

Dear Padre,

I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?



Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus—as St. Paul tells us—"emptied himself... he humbled himself" (Philippians 2:7–8).

HOMILY, ROME, MARCH 28, 2021

MONDAY

March 25
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

March 28
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

March 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

March 30
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18

Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28

Rom 6:3–11
Mk 16:1–7



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16 / Isaiah 50:4–7 /
Philippians 2:6–11 / Mark 14:1–15:47 or 15:1–39



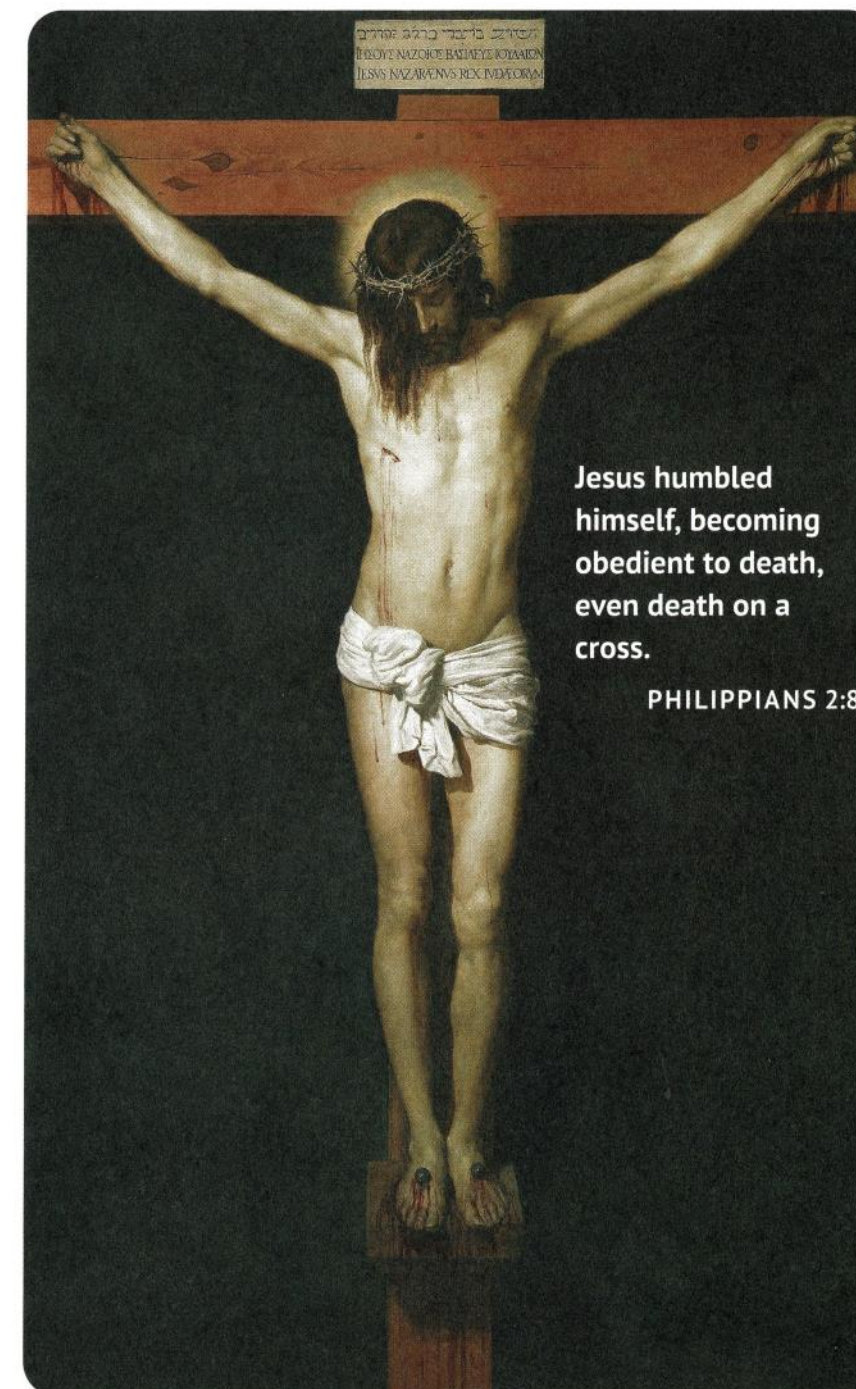
The Hungers with Which We Live

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live my life of dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life was all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real. ●



Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

Reflect

Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki? Is there one you could do better?



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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
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March 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	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun	8:00 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!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: March 25th, 2024 (HOLY WEEK)			
MON	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
Mar 26 TUE	8:15 AM	Barbara Whitlock	
Mar 27 WED	8:15 AM	(Mass at St. Joachim)	
Mar 28 THU	6:30 PM	Michelle Parish	
Mar 29 FRI	3:00 PM	Good Friday SVC @ St. Joachim	
Mar 30 SAT	8:00 PM	(Mass @ St. Joachim)	
Mar 31 SUN	8:00 AM	(Mass @ St. Joachim)	
Mar 31 SUN	10:00 AM	Fr. Rodger Fleming	

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: Mar 17, 2024

Envelope.....\$	2040.00	On-Line donations.....\$	105.60
Loose.....\$	420.00	Retired Priests.....\$	10.00
SVDP.....\$	477.00	Holy Land.....\$	10.00
Votive Lights.....\$	35.25	Easter offering.....\$	20.00
Light House.....\$		Easter Flowers.....\$	205.00
Main & Repairs.....\$	40.00	Catholic Relief.....\$	100.00

Special Ministers

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday...Alleluia!

Lectors:
Sunday 10:00 am
Bob Mills

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday 10:00 am
C: Paul Villmer
L: Jamie Warden
R: Kim Coleman

Sat: 4:00 pm (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 8:00 am (celebrated at St. Joachim)
Sun: 10:00 am Volunteers please!

Music:

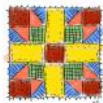
Sat: 4:00 p.m. Chala Short
Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of March: Peanut Butter & canned meats pls
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
~We couldn't do it without you~

Heavenly Duster: 03/29: Sharon Forrester
Altar Linens: 04/01: Glenda Farrow

Quilt Bingo

St. James Bingo Ladies are wanting to hold a Quilt Bingo on April 21st, but they need your help. If anyone would be willing to donate a quilt, store bought or hand made, please contact Judy Cain @ 573-210-8220 for more information. All proceeds go to St. James Church. Thank you!



“Whatever God wants, as God wills, when God wills.”
St. Maria de las Maravillas de Jesus

JOINT PARISH MISSION

Even though we are just beginning the season of spring, a Core Team of parishioners from St. Joachim and St. James has started planning for a **joint Parish Mission this fall** that will be led by Fr. Tom Santen. This will be a time of coming together on our journey of faith! For now, we encourage everyone to mark their calendars and plan on attending the **Parish Mission from September 29 – October 3**. As the planning continues, more details will be shared with you regarding the theme of the mission and schedule. Each parish will have a Host Coordinator that will be reaching out to parishioners and inviting them to become a part of the team! We are excited that Fr. Tom Santen will lead us on this journey of faith! Stay tuned!



Word of Life

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

May all mothers facing difficult pregnancies be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children; We pray to the Lord:

What's on the Calendar???

Mar 26: Lenten Penance Service, 6:00 pm, St. James Parish
Mar 27: Fall 2024 Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall
Apr 02: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
Apr 04: First Thursday Mass & Adoration
Apr 06: There will be NO Marian Devotion Mass
Apr 09: Parish Council, 5:30 pm
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Apr 14: Confirmation at the Cathedral, 2:00 pm
Apr 15: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
Jul 17: National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis, IN

Holy Week; 2024

Tuesday, Mar 26, 6:00 pm Penance Services St. James Church
Holy Thursday
Mass 6:30 pm, Adoration following, St. James Church
Good Friday
Passion Service 3:00 pm St. Joachim Church
Church Open for Prayer/Adoration 12:00 - 2:30 St. James Church

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 pm, St. Joachim Church
Easter Sunday 8:00 am Mass, St. Joachim Church
8:00 am Mass, St. Stephens Chapel
Easter Sunday 10:00 am Mass, St. James Church hyvfgvfgvfg

Holy Thursday Please consider spending some time in Adoration following Reposition of the Blessed sacrament and continuing up until midnight. As is “tradition”, the Holy Water fonts are emptied prior to Mass on this evening. Also, all votives are distinguished at midnight and will be “re-lit” before Mass on Easter Sunday. In respect toward the Blessed Sacrament, and in keeping with the solemn tone of this night, **silence** is maintained upon exiting the Church.

*****FORMED*****

LENT: Preparing for Holy Week/The Augustine Institute Show: How do we prepare for Holy Week? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as they walk through the liturgies of Holy Week, historical spots in the Holy Land, and how to prepare our hearts for the events of the Passion.

Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family: Watch The Mission of the Family, a five-episode video series created by the Knights of Columbus that explores God’s incredible design for marriage and the family. Be inspired by the encouraging stories of spouses and families living out the Lord’s plan for their holiness, even in a chaotic, post-Christian world.

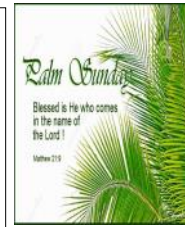
Fear of Being Canceled w/Paul J. Kim/Fearless: Chris sits down with Paul J. Kim, an inspiring speaker and author who leads young Catholics worldwide deeper in their relationship with Christ. Despite all our efforts, some people will hate us for our faith in Jesus. How do we cope with this fear of getting “canceled”? Listen as Chris and Paul discuss what it means **to live with faith in this age of social media and technology.**

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Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>
Enter our parish’s zip code
Enter your name and your email address. That’s it, you’re in.

Missionary Discipleship Humility

While Jesus was experiencing crucifixion, suffering the death of one who was a criminal, people reviled Him saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, [and] come down from the cross!” St. Thomas Aquinas once wrote that the cross exemplifies every virtue. Humility was certainly among those virtues. Just as Jesus experienced a most humble birth in a manger surrounded by animals, He also suffered a most humble death. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords is judged by a governor and suffers the death of a criminal. He could have come down from the cross and freed Himself of the pain. Instead, He humbled Himself and died for you, for me, for all people. One of the best responses we can have as we gaze upon the Crucified One is silence and contemplation. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.



Palm Sunday..... marks the start of Holy Week and commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. As Jesus entered the city, crowds greeted him by waiving palm branches, which is where the name Palm Sunday originated from. The event, recorded in all four Gospels — **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John** — marked the beginning of the end of Jesus' time on Earth.



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March 8, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Archbishop’s Collection for Retired Priests will be taken up in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

This is a beautiful opportunity to honor and thank the priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

We can count on our parish priests to instruct us in the faith, counsel us in difficult times, help us celebrate joyful moments, and comfort us in our grief. Indeed, many retired priests continue serving in parishes, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and other Catholic ministries.

Your gift helps meet their temporal needs, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care, and disability. I thank you for your generosity in caring for our retired priests who dedicate their lives to serving the Lord and His people!

Be assured that our retired priests are praying for you and your families. I hope you will pray for them as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

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.

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 give at any time at: archstl.org/retiredpriests.

St. James PSR NEWS

** Next in-person class: Wednesday, April 17th: Dinner @ 5:15pm, class will begin @ 6:00 pm, Unit 7 will be due.

**There are still open slots for Holy Week and Easter Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

Apr 14th is Confirmation @ the Cathedral, 2:00 pm
May 5th, First Holy Communion, 10:00 am, St. James Church
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