral precepts, decide not to have additional children for either a certain or an indefinite period of time (HV 10).

Rabbits don't do this. Rabbits take a month to reproduce and don't have a menstrual cycle. One female rabbit can produce one thousand offspring in her lifetime, which is necessary because 90 percent of rabbits die before they can reproduce. So, Pope Francis is making a perfectly valid point, but it could have been worded better, since a lot of people treat having more than two kids as “breeding like rabbits,” so it fuels anti-Catholic stereotypes.

What's on the Calendar???

May 29: Meeting for Mission @6:00 pm
May 31: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
June 01: Begins the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 02: Corpus Christi Procession @ St. Joachim Church
July 17: National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN



On May 31st, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Dear Friend of Catholic Answers,

“You probably think Santa Claus is real. Or that the Earth is flat. Maybe your ancestors thought Thor caused lightning and thunderstorms. Or that praying to a statue would bring healing. We have moved past that. Now, we live in an age of science. If you still believe in God, you must be a superstitious ignoramus.”

This common attitude of internet atheists has led many away from faith. Believers must share the blame. A lot of Catholic Christians cannot give reasons for the hope that is within them. They have not learned to support their worldview with reasons and evidence. Rather, they've been told to “just have faith” and not ask too many questions.

Because of this, atheism has been successful in winning converts. Many skeptical slogans have led others to doubt their religious beliefs. But although the slogans have surface-level plausibility, they do not stand up to scrutiny—all of them can be answered using the intellectual resources from the Christian tradition and contemporary philosophy.

Five Foundational Principles

Interacting with atheists can be draining. Not every conversation will go well, especially when you start out. But if you follow these five principles, you can drastically improve your mindset and your conversations.

Here's the first principle: Pray every day. Develop a daily prayer routine.

Decide on a specific segment of time as your personal prayer baseline. It could be ten or fifteen minutes. This principle drives us to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord. This will allow you to discern more effectively what a person needs to hear in conversation. Also, it will prevent you from getting burned out or discouraged when dialogue goes bad.

Here's the second principle: Whenever possible, start by asking questions rather than making statements. Asking questions places you in the driver's seat of the conversation. You can steer it where you want it to go. You can make sure it stays on topic. Questions provide an avenue to learn what the other person actually thinks, providing you with valuable information for deciding how to help your conversation partner. Questions are powerful.

Here's the third principle: Don't let people get away with vague, wishy-washy criticisms. Sometimes people make vague objections they think are enough to win the day. Consider the following:

- “You know the problem of evil, right? That's why I don't believe in God.”
- “You Catholics have that abuse scandal. Who would want to join a corrupt Church like that?”

Too often when we hear questions like these, we immediately launch into a defense. Before the skeptic elicits a response from us, we must require that he make his criticism clearer, provide more detail, and, whenever possible, give us the fullness of the argument he has in mind.

Continued with 4 & 5 next week....

PARISH PICNIC NEWS!!!



It may seem early to think about the picnic, but we all know how time flies, especially when the weather gets so beautiful. Don't let everyone else have all of the fun!! Join the picnic crew.

The bottles are still being collected and you might just have the most original idea yet! Please bring in one of your favorite bottled items. The box in front of the cry room will be left there for your convenience.

Thank you all for your support of our Parish!

Our next Picnic mtg is scheduled for **June 26th @ 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

*****Formed*****

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. Presence: *The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

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 are in.

The Mission in September:

St. James, St. Joachim, St. Stephen and St. Michaels will be hosting a mission Saturday, September 28th through Thursday October 3rd. We are inviting all parishioners to come and be a part of our parish mission. Kim Coleman, Judy Wright and Diane McGirl would be happy to answer any of your questions and give any information.



NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY AT 6:00PM please join us!!!



ST. JAMES GUN RAFFLE JOIN THE FUN!!!!

Tickets will be sold after all Masses until the drawing. There are 3 guns being raffled. Proceeds go to picnic income for our Parish. The drawing will take place on 6/15/24.

St. James PSR NEWS

Don't forget to practice your faith and increase your knowledge, it is one of your greatest attributes! If you are interested in helping ,or to be an instructor or instructor's aid, please let us know.

Anyone wanting to register for fall PSR please contact Laura Allen. There will be some changes with PSR classes this fall. Please watch bulletin for further information.



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