Dear Padre,

At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website-usccb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.



Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual-some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master-not the other way around. The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Saturday

February 1

Heb 11:1-2.

Mk 4:35-41

Weekday

8-19

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Thursday

January 30

Mk 4:21-25

Weekday

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

Wednesday January 28 January 29 St. Thomas Weekday Aquinas, Priest Heb 10:11-18 and Doctor of Mk 4:1-20 the Church

Friday January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest Heb 10:19-25 Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34

Sunday February 2 The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10

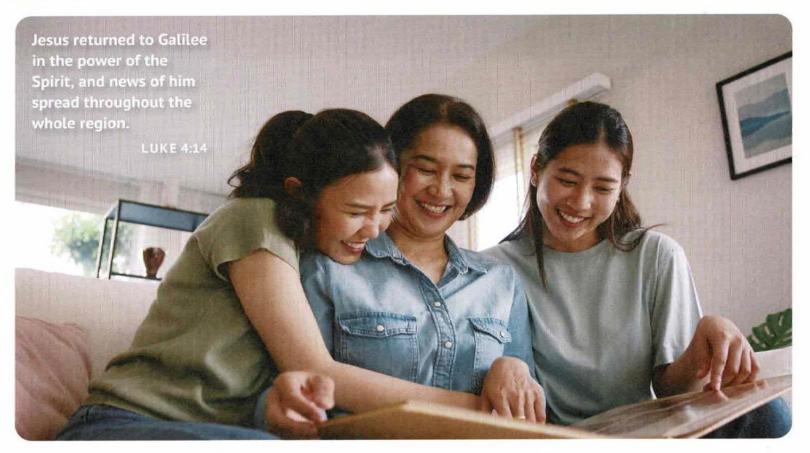
Mk 3:31-35

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor. HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 23, 2022

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Our Parish COMMUNIT



very family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells

stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives.

January 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



The Stories of Our Lives

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life.We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories.

Reflect

What stories from Scripture comfort you, and which ones challenge you?

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St. James Parish Family 201 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664	<u>Feb 1st & 2nd 2025</u> <u>Lectors</u> <u>Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am</u> Laura Allen Jeanne Degonia	What's on the Calendar??? Jan 25: The conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
February 2025Mass ScheduleSt. JoachimMon: 8:00 AMSt. JamesTues: 8:15 AMSt. JoachimWed: 8:15 AMSt. JoachimWed: 8:15 AMSt. JoachimWed: 8:15 AMSt. JoachimFri: 8:00 AMSt. JoachimFri: 8:00 AMSt. JoachimFri: 8:00 AMSt. JamesFirst Sat: 8:00 AMSt. JamesFirst Sat: 8:00 AMSt. JamesSt. JamesSt. JamesSt. 300 AMSt. JamesSun: 8:00 AMSt. JoachimSun: 10:00 AM <i>HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:</i> Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion C:Anette Portell Don Thompson L: Maureen Mills Jamie Thompson R: Paul Villmer Jim Politte Servers Sat: 4:00 pm LANE & MADISON BATTREAL Sun: 8:00 am AVA WEST 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 February collection: Soup, Crackers, and Peanut Butter. :) Faith, Hope, and Charity	Jan 29: PSR(Make-up Day) Feb 01: Men's Faith Sharing-Parish Hall 7:30-8:304 Feb 02: The presentation of the Lord Feb 04: Ladies Sodality MGT @ 1PM Feb 07: First Friday Feb 10: St. V MGT @ 6PM Feb 11: Parish Council MGT @ 5:30 Knights of Columbus MGT @ 6:30PM Feb 14: Clarity House Feb 15: St.V food giveaway Feb 17: Rural Parish Clinic Feb 19: Pienic MGT @ 6PM
E-MAIL: stjameschurch@centurylink .net WEBSITE: ***** www.stjames-potosi.org FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church Office Hours: Monday & Friday 8am-12pm Tuesday-Thursday 8am-3pm Phone: 573-438-4686 Closed Holy Days STAFF Rev. Anthony Dattilo—Pastor AnthonyDattilo@archstl.org 573-436-0580(St_Joachim recto- ry) Rev. Vince Nyman - Part-time Senior Associate Pastor 314-614-0718 Katie Williamson: Office Mgr. stjameschurch@centurylink.net 573-438-4686 Judy East—Custodian Tommy Roy: On Call Mainte- nance stjamespsr@gmail.com	Heavenly Duster:01/24:Diane Mull Altar Linens:01/27:Faye JarvisGrants available for students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade for the 2025-26 school year. Grant applications open on Tuesday, January 21 at 8 a.m. Apply at www.ttef-stl.org If you have any questions please contact danaboyd@stjoachimschools.comWe are needing volunteers for the alter linens,	Join us in the Parish Hall Saturday, 1st @ 7:30AM - 8:30AM for Men Faith Sharing. Let us walk our fait journey together, and build each oth up. The Chili cook-off raised OVER \$2000, a h
Laura Allen- Coordinator of Religious Ed. 573-366-5235Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion Phone: 573-366-5235Confessions: Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM; prior to Sat evening Mass Or by appointment	contact the office and let me know if your interested.	THANK YOU to everyone who took the ti out of there day and helped with the cook- and the auction. ALSO, a THANK YOU to Villmer for sharing his African trip with all us.
MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OFJanuary 27, 2024 8AM Mass @ St. JoachimJan 28 TUE 8:15AM Leroy RolensJan 29 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. JoachimJan 29 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. JoachimJan 30 THU 8:00AM Jim & Judy Politte (FAMILY)Jan 31 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. JoachimFeb 01 SAT 8:00AM Marval ChazelleFeb 01 SAT 4:00PM Parish FamilyFeb 02 SUN 8:00AM Charles & Mary Gibson	*****Formed***** <u>Recently Added</u> HOW TO LENT	MEET THEM AT THE WEI Valking with our Loved Ones who have left the Chu
January 19th, 2025 Envelope\$ 2365.00 Loose collections\$ 881.75 SVDP\$ 120.00 Votive Lights\$ 28.00 Main & Repairs\$ 65.00 On-Line donations\$ 90.60 Stainglass\$ 2130.00 St Louis Review\$ 55.00 is ALMOST here. Hopefully that means we are closer to warmer weather!	THE PRIESTHOOD UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE Formed is free to the parishioners, paid for by St. James 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!	<text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text>

