

Dear Padre,

Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship? Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the teachings of Christ.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: “The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked” (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is true that Jesus’ preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13–53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says “the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God’s saving love” (CCC 122). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 29 Weekday	January 30 Weekday	January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest	February 1 Weekday	February 2 Presentation of the Lord	February 3 Weekday	February 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13 Mk 5:1–20	2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3 Mk 5:21–43	2 Sm 24:2, 9–17 Mk 6:1–6	1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12 Mk 6:7–13	Mal 3:1–4 Heb 2:14–18 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32	1 Kgs 3:4–13 Mk 6:30–34	Jb 7:1–4, 6–7 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23 Mk 1:29–39



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do we listen to Jesus’ words, which are authoritative? Always...carry a small copy of the Gospel...to read throughout the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And then...let us ask Jesus: “Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of God, the one who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!”

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Deuteronomy 18:15–20 / 1 Corinthians 7:32–35 / Mark 1:21–28



Love Takes Work

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If you believed your own natural death was imminent, would that affect the decisions you make? When St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, that was his expectation—that the Lord’s return was going to take place quickly, that the Second Coming was just about to occur and could happen at any time.

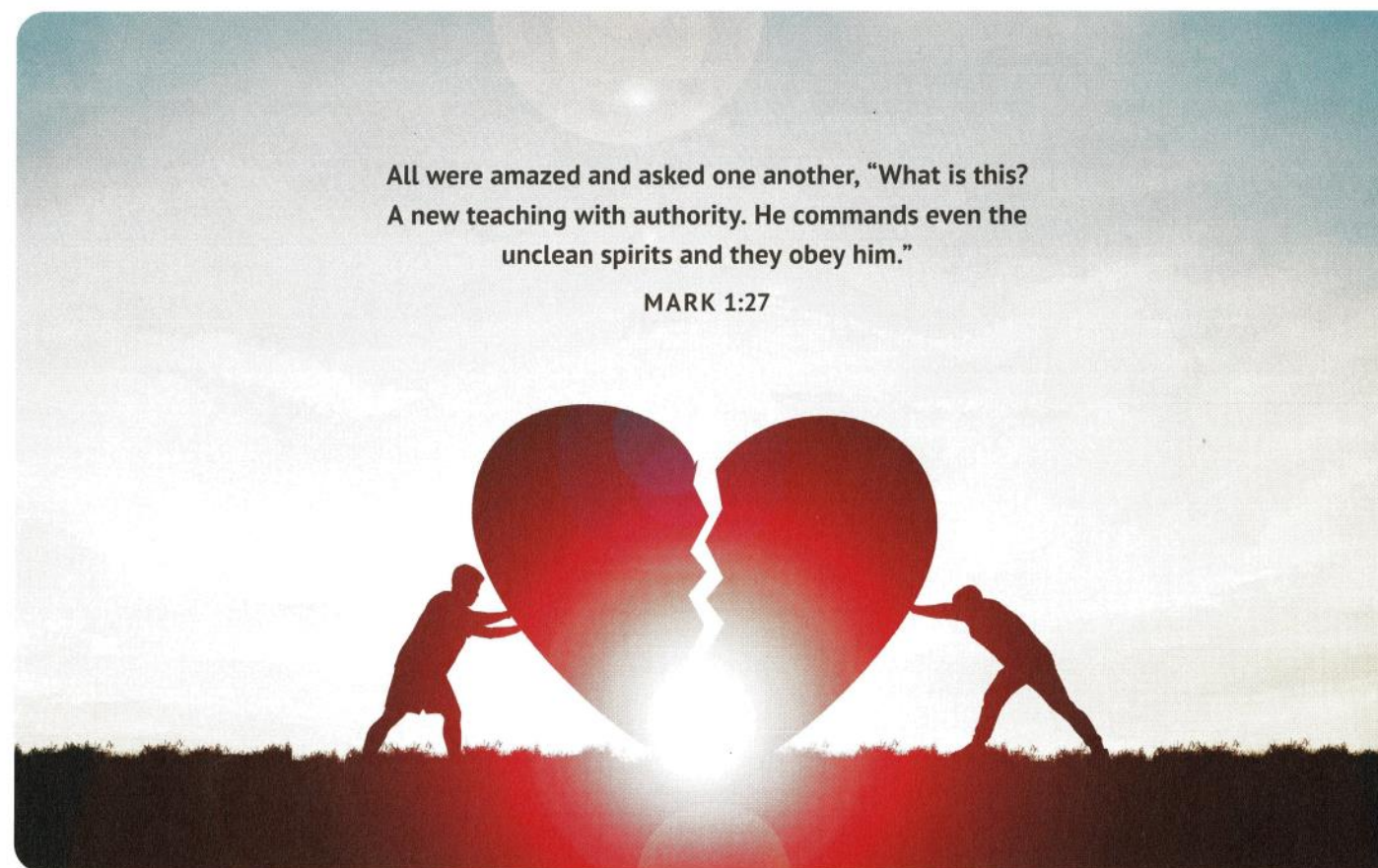
While St. Paul writes to the Corinthians that it is better to be unmarried than married, the purpose of this advice is to keep life simple and focused on what is important. Don’t make any long-term commitments like buying a field, or starting a business, or even getting married. Be ready and prepared because the end of the world could literally be tomorrow. “I should like

you to be free of anxieties,” he wrote. Much later, St. Paul realized the end was not going to happen as soon as originally expected.

Saint Paul was not against marriage. He would be the first to say that, ideally, marriage can and often does reveal the depths of human love, but he would also say that it takes work; it doesn’t happen all by itself. Just as readily, St. Paul would also note that, ideally, celibacy can and often does reveal the breadth of love given in service to others, whether the celibate person is lay, a priest, or a religious. It can seem, however, that the unclean spirit that Jesus cast out continues to roam human lives. All of us struggle to live out love as best we can, wherever we find ourselves in life. ●

Reflect

What in your life gets in the way of loving as well as you would wish?



All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.”

MARK 1:27



St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



February 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.

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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: January 29th, 2023			
Jan 30	TUE	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Jan 31	WED	8:15 AM	Bishop Morgan Casey
Feb 01	THU	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 02	FRI	8:00 AM	Mary Pratt
Feb 03	SAT	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 03	SAT	4:00 PM	Lisa Gillam
Feb 04	SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family
Feb 04	SUN	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)
Feb 04	SUN	10:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere

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: January 21, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2850.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	355.00
Loose.....\$	750.00	On-Line donations.....\$	100.90
SVDP.....\$	108.00	Funeral Dinner fund..\$	
Votive Lights.....\$	66.28	STL Review.....\$	178.00
Light House.....\$			

Special Ministers February 3rd & 4th, 2023

Saturday 4:00 pm Bob Mills
Sunday 8:00 am Jamie Thompson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Saturday 4:00 pm C: Paul Villmer, L: Annette Portell, R: Judy East
Sunday 8:00 am Don Thompson, Jim Politte, Sharon Forrester

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

Music:
Sat: 4:00 p.m. Chala Short
Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of February: SVDP still needs the canned meats please: spam, canned chicken, canned ham, Tuna
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 02/02: Glenda Farrow
Altar Linens: 02/05: Jean Roberson

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 St. James Parish Office @ 573-438-4686



"Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache."

**From the office of the Vicariate
Morning of Reflection**
February 24th, 8:30 am-11:30 am
Hillsboro Knights of Columbus Hall
All lay Leaders, Parish Staff, catechists & Ministers are welcome to join us!

Just around the corner:
St. James Knights of Columbus
Lenten Drive-Thru
Fish Lunches:
Save the Dates:
02/23, 03/08 & 03/22

Last call for Poinsettias—must take them this weekend please!



Word of Life

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

Jan 28: Catholic Schools Week, Special Collection for St. Joachim Catholic School
Feb 01: First Thursday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 am
Feb 03: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass 8:00 am
Feb 14: Ash Wednesday, Mass 8:15 am & 5:00 pm St. Joachim
Ash Wednesday, Mass @ St. James, 7:00 pm
Feb 16: Mass & Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm @ St. Joachim Church
Feb 23: Mass & Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm St. James

EMMAUS YOUTH GROUP

Quilt Raffle

\$3 each or 5 for \$10

Winner will be announced at the St. Anne's bingo
Need not be present to win

Help support our Youth Group in continuing to grow their faith.
Proceeds help with the cost of our Steubenville conferences and Pro-Life trips.



First Thursday Adoration February 1st

Eucharistic Adoration: the Catholic Church entered a three-year Eucharistic Revival in 2022. We should contemplate the importance of the Blessed Sacrament in our earthly lives and what it means to us. We are very fortunate to receive Holy Communion at Mass. Please, prayerfully consider spending an hour with our Lord to reacquaint yourselves with the peace that only He can give.

*****FORMED*****

Faith Prevails: The Miracle of Bolsena: An inspired retelling of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto, "Faith Prevails" follows the journey of Fr. Peter of Prague, a priest doubtful of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. When the Host begins to bleed during Mass, he must come to terms with his own disbelief while the witnesses of the miracle experience changes in their own faith. This short film is based on the real event of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto, which was the catalyst for the institution of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (commonly known as the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The Catholic Parent: Our Sunday Obligation: The realities of bringing the whole family to Mass can strike fear into the hearts of many parents. How do you navigate crying, distractions and looks from other parishioners? How do you teach that the Mass is the "source and summit" of the Christian life when it's sometimes confusing, even as an adult. Find encouragement in this episode of the Catholic Parent as families share their testimonies & Fr. John Nepil describes what truly happening at every Mass.

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Enter our parish's zip code
Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

Missionary Discipleship

Divine Authority

Jesus drives out the unclean spirit in the man in the synagogue in today's Gospel. He thus reveals His authority as being fully divine and capable of subjecting evil spirits to His power. Similarly, the psalm reminds us that it is important for us to heed the powerful voice of the Lord and not to harden our hearts. When we feel moved by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News to another person or to do a kind act of charity, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Seize the opportunities that you have each day to give witness to your faith in the Son of God. Use His Name to take authority in trying situations!

First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass February 3rd, 8:00 am



The Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation to all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of consecutive months: Go to confession, Receive Holy Communion, Say five decades of the rosary, & keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary

January 28, 2024, Catholic Schools Week

Annual Special Collection for St. Joachim Catholic School. It is the only Catholic School in Washington County, at this time St. James has one parish family attending St. Joachim School. There are envelopes in the pews for all donations to the school. Thank you & God Bless, Fr. Tony Dattilo

Q&A

Question:

Can we have visual encounters with angels on Earth?

Answer:

Yes. Angels have interacted with humans throughout history. We see this especially in Scripture and in the lives of the saints. But it's also important to keep in mind that not all encounters with angels are good. There are evil angels (devils or demons) who, according to St. Thomas Aquinas, can "work on man's imagination and even on his corporeal senses, so that something seems otherwise that it is" (Summa Theologiae).

Then there are those in the New Age movement who promote angel encounters as a way into the spirit world where spiritual entities, disguised as good angels (2 Corinthians 11:14), are called upon to help us with improving our personal lives, etc. Excerpt from the Vatican document—Jesus Christ, the Bearer of the Water of Life:

These spiritual entities are often invoked "non-religiously" to help in relaxation aimed at better decision-making and control of one's life and career. Fusion with some spirits who teach through particular people is another New Age experience claimed by people who refer to themselves as "mystics."

For more on this subject, I recommend the book Angels and Devils by Joan Carroll Cruz.

(Catholic Answers)

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid."
St. Mary MacKillop

Please note one change to our February Calendar: February 4th..... Fr. Tony will be here to celebrate Mass with us. Fr. French will NOT be here. And Fr. Knight will be at St. Stephens in Richwoods

St. James PSR NEWS

Wednesday February 14, 2024 is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at 7:00 P.M. this will be a youth mass. **All PSR families are strongly encouraged to attend mass** There will be **NO in person class on Ash Wednesday.**

Servers: Abraham Rowles, Joshua Kearns, Ava West
Lectors: Maci Mueller, Bryce Griffin

Offertory Gifts: Meadow Henson, Mallori Mueller
Special Minister: Kim Coleman

**** Next in-person class:** Wednesday, **February 21st:** Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, **Unit 5** will be due.

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