

Dear Padre,

I'm into horoscopes. A friend told me that astrology is nonsense and against the Catholic faith. What do you say?

Stargazing is as old as the human race. We know with certainty that ancient Chaldea was known for its stargazers. Many of the constellations' names originated during that time. Some scholars believe that the three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn Savior were themselves Chaldean stargazers.

Astrologers believe that the zodiac signs under which we were born largely control our human destiny. The Christian objection to astrology is that it insults almighty God, who alone knows the future. God alone, in cooperation with the free will of humans, controls the future. To suppose that stars, planets, animals, or inanimate objects can, independent of God, direct or influence our lives opposes the first commandment: "I am the LORD your God.... You shall not have other gods beside me" (Exodus 20:2-3).

The Old Testament clearly spells out that it is vain to imagine "either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven" as "the governors of the world" (Wisdom 13:2).

Don't give credit to or blame the stars for what you do and who you are. See past them to the God who made them, and who made us, and who cares for all creation.

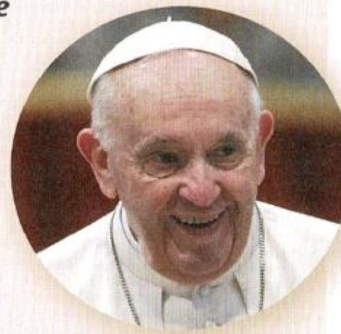


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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God made us: brimming with desire, directed, like the Magi, towards the stars.... We are what we desire. For it is our desires that...drive our lives forward, beyond the barriers of habit, beyond banal consumerism, beyond a drab and dreary faith, beyond the fear of becoming involved and serving others and the common good.



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HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2022

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

January 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

January 9
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

January 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

January 11
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

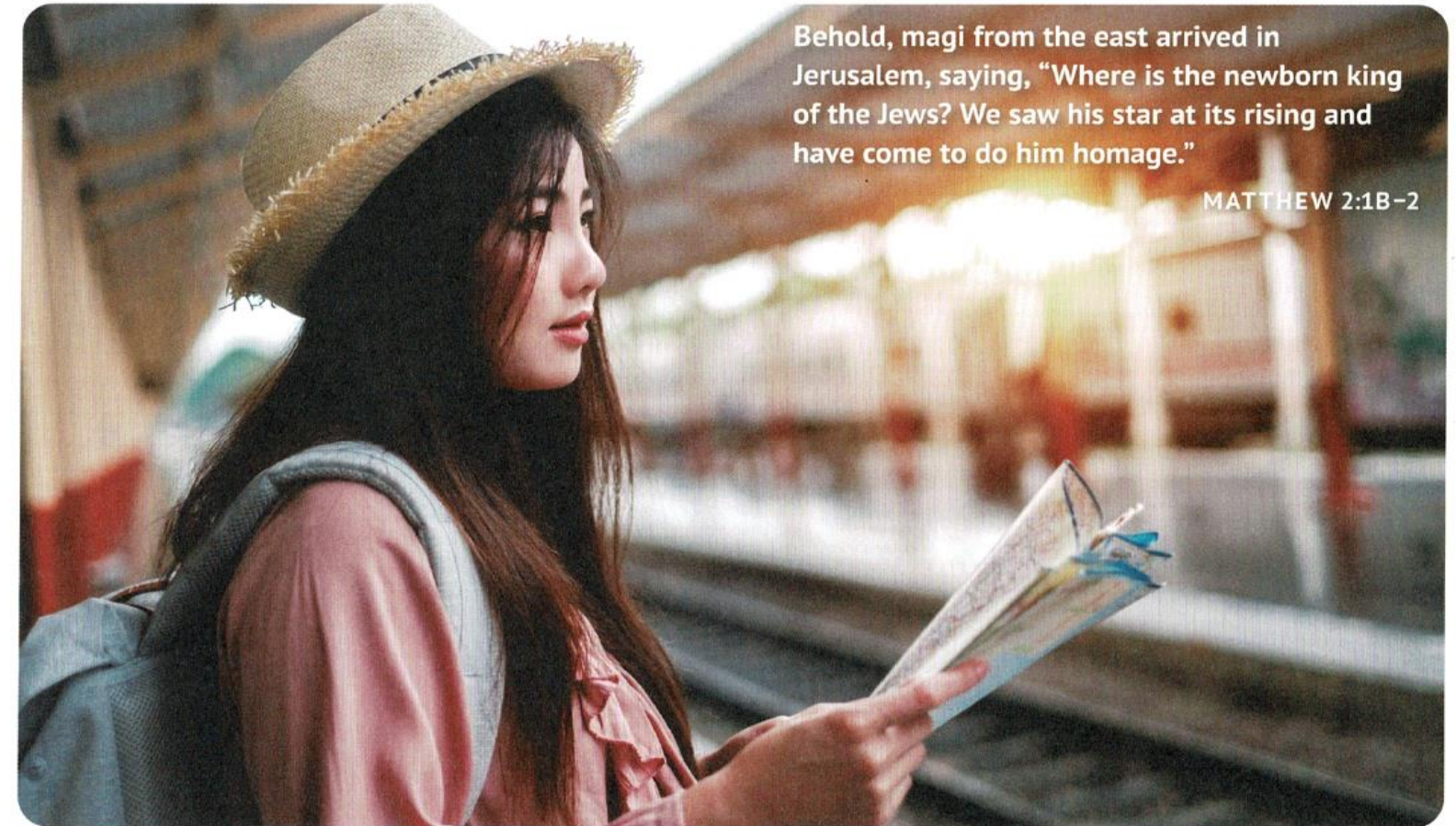
January 12
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
or Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Acts 10:34-38
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12



Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

MATTHEW 2:1B-2

In Search of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are always in search of something or other, it seems—an intangible something that tends to shift and change over the course of our lives, like the tumbling pieces of a kaleidoscope. Sometimes, it is love we seek. Other times, meaning. Or inner peace, freedom from anxiety or guilt. Or perhaps freedom from all that ties us down. And sometimes, it is God we seek. Like the Magi, we too are on a quest for the Holy One.

One afternoon, Tom, a high-school sophomore, stopped by. He asked if we could talk about God—or, more exactly, about what God was like. He had been in a study hall, waiting for the bell to ring, when the person behind him asked, "When you die, do you think you're going to see God?" Tom said he thought he would, but then the other student replied, "Well, you won't, because God doesn't have a body. There isn't something to see."

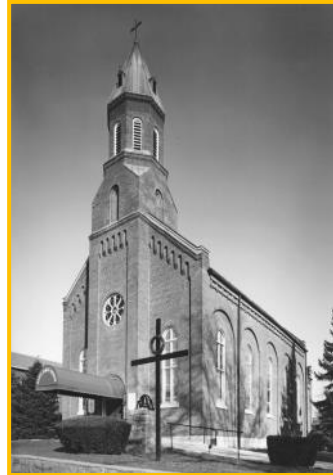
The bell rang, Tom said, and they never finished the conversation. Tom wondered whether God had a body or not, and, if not, then what was God like? Tom was searching for a God that made sense amidst galaxies and black holes and light years of time, but also a God who was personal and knowable and lovable. He wasn't sure how to put the two together. He had become one of the Magi on a journey to find God. ●

Reflect

Where are you on your journey to know and discover God?

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



January 2025 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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www.stjames-potosi.org
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Confessions:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

January 06, 2024	8AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Jan 07 TUE	8:15 AM	Anthony Killiah
Jan 08 WED	8:15AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Jan 09 THU	8:00 AM	Oscar (Bob) Pashia
Jan 10 FRI	8:00 AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Jan 11 SAT	4:00 PM	Lisa Gilliam
Jan 12 SUN	10:00 AM	Diana Koenitz & Family

December 29, 2024

Envelope.....\$	1325.00	Cemetery Upkeep.....\$	400.00
Loose collections..\$	1446.35		
SVDP.....\$	145.00		
Votive Lights.....\$	45.00		
Main & Repairs.....\$	55.00		
On-Line donations....\$	62.60		
Christmas Flowers....\$	30.00		
Christmas offering....\$	1551.00		
Seminary.....\$	947.00		
Immaculate Concep....\$	25.00		



January 11th & 12th 2024

Lectors

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:00 am
Mary Susan Campbell Danny Mueller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Laura Allen David Woodland
L: Vikkie Neier Marvin Wright
R: Annette Portel Danny Muller

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison Battreal
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 January collection: Soup, Crackers, and Peanut Butter. :)

Heavenly Duster: 01/10: Marilyn Carter & Jeanne Degonia
Altar Linens: 01/13: Glenda Farrow

*Thanks to all who gave cards and gifts to Father Tony, Father Dyer, & Father Nyman.

*Father Tony would like to also **THANK** all our volunteers through out the past year (Lectors, Ministers, servers, and everyone that has gave there time for many different reasons.

With the weather coming PLEASE be watching the Parish App and Facebook page for mass **CANCELLATIONS**. We do not want people trying to get out if the weather is **BAD**.

*****Formed*****

This Week

Begin the Year with Hope and Rest | Catholic Bible Sleep Stories
New Year's Resolution
Elizabeth Ann Seton: Seeker to Saint
St. Gregory of Nazianzus | Catholic Saints

Audiobook

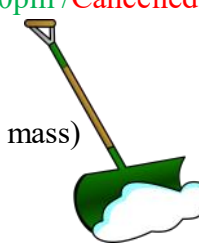
Come, Lord Jesus: Meditations on the Art of Waiting Audio Book by Mary Francis
God Made Man by Fr. Shannon Collins

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- 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!

What's on the Calendar???

Jan 06: Rural Parish Clinic
Jan 07: Ladies Sodality mgt @ 1pm
Jan 10: Clarity House 6PM
Jan 11: Faith Sharing for Men 7:30-8:30AM
Jan 13: St. Vincent De Paul mgt 6PM
Jan 14: Knights of Columbus mgt 6:30pm /Cancelled
Jan 14: Parish Council mgt 5:30pm
Jan 15: Picnic mgt 6pm/parish hall
Jan 18: Food Pantry Giveaway
Jan 18: Soup and Chili Cookoff (after mass)



Faith Sharing for Men
Jan 11th 7:30-8:30 AM
Contact Wayne Roy with
and questions



To start the new year with God, you can: dedicate time to prayer and reflection, seek guidance for your goals, read scripture, attend a church service, express gratitude for the past year, set intentions aligned with your faith, and commit to incorporating spiritual practices like daily devotion into your routine; essentially, using the new year as an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God by actively seeking His presence and purpose in your life.



Key Factors

(Following into the New Year With Jesus)

- Prayer and Reflection
 - Bible Study
- Church Attendance
- Setting Intentions
- Gratitude Practice
- Spiritual Disciplines



Pray

SOUP AND CHILI POT LUCK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH AFTER 4PM
MASS @ ST. JAMES

COME JOIN OUR FELLOWSHIP .
WE WIL BE TAKING
DONATIONS @ AT THE DOOR AND
AUCTIONING OFF BAKED GOODS TO
RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR WINDOW
RESTORATION.
ALL IS INVITED!!

Come for the Chili supper & desert auction on Jan 18th after 4PM mass, and stay for the program presented by Dr. Paul Villmer & Jimmy Gibson on there trip to Mozambique, Africa. This presentation will be following immediately after the auction. A surprise serving will be presented during the presentation.



Clarity House of Retreat:

Meets every second Friday of the month. Rosary starts at 6:00pm and Mass follows. Prayer, Quiet, Healing, people come together....

Liturgical Composers Concert, Thursday, January 30, 7-8:30 pm at Mercy Center Chapel, 2039 N. Geyer Rd, Frontenac (in person or live stream). General admission \$25, Preferred Seating/Reception with Composers \$50, Individual Live Stream \$15. Register and pay at www.mercycenterstl.org/liturgical-composers-concert.

St. James PSR NEWS

January Classes
8th and 22nd

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