

Dear Padre,

My family, friends, and coworkers seem to be uncomfortable when I tell them that I've been praying for them. Should I just keep it to myself?

There is nothing fundamentally wrong with telling people you have been praying for them. Most people are probably grateful for such care and support. But it can be a little tricky. If the person believes the praying is actually a judgment and not a blessing, it may provoke a less-than-grateful response. This is where honest discernment on your part is invited. Are you coming across as prayerfully concerned, or is there some criticism or judgment in what seems to be an innocent blessing? People are able to perceive the difference.

Another consideration—and this is not at all unusual as a response in the culture of today—is that some people are very defensive about any religious expressions and do not react favorably. Think, for example, about the different reactions to “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays,” which can often provoke the familiar idiom “them’s fightin’ words.” My best advice is to keep praying for everyone, as no one truly understands or fully appreciates the power of prayer. That being said, temper your announcement when you suspect it will not be well received. This demonstrates a grateful and blessed heart, which is what you intend and hope for, after all. ●



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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
December 16 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27	December 17 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	December 18 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25	December 19 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25	December 20 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	December 21 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45	December 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[The crowd asked John the Baptist,] “What shall we do?”
By suggesting this question, the Gospel reminds us of something important: *life has a task for us.... Each of us—let us not forget this—has a mission to accomplish. So, let us not be afraid to ask the Lord: what shall I do?*

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Philippians 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18



The Light Side of the Dark

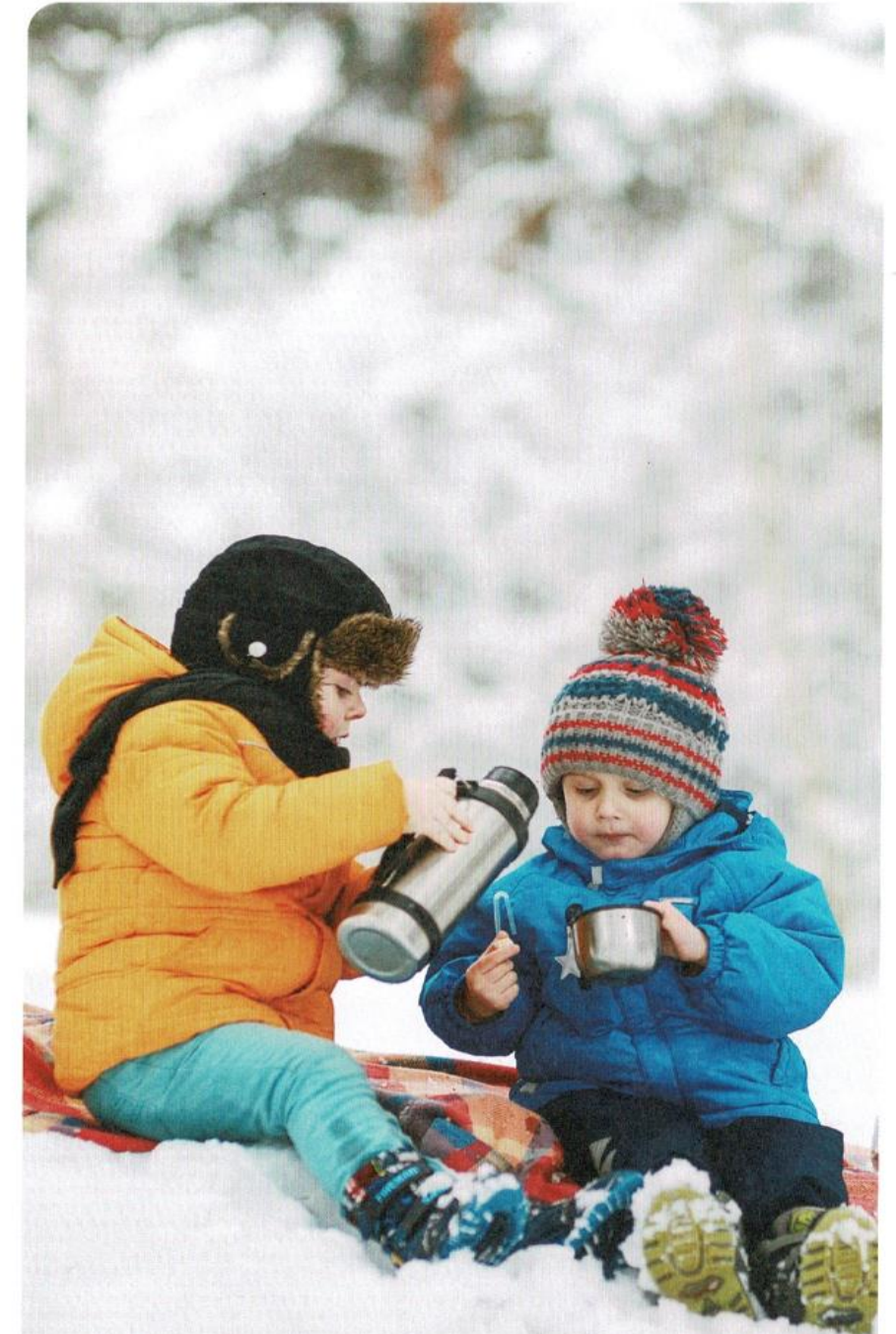
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There’s something to be said for kindness. Often when we say to ourselves that something is an act of godliness, it’s when someone is kind, especially when it seems to come out of the blue. It’s what John the Baptist seemed to be thinking when he said we would be baptized with the Holy Spirit and with the sort of passionate fire that warms and gives off light. Henry James, the British novelist, once said that three things were important in life—the first, be kind; the second, be kind; the third, be kind. Long before Henry James said it, St. Paul wrote to the Christian community in Philippi: “Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near” (Philippians 4:5). God’s presence seems to be nearer when someone is kind.

It is curious how in the darkest moments of life, the light of kindness shines more brightly. Natural calamities seem to bring out kindness toward those who suffer. So too, at times of personal tragedies or disasters, when others are grieving the death of someone they love, as well as countless other times when people find themselves lost in the dark. Little wonder then how during this time of year when the days are shortest, and the nighttime dark is longest, that the days of Advent and Christmas seem to be laced with kindness for one another. Then the veil that hides God from our eyes grows thinner, and we catch glimpses of “God with us.” ●

Reflect

Have you made kindness a regular practice?

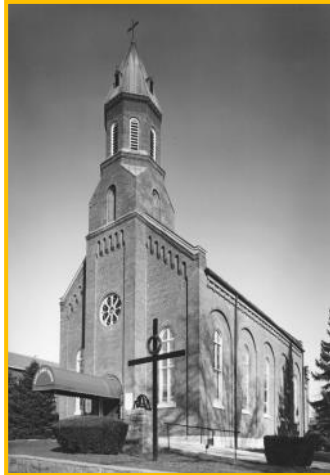


The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



December 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.

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www.stjames-potosi.org

FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: December 16, 2024 Mass @ St. Joachim

Dec 17 TUE	8:15 AM	Grace Gelhot
Dec 17 TUE	6:30 PM	Penance Service
Dec 18 WED	8:15 AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Dec 19 THU	8:00 AM	Nancy Richardson
Dec 20 FRI	8:00 AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Dec 21 SAT	4:00 PM	Susan
Dec 22 SUN	8:00 AM	Parish Family



December 8, 2024

Envelope.....\$	5622.00	Seminary.....\$	70.00
Loose collections..\$	377.00	Christmas offering....\$	70.00
SVDP.....\$	687.00	Stainglass Window...\$	1180.00
Votive Lights.....\$	30.00	Solemnity of Mary..\$	30.00
Main & Repairs.....\$	155.00		
On-Line donations....\$	65.60		
Christmas Flowers....\$	165.00		
Funeral dinner...\$	500.00		
Cemetery Plots....\$	475.00		
Immaculate concep...\$	290.00		



December 21st & 22nd 2024

Lectors

Saturday 04:00 pm Sunday 08:00 am

Bob Mills Jeanne DeGonia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Paul Villmer **Glenda Farrow**
L: Judy East **Donna Kennon**
R: Maureen Mills **David Woodland**

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 08:00 am Ava & Garryn 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 December collection: Soup, Crackers, and Peanut Butter. :)

Faith, Hope, and Charity

Heavenly Duster: 12/13: **Glenda Farrow**
Altar Linens: 12/16: **Faye Jarvis**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH @ 6PM
WILL BE OUR KICKOFF MEETING FOR THE PICNIC.
PLEASE MEET AT THE PARISH HALL

December 19th will be our Christmas
Concert starting @ 7PM



*****Formed*****

Mysteries of the Rosary | Paradisus Dei

The Mysteries of the Rosary is a four-part film series hosted by Mark Hartfiel, Vice President of Paradisus Dei and current developer of That Man is You! men's program. The series began out of Mark Hartfiel's desire to deepen his spiritual life as a father and husband, which included taking steps to protect his family from evil. Saint Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times," and Hartfiel took that to heart, ultimately becoming convicted to pray the ancient prayers of the Rosary daily. It was through his daily Rosary that the idea came to him to create and film a series that takes viewers right to the Holy Land, right where these Mysteries actually happened

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!

What's on the Calendar???

Dec 16: Rural Parish Clinic
Dec 16: St Vincent De Paul mgt @ 6pm
Dec 19: Christmas Concert @ 7pm
Dec 25: The Nativity of the LORD
Dec 28: The Holy Innocents
Jan 01: New Years Day
Jan 03: The most Holy name of Jesus: First Friday
Jan 06: Ladies Sodality mgt @ 1pm
Jan 13: Knights of Columbus mgt 6:30pm
Jan 13: Parish Council mgt 5:30pm
Jan 15: Picnic mgt 6pm/parish hall



Father Tony and the Parish would like to give a big shout out to all the volunteers who help with funeral masses and funeral dinners. The families are so very grateful for everything you guys do for them.
SO AGAIN THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH!!!!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WILL BE DELIVERED
DECEMBER 23RD AROUND 9:30 - 10:30 AM,
PLEASE IF ANYONE HAS TIME TO HELP
DECORATE THE CHURCH COME HELP.

When your in a difficult situation and you are struggling,
turn to GOD. He is right beside you!

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Lk 3:4, 6

Cemetery Lots

New prices have been sent for the purchase of cemetery lots at Calvary Cemetery. The new prices will be put in place January 1, 2025. Perpetual care is a one time only fee, however, envelopes for continued care, maintenance mowing, cleanup of the cemetery will be an ongoing request. Parishioners (Envelope, registered) \$400 plus \$100 for perpetual care Non-Parishioner (Non Envelope, family member of registered member) \$600 plus \$100 for perpetual care Section 100 (Cremation & Babies) FREE (infant under 1 years old) \$200 plus \$100 for perpetual care (1 person) \$300 plus \$100 for perpetual care (2 persons)

SOUP AND CHILI POT LUCK

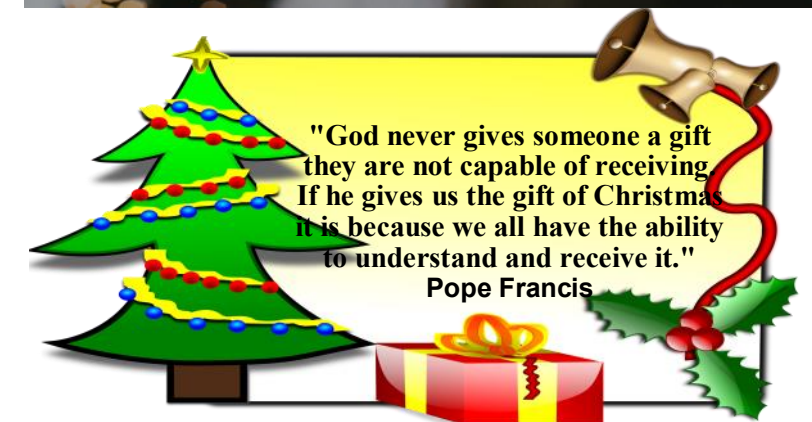
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH AFTER 4PM
MASS @ ST. JAMES

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

MAY THE
beautiful lights
OF EVERY
CHRISTMAS SEASON
REMINDE US OF

Him

WHO IS THE
SOURCE OF ALL LIGHT
DAVID A. BEDNAR



"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."
Pope Francis

St. James PSR NEWS December Class

PSR students will be doing the nativity scene on Thursday December 19 at the Christmas concert
There will be a practice on Sunday December 15 starting at 3:00 students should be there by 2:30

18th Class and Christmas Party

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

