

Dear Padre,

Two relatives of mine died from a disease for which they never sought treatment. Both said, “God will heal me if that is his will.” Wouldn’t God have wanted them to see a doctor?

It is safe to say that God would have them see a doctor. Does doing so compromise our faith in God? No. Throughout all of salvation history, God has relied on human beings to be his instruments, his messengers. While we believe in God, who can and has acted miraculously throughout history, these moments are exceptions, not the rule. Ordinarily, God’s work is done by human hands. The spread of the gospel itself has come about through people who have responded to God in faith.

Part of this gospel story is the healing ministry of Jesus. Christianity has from the beginning taken up Jesus’ ministry of healing and attempted to restore health to the sick, not only through prayer and the sacraments but also through institutions that care for the sick and the dying. Even as we recognize that our primary relationship is with God, we must also see that caring for our lives and our health, gifts from that same God, is a responsible way to receive and be good stewards of these gifts.

Think of the training, knowledge, and experience that doctors, nurses, and all other health-care practitioners have spent years attaining. Is not their work a miracle of God’s love when it brings healing, restoration, and renewal? ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11
St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Tb 1:3; 2:1b–8 Mk 12:1–12	Tb 2:9–14 Mk 12:13–17	Tb 3:1–11a, 16–17a Mk 12:18–27	Tb 6:10–11; 7:1bcde, 9–17; 8:4–9a Mk 12:28–34	Tb 11:5–17 Mk 12:35–37	Tb 12:1, 5–15, 20 Mk 12:38–44	Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a 1 Cor 10:16–17 Jn 6:51–58

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today we can ask ourselves...do I, who profess faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, truly believe that I need others in order to live, that I need to give myself to others, that I need to serve others? Do I affirm this in words or do I affirm it with my life?

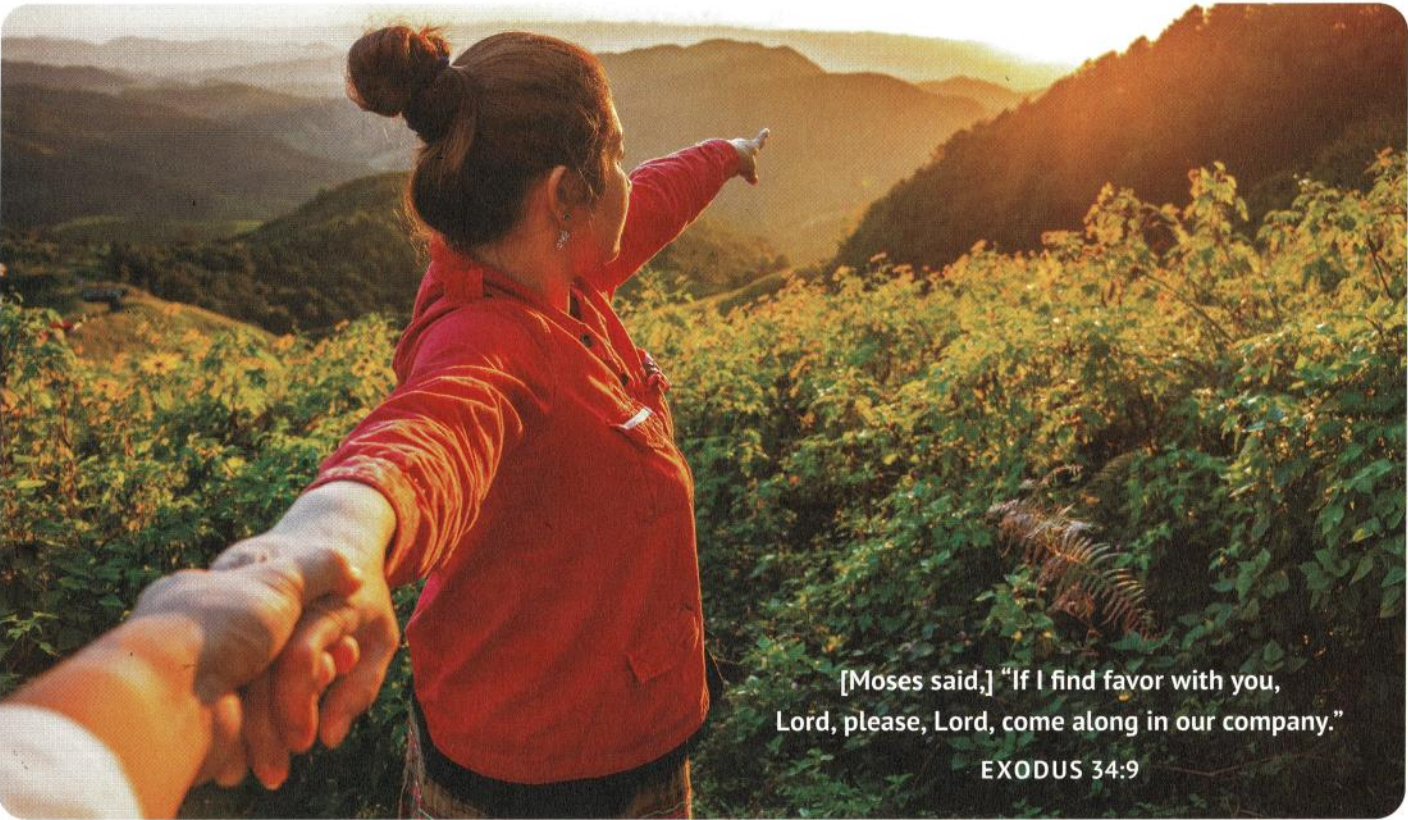
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Our Parish
COMMUNITY

June 4, 2023
The Most Holy Trinity (A)
Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9 / 2 Corinthians 13:11–13 / John 3:16–18



[Moses said,] “If I find favor with you,
Lord, please, Lord, come along in our company.”
EXODUS 34:9

God Up There, God Down Here

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Which of these images best describes your God: gardener, friend, policeman, Santa Claus, magician, doctor, lover, parent, judge, the Force?

Theologically, God is both transcendent and immanent, up there and down here. In other words, God is powerful, majestic, awesome, and all-knowing but always close, caring for us, forgiving, and comforting. Most of us lean toward one or the other in our spirituality. Whichever image you choose will tell you something about how you usually relate to God. None of the images are necessarily right or wrong unless it locks us into relating to God in only one way.

Our tendency to relate to God as either transcendent or immanent may influence our preference for liturgical style. If we view God primarily as transcendent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a sacrifice, celebrated formally with processions, incense, and majestic music.

If we tend to relate to God as more immanent, we will tend to appreciate the Mass as a eucharistic meal with the community gathered around the altar table singing simpler music. As God is both transcendent and immanent, we should not have to choose. The ideal liturgical style would incorporate something of both transcendence and immanence.

Today’s story of Moses, who climbs Mount Sinai and there bows down in worship before God, is a story of the transcendence of God—majestic, powerful, awesome to behold. Today’s gospel is of an immanent God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son, not to condemn it but to save it. ●

Reflect

Is your personal prayer to God “up there”
or to God “walking with me”?



St. James Parish Family
201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664

Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon	No Mass
Tues	8:00 AM
Wed	8:00 AM
Thurs	8:00 AM 6:00 PM
Fri	8:00 AM
Sat	8:00 AM 4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM 10:00 AM

***HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:**
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM
Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF:
Jun 5, 2023



MON	8:00 AM	No Mass
TUE	8:00 AM	Bill Moore
WED	8:00 AM	Mike & Pat Pratt
THU	8:00 AM	Alvina Coleman
THU	6:00 PM	Kevin O’Connell
FRI	8:00 AM	Stanley Roy
SAT	8:00 AM	Ona Bohannon
SAT	4:30 PM	Parish Family
SUN	8:00 AM	Msgr. Jim Hanson
SUN	10:00 AM	Glen Gelhot

Week of: May 28, 2023

Envelope.....\$	2673.00	Main & Repairs.....\$	100.00
Loose\$	588.00	On-Line donations.....\$	45.90
SVDP.....\$	186.00	Catholic Home Mission	
Votive Lights.....\$	59.00\$	223.00
Light House.....\$		Cemetery Maint.....\$	100.00

Special Ministers
June 10 & 11, 2023

Saturday 4:30 pm
Bob Mills

Lectors:
Sunday 8:00 am
Jamie Thompson

Sunday 10:00 am
Charlie Schloemer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:30 pm

C: Laura Allen
L: Judy East
R: Annette Portell

Sunday 8:00 am

Don Thompson
Sharon Forrester
Glenda Farrow

Sunday 10:00 am

Jamie Warden
Marvin Wright
Danny Mueller

Servers:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteers please
Sun.10:00 a.m. Nick & Abraham Rolwes, Laura Allen & volunteers pls

Music:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun.10:00 a.m. Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of May: Breakfast items this month please! Juice, cereal, breakfast bars, etc. Kids will be out of school by the 19th of May. We appreciate any and all donations!!! Thank you!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

~We couldn't do it without you~

Please think about volunteering for our Fall Picnic this year
September 17, 20223

Heavenly Duster: 06/09: Nedra Villmer
Altar Linens: 06/05: Jean Roberson

Protecting God’s Children

Anyone who is interested in volunteering; i.e. teachers, aides, SVDP, chaperones for youth group, etc... must take the Safe Environment online course AND attend Protecting God’s Children. To make this easier, we are trying to schedule the Protecting God’s Children Class here at St. James Church. We need at least 15 to schedule this class. So Please call the Parish Office & leave your name and phone number and we’ll “get er done.”

Mass Offerings -

Masses can be said for the living also: birthdays, anniversaries, etc.
Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.

Word of Life

The Catholic Church has a long history of service to those who are most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the United States. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church serves millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, immigration clinics, shelters, and Catholic schools and parishes. ...The Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life—including both mother and child.”
USCCB Committee Chairmen, “Standing with Moms in Need”

May we more deeply respect the gift of each person, who is created and called to holiness by the gracious action of the Trinity;
We pray to the Lord:

Upcoming Events



Jun 06: Ladies Sodality mtg, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Jun 12: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
Jun 18: Father’s Day
Jun 18-19: Moses Austin Festival, Potosi
Jun 19: Rural Parish Clinic, St. James Church grounds
Jun 11: Feast of Corpus Christi, Precession at 10:00 am Mass
Jun 24: Old Mines, MO 300th anniversary celebration
Jun 28: Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall

Sunday Reflection

One of the best tools we can use to open our souls to an experience of God is metaphor. Imaging that God is “like” something else provides an avenue for encounter and deeper understanding of Mystery. It gives us a focus.

Mary’s message:

“Dear children! I am calling you to go into nature and to pray for the Most High to speak to your heart and that you may feel the power of the Holy Spirit so as to witness the love which God has for every creature. I am with you and intercede for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



*******FORMED*******

Formed this week!

Saint Rita: Famous as the patron of hopeless situations, St. Rita of Cascia, a beautiful woman who lived in Italy in the fourteenth century, is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. Staring Vittoria Belvedere & Martin Crewes, her story combines high drama, great love, deep betrayal, profound forgiveness & strong faith. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past & convert to faith, happily bore him two children, & later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. She finds peace & new hope through the generosity of a nearby convent of sisters, & with their help she develops a deep union with Christ that greatly inspires all near her.

The Victory of Joan of Arc: Imagine it’s 15th-century France. A 17-yr-old peasant girl enters the royal courts during one of the longest & bloodiest wars in history. She claims she’s been sent by God to fulfill a mission: drive out the English enemy & place the true king of France on the throne. Meet Joan of Arc. In this powerful movie-of-the-mind **audio drama**, you’ll hear the true story of how she rose from an obscure peasant village to serve God & her country in the most surprising & miraculous ways.

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Most Holy Trinity- The Triune God

I have often heard priests tell me that this solemnity is one of the most difficult days in the liturgical year on which to preach a good homily. It is difficult to preach a homily on such a central mystery of our faith like the Trinity. What is essential to remember for all Catholics is to simply listen to the readings and each of the prayers today for the Mass. Within these texts we can find spiritual insights about the Trinity. For example, the preface for the Mass today provides a great summary of the Church’s teaching on the mystery of the Trinity: “For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty.” One God in three Persons is always there for us.

Sunday, June 4th, Trinity Sunday:

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity leads us more deeply into this reality by saying that “The Trinity—this is our dwelling, our ‘home,’ the Father’s house that we must never leave.” When speaking with his disciples before his Passion, Jesus directed the gaze of their hearts towards this truth: “In my Father’s house there are many rooms...and when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also” (John 14:2-3). Jesus continued to reveal more of the Father’s loving plan: “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him” (John 14:18, 23). Jesus reveals to his disciples the Father’s breathtaking desire. He desires not only that we be at home in him when we get to heaven in the future, but he desires us to be at home in him now—and so, he comes to us, he makes his home among us (c.f., John 1:14) in order to make his home in us. Thus, with the Feast of Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit, God fulfills his promise to never leave us orphans. This is why the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday the week after Pentecost: On Pentecost, “the Holy Trinity is fully revealed” (CCC 732).

“I will not leave you orphans!” If Jesus has promised to never leave us orphans, then that means we have a permanent home—we eternally belong to the Father as children of his heavenly household! This is the mystery into which the Church invites us more deeply on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Yet this truth is also the very gift that that we are invited to share with all whom God entrusts to us in our daily lives: “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12). Every human heart longs for its eternal home. Today, we invite the Trinity to be more at home in our hearts in order to make them a more welcoming home for others—that through our smile, our gentleness, our availability of heart, everyone whom the Father entrusts to us may experience the Love that is their eternal home.

Question for Reflection: Today, will we allow our hearts to be touched and changed by the reality into which Trinity Sunday invites us more deeply?

“Each time we participate in the Eucharist, we draw power from the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, the saving event that defined our enemies. Jesus himself comes to aid us in our daily battle with problems that come from self indulgence, sin, the world and the devil.”

Bert Ghezzi

Living the sacraments

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Feast of Corpus Christi
June 11, 2023

Procession at 10:00 am Mass

Also called the “**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**”, is a celebration in the Catholic Faith in honor of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

This year, the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**, marks the entrance into the second year of the **National Eucharistic Revival**—the Year of Parish Revival.

Please come and join us in Procession at the 10:00 am Mass.
(We could use a few extra servers for the celebration!)

St. James PSR NEWS

This year St. James will have our annual Fall PICNIC, Sunday, **September 17th**. All PSR Families are encouraged to volunteer to help in any way possible.

Registration for Fall PSR 2023-2024 will be held in August. PSR will be going back to the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month. The first PSR class will be Wed. September 13th. Please mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for future information.

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Solemnity of Pentecost 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend the Church throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost, and so commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, the foundation of the Church, and the beginning of her mission to all nations and peoples.

The mystery of Pentecost exhorts us to prayer and commitment to mission. The Holy Spirit inspires faith, hope, and charity in the hearts of the faithful, and ennobles the numerous and varied ways of transmitting the Christian message according to the culture and customs of all times and places. While giving us access to communion with God in prayer, the Holy Spirit also prompts us towards service of our neighbor by encountering him, by reconciliation, by witness, by a desire for justice and peace, by renewal of outlook, by social progress, and missionary commitment.

Almost two years ago, we as an Archdiocese embarked upon a strategic pastoral planning process, *All Things New*. We prayed to the Holy Spirit for guidance, and we committed ourselves to you, the faithful of this Archdiocese. An extensive process of listening was undertaken in all the parishes. Thereafter, I consulted the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council regarding every parish under consideration. I then spent time in further prayer, study, and discernment, after which I reached the following decision regarding St. James (Potosi) parish.

Your parish will remain unchanged regarding its present structure. In order to best provide for the needs of our local Church, I have decided to appoint your pastor, the Reverend Rodger Fleming, as pastor of St. Rose of Lima parish in DeSoto and St. Joseph parish in Bonne Terre with responsibility for St. Anne mission in French Village, effective August 1. I invite you to express your gratitude to him for his dedicated service in your parish.

The Reverend Anthony Dattilo is appointed as pastor for your parish, effective August 1. Because of my responsibility to provide pastoral care for our entire Archdiocese through the equitable distribution of priests, your pastor, the Reverend Anthony Dattilo, will also be appointed pastor of St. Joachim in Old Mines. I have also appointed Reverend Vincent Nyman part-time senior associate pastor your parish and St. Joachim parish; Reverend Vincent Nyman is also appointed part-time senior associate for St. Rose of Lima parish in DeSoto and St. Joseph parish in Bonne Terre assisting the pastor with his responsibility for St. Anne mission in French Village. Please warmly welcome them. Though your parish structure remains unchanged, I ask that you appreciate the need for Mass schedules and other aspects of parish life to be adjusted for your new pastor to fulfill his responsibilities to both parishes.

Join me in praying for those among the faithful of the Archdiocese who will also be hearing challenging news this weekend regarding their parish.

May the Holy Spirit draw us all closer together as we rededicate ourselves to new modes of evangelization and social outreach in bearing witness to our faith in Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



ALL THINGS NEW

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our worship this weekend we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early Church, the Spirit which strengthened the Apostles to give bold and courageous witness to the Lord Jesus after the resurrection. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the Spirit prompted them to live in a conspicuously different way from the prevailing culture of the Roman Empire. So compelling was their witness – especially through their charitable love for the widow, the orphan, and all whom society ignored – that thousands at a time chose to be baptized and to live the way that Jesus had taught.

This same Spirit, whose outpouring we celebrate this weekend, was breathed into us on the day of our Baptism and sealed in us on the day we were Confirmed. St. Paul tells us that this Spirit of God is no cowardly spirit but One who makes us strong, loving, and wise.

I invite all of us this Pentecost to reach deeply into our souls where that same Spirit dwells and to allow the fruits of the Spirit – particularly peace, patience, gentleness, faithfulness, and love – to fill our minds and our hearts as we embrace a time of transition together in the implementation of All Things New. Each of us, and I in particular, am mindful that this transition which we embrace together will be more difficult for some of our brothers and sisters than it may be for others. Please, let us lift one another up in prayer asking the Spirit to draw from His storehouse of manifold gifts what each of us needs at this moment in the life of our family of faith here in our archdiocese.

Having received, studied, and prayed over all the input and feedback that has been submitted by pastors, by key parish leaders, by you yourselves, and by our archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, I have discerned the following decisions regarding the future footprint of the Archdiocese of St. Louis:

- Moving forward, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be reshaped from 178 individual parishes into 134 parishes. These parishes will be overseen by close to 90 diocesan pastors and 17 religious order pastors. These modifications include the merging of 35 parishes that will be subsumed into neighboring parishes and 15 parishes being merged to create 5 new parishes. There will also be a new personal parish for the Spanish-speaking community in St. Charles County.
- Even in parishes where there is no change to the pastor or parish structure, all of our communities are asked to re-evaluate their current pastoral care, social outreach and evangelization efforts to see if they can be streamlined, refined or re-invented. Our new Vicariate structure will support this.
- Over the next several months our priests will be discerning with their people what the best use of our facilities should be to provide the Sacraments and necessary pastoral care to all who live in their boundaries and begin to reimagine what a vibrant, evangelizing parish ought to look like.
- Implementation of these plans will begin in summer/fall of 2023 and may continue through 2026. The newly formed Office of Parish Mission and Vitality will also begin developing new plans for evangelization and social outreach to build upon the strength of our new archdiocesan footprint.

Details can be found at allthingsnew.archstl.org. Anyone who is a parishioner and who considers themselves to be aggrieved by my decision has the right to appeal my decision to me in writing concerning the way that their parish is being altered. Per Canon law, the request must be made in writing, postmarked no later than June 12, 2023, and addressed to the Archbishop at 20 Archbishop May Dr, St. Louis, MO 63119. We cannot accept emails or phone calls as a request for appeal.

May the Holy Spirit embolden each of us to follow the example of the early Church and do our very best to go, make disciples of all nations and to reach out in loving service to those around us in need. May the Spirit make our efforts bear much fruit!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis