



Dear Padre,

Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



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Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Who Do People Say You Are?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Pain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus. ●

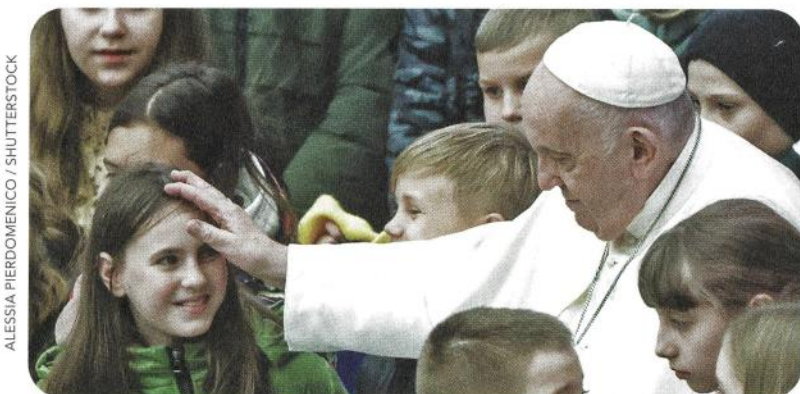
Reflect

Does your suffering reflect your values, your commitment to follow Jesus?



[Jesus asked the disciples], "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Messiah."

MARK 8:29



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?".... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Monday

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 7:36-50

Friday

September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

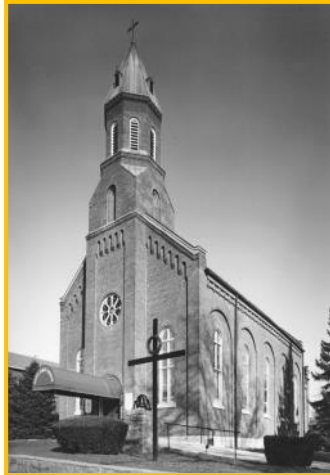
September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Sunday

September 22
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



September 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.

E-MAIL: stjameschurch@centurylink.net
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www.stjames-potosi.org

FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church

Office Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday after Mass-until 2:00
Wednesday 8:00-2:00
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Closed Holy Days

Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion
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Confessions:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:

September 16, 2024

MON	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Joachim
Sept 17 TUE	8:15 AM	Lisa Gilliam
Sept 18 WED	8:15 AM	Mass at St. Joachim
Sept 19 THU	8:00 AM	Snead & Coffee Families
Sept 20 FRI	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Joachim
Sept 21 SAT	4:00 PM	Parish Family
Sept 22 SUN	8:00 AM	Mass at St. Joachim
Sept 22 SUN	10:00 AM	Teresa West



September 08, 2024

Envelope.....\$	2935.00	On-Line donations.....\$	65.60
Loose collections..\$	646.00	Stain Glass Repair.....\$	50.00
Fall Picnic.....\$	555.00	Assumption of Mary...\$	00.00
SVDP.....\$	1158.00	Flowers.....\$	15.00
Votive Lights.....\$	24.00	Ladies Sodality....\$	00.00
Cemetery Fund ...\$	100.00	Catholic Univ.....\$	75.00
funeral dinners ...\$	427.00	PSR.....\$	900.00
Main & Repairs.....\$	150.00		

September 22, 2024

Lectors

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am
Laura Allen Danny Mueller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Vikkie Neier Kim Coleman
L: Judy East Jamie Warden
R: Anette Portell Marvin Wright

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 8:00 am Mass at St Joachim
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 September collection: Soup & peanut butter-crackers

Heavenly Duster: 09/20: Nedra Villmer
Altar Linens: 09/23: Barb Cocos

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Caring Hearts PRC
* Walk For Life *
9:45 AM Oct 5th
@ the City Park
JOIN US!!!



Acquire a peaceful spirit, and thousands around you will be saved.
-Seraphim of Sarov

*****Formed*****

This week on formed:

Mother Teresa— No Greater Love
The Confessions of St. Augustine
Chalk and Block-What every child needs to know about god

Daily Reflections:

How to read the Bible

A reason to fast

Formed is free to the parishioners, paid for by St. Janes parish. It is simple to put on your phone.

- 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???

Sept 16: Mission Mtg
Sept 16: St.Vincent DePaul mtg
Sept 22: St Joseph Fall Festival-Bonne Terre
Sept 27: St Vincent de Paul
Sept 29-Oct 03: Parish Mission Fun Begins
Oct 03: First Thursday Adoration
Oct 05: First Saturday
Oct 05: Caring Hearts PRC *walk for life*
Oct 06: STS. Philip/River Aux Vases Picnic
Oct 06: Archdiocesan Diaconate Office (Special Collection)
Oct 07: Our Lady of the Rosary

Looking for volunteers to bring Holy Eucharist to Washington Co. Hospital & Nursing Homes monthly.

Please contact the office if you would like to help.



DSS

!Social Services is in need for foster families!
For more information
Contact Sherry Leeling @ 573-518-2564

"You might be temporary in their lives; they might be temporary in yours. But there is nothing temporary about the love or the lesson."

"It's OK to be upset and even angry over things that happen around the world or show up in your social media feed, but don't let them steal your joy, cause you to sin, or destroy your hope. Put any energy that is tempted to hate into loving others instead."

MARK HART
Ask the Bible Geek Pt. 1

DynamicCatholic.com

Permanent Diaconate Information Night

Do you feel called to do something special for you Church? If so a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate might be something that you are being called to. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is asking that interested men attend one of the Information Nights to begin exploring a vocation the Permanent Diaconate. Upcoming Information Nights will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 and Monday, October 28, 2024 at Cardinal Rigali Center. All meetings will begin at 6:30 PM. Wives of men considering this vocation are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot at the meeting, please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 314.792.7433.

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."

"What does love look like?

It has the hands to help others.

It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see the misery and want.

It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like."

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

- St. Augustine

St. James PSR NEWS

Next PSR class is Wednesday September, 25th

- Drop off @ 5:45 PM
- Doors will be locked @ 6:05 PM(if your late dropping off please message Laura , she will meet you at the door)
- Pick up @ 7:15 PM

Laura at 573-366-5235



Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will preside at the Hope and Healing Prayer Service for survivors of physical, sexual, verbal and/or emotional abuse on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7pm, at St. Joseph Parish in Clayton. (106 N. Meramec Ave. Clayton, MO 63105)

Survivors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend, as well as those who help those who have been abused, work to prevent abuse, and want to pray for healing and reconciliation.

For more information, please contact Ann Wier, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at annwier@archstl.org or 314.850.8318.

St. James Parish offers catechism classes. In corporation with St. Joachim stating sept 5th. The first several months is devoted to learning about the catholic faith and deciding whether one is interested in continuing the journey towards becoming Catholic and receiving Holy Sacraments.. It is up to us as parishioners to reach out to our family and friends to encourage them in this process and to sponsor them in achieving their goals. If interested contact Judy Wright or Joyce Portell 573-631-9721

Guided Fall Retreat featuring "THE CHOSEN"
Facilitated by Carolyn Held & Sr. Danielle Witt
* Dates *

October 8th, 15, 22, 29 and November 12

For more information visit mercycenterstl.org

