

Dear Padre,

My ex broke up with me. I find myself hoping he gets subjected to the same emotional pain as I have. I hate feeling this way, so how do I ask God to take away this pain and help me forgive my ex?

What you are sharing is your hurt and confusion. Although your boyfriend was ready to end the relationship, you were not. It seems you are still not ready to move on. That is OK. Everyone has his or her own manner of dealing with disappointment, and there is no perfect timeframe.

More than your boyfriend's suffering, you desire freedom for yourself and a return to a healthy sense of your own personhood. You perceive him as happy and perhaps wonder how that's possible while you are still struggling. This is all very normal, and it's part of the process we all experience when an important relationship changes.



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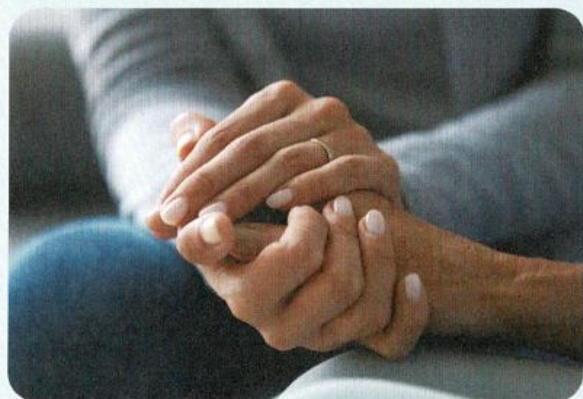
You will work through this. You will love again. You will no longer be triggered by strong feelings when you encounter him in the future. But you are going to have to do the hard work of growing, maturing, and learning to let go. Begin by praying for his well-being. And if you can't do that, ask God for the grace to want to pray for his well-being. Certainly, the Lord will help you, but he won't magically take away your pain. There are no shortcuts. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 1:1-10	Sir 2:1-11	Sir 4:11-19	Sir 5:1-8	Sir 6:5-17	Sir 17:1-15	Sir 27:4-7
Mk 9:14-29	Mk 9:30-37	Mk 9:38-40	Mk 9:41-50	Mk 10:1-12	Mk 10:13-16	1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45



FIZKES / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength.

[It] means defeating evil with goodness, which opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude...is dictated not by calculation or by hatred, but by love.

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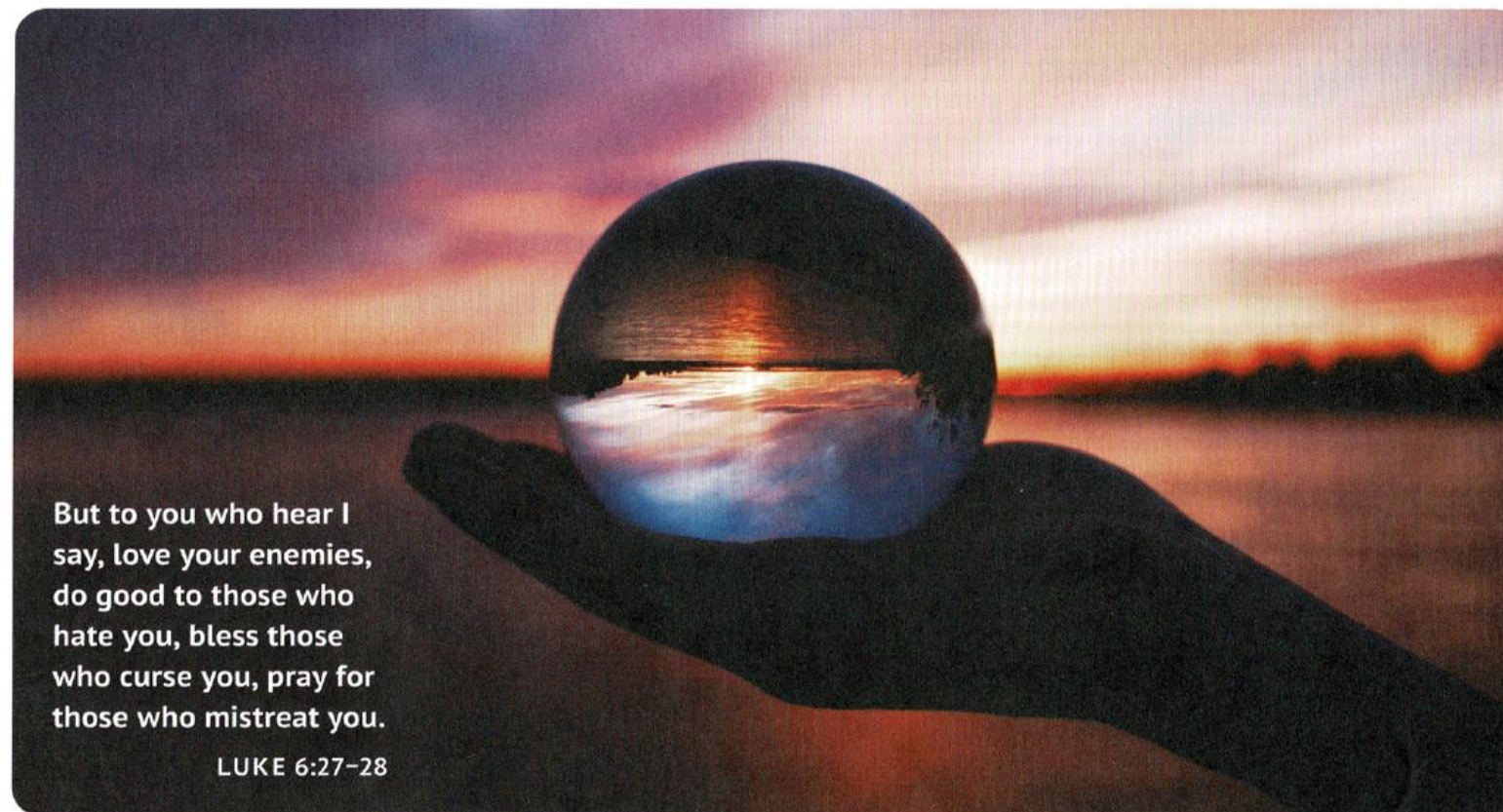
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 / Luke 6:27-38



But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

LUKE 6:27-28

A New World Order

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:27-36).

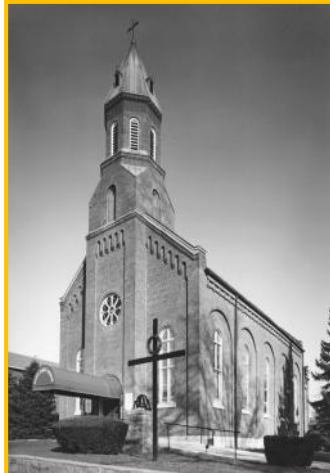
The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God's Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

Is there someone you are struggling to forgive? What is stopping you?

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

February 24 2024 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Feb 25 TUE 8:15AM Joseph Richardson
Feb 26 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Feb 27 THU 8:00AM Joann Thebeau
Feb 28 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Mar 01 SAT 8:00 AM Adoration & Benediction
Mar 01 SAT 4:00PM Lisa Gillam
Mar 02 SUN 10:00AM Beverly Sampson

February 16th, 2025

Envelopes...\$ 4545.00
Loose...\$ 375.00
Votive...\$ 20.00
St. V...\$ 90.00
Maintenance...\$ 265.00
Stain-glass...\$ 500.00
Funeral Dinner...\$ 100.00



March 1st & 2nd, 2025

Lectors

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am
Laura Allen Jamie Warden
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C:Vikkie Neier Diane McGirl
L:Judy East Kim Coleman
R:Paul Villmer Mary Roy

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison
Sun: 10:00 am Daisy & Penelope

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 March collection: Soup, Crackers, and Peanut Butter. :)

Faith, Hope, and Charity

February-into March Heavenly Dusters
Marilyn Carter & Jeanne DeGonia 2/14-2/21
Glenda Farrow 2/28-3/7

February- into March Alter Linens
Barb Cocos 2/17-2/24
Glenda Farrow 3/3-3/10

Sorry for the confusion, I do have schedules that are made and can be picked up in the office



PRESENTED BY ST. JAMES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FRY DAY FRIDAYS
March 14th
March 28th
April 11th 11:00-1:00
April 18th
\$12/PLATE
FISH, BAKED BEANS, & POTATO SALAD
201 N. Missouri Street Potosi MO 63664

Sister parishes south of the Meramec River in Washington, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, and Perry counties are in some of the poorest counties in the state of Missouri. Learn about updates in the Southern Vicariate and future opportunities to help those in need. Discover how you can make a difference and be part of immersion trips to meet ministry leaders in our southern parishes.

Meetings will be held on March 19 at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and on March 26 at Sacred Heart (Valley Park). All are invited.

Missouri Right to Life
"Keep Missouri Pro-Life"
Action Day
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Missouri State Capitol
1st Floor Rotunda
We need you to ACT!

We are ready to start accepting BOTTLES for the Picnic.
(PLEASE CHECK DATES)



What's on the Calendar???



Mar 5: ASH WEDNESDAY
St V Truck Delivery
Mar 7: St. Joachim Fish Fry
Mar 10: St. V Mgt 6pm
Mar 11: Parish Council Mgt 5:30pm & K&C mgt 6:30pm
Mar 14: St. James Fish Fry
Clarity House
Mar 15: St V Food Give away
Mar 19: St. Joseph, the spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary
Mar 21: St. Joachim Fish Fry
Mar 25: The Annunciation of the Lord
Mar 28: St. James Fish Fry

"WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT"

...Is a good question to ask. An even better question to ask is, **what are you doing for Lent?**

Lent is not about giving up chocolates or screentime. **It's about becoming more of who we are**—who Jesus made us to be.

This year, don't stop at giving something up. Start by finding something that helps you **become the-best-version-of-yourself.**

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- Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you are in!

Baltimore Catechism by Rev Deck

198. What is the first commandment of God?

The first commandment of God is: I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.

Thou shalt not have strange Gods before me. Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. (Exodus 20:3-4)

199. What are we commanded by the first commandment?

By the first commandment we are commanded to offer to God alone the supreme worship that is due Him.

It is written, "The Lord thy God shalt thou worship, and him only shalt thou serve." (Luke 4:8)

200. How do we worship God?

We worship God by acts of faith, hope, and charity, and by adoring Him and praying to Him.

201. What does faith oblige us to do?

Faith obliges us: first, to make efforts to find out what God has revealed; second, to believe firmly what God has revealed; third, to profess our faith openly whenever necessary.

Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. (Matthew 10:32)

202. What does hope oblige us to do?

Hope obliges us to trust firmly that God will give us eternal life and the means to obtain it.

Paul, a servant of God and apostle of Jesus Christ, in accordance with the faith of God's elect and the full knowledge of the truth which is according to piety, in the hope of life everlasting which God, who does not lie, promised before the ages began. (Titus 1:1-2)

Sunday, March 2, at Holy Family Parish in Arnold:
"Meet Them at the Well" – A presentation to accompany family members who no longer practice their faith. Led by Jennifer Meehan and Tammy Chumley, with Fr. Lydon assisting.

St. James PSR NEWS

February Class
26th

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

