

Dear Padre,

Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “‘unique holiness’...‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.”

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.”

Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: *Theotokos*, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard,	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship	Weekday	Twenty-first
Jgs 2:11-19	Jgs 6:11-24a	Abbot and	Jgs 11:29-39a	of the Blessed	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;	Sunday in
Mt 19:16-22	Mt 19:23-30	Doctor of the	Mt 22:1-14	Virgin Mary	4:13-17	Ordinary Time
		Church		Ru 1:1, 3-6,	Mt 23:1-12	Is 66:18-21
		Jgs 9:6-15		14b-16, 22		Heb 12:5-7,
		Mt 20:1-16		Mt 22:34-40		11-13
						Lk 13:22-30



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.

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Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: “It’s time to take a stand.”

Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament “cloud of witnesses” who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

Reflect

How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?



[Jesus said,] “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”

LUKE 12:49-50

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



August 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:	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun:	8:00 AM

HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

Aug 18 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 19 TUE 8:15AM Wendy Smith

Aug 20 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 21 THU 8:00AM Bob Jost

Aug 22 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 23 SAT 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 24 SUN 8:00AM Kenneth Gelhot JR

Aug 24 SUN 10:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Envelopes

1350.00

Loose Collection

287.00

Maintenance

100.00

SVD

517.25

Votive

5.25

Assumption

55.00

Aug 10rd, 2025

Aug 24th

Lectors

Jamie Thompson

Sunday 08:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Don Thompson

L: Jim Politte

R: Donna Kennon

Servers

Sat: 4:00 Mass @ St. Joachim

Sun: 08:00 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 Aug collection: Canned Meats: Potted meat, canned chicken, canned tuna, beefaroni ect.

Faith, Hope, and Charity



Heavenly Dusters
Diane Mull 8/15-8/22

Alter Linens
Connie Scott8/18-8/25



MENS FAITH SHARING
AUG 23rd, 2025
PARISH HALL 7:30-8:30am

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Mysteries of the Rosary | Paradisus Dei

The Assumption of Mary

Mary can't assume herself into heaven, she doesn't have that power. Therefore, the Assumption of Mary, body and soul in Heavenly glory highlights the power of God and Christ's victory over sin and death for Mary's soul. The result of sin is death and decay of the body. Mary has no sin and no stain of sin, therefore no decay of the body.

- 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???

Aug 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Aug 16: Food Pantry

Aug 23: Mens Faith sharing

Aug 28: OCIA classes start

Aug 31: St. Rose of Lima Picnic

Sept 09: Knights of Columbus MGT



St. James is looking for a new Office Manager, if your interested or know someone who is please have them come to the office to fill out a application.



PRO-LIFE APOLOGETICS WORKSHOP
with Kristina Massa, Justice for All

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THE COUNCIL'S CORNER



PARISH COUNCIL



Would like to thank everyone who has expressed interest in joining. We will be contacting everyone individually in the next week.

St. James PSR will have a delayed start this year please watch the bulletin for more updated start information and exciting changes.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE. GOD BLESS



OCIA

A new cycle of OCIA sessions will begin August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Incarnate Word Center, St. Joachim Parish.



St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, DeSoto, MO, is holding its Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 31st, 2025, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Serving Fried Chicken and Roast Beef dinners from 11 -5. Quilt Raffle and Main Raffle of \$2500. Tickets will be sold the day of the picnic or you can come to the Rectory office Mon-Fri 8-4. \$25 Kids wrist bands for ALL day fun - dunking booth, foam party obstacle course, battle joust and lots more. Country Store, Live Music, and outdoor concessions! If you're looking for a fun day, come on out and join us at the KC Hall on E Hwy, DeSoto.

St. James PSR NEWS

