

Dear Padre,

Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is “in” or “out.” St. Paul teaches us, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a “good conscience” is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within is. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●
Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The deepest purpose of the Church’s social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us...“build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.”

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

WIKICOMMONS



Monday October 13 Weekday Rom 1:1–7 Lk 11:29–32	Friday October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 4:1–8 Lk 12:1–7
Tuesday October 14 Weekday Rom 1:16–25 Lk 11:37–41	Saturday October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10–17b Lk 10:1–9
Wednesday October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Rom 2:1–11 Lk 11:42–46	Sunday October 19 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17:8–13 2 Tm 3:14–4:2 Lk 18:1–8
Thursday October 16 Weekday Rom 3:21–30 Lk 11:47–54	



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025



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Mass Schedule
October 2025

Mon: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

Tues: 8:15 AM (St. James)

Wed: 8:15 AM (St. Joachim)

Thurs: 8:00 AM (St. James)

Fri: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

Sat: 8:00 AM (1st Sat. of the Month @ St. James)

Saturday: 4:00 PM
(1st & 3rd weekend @St. James; 2nd & 4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

Sunday: 8:00 AM (St. James)
10:00 AM (St. Joachim)

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Oct. 13th @ St. Joachim

Tuesday, Oct. 14th:

Judy Garavaglia

Wednesday, October 15th @ St. Joachim

Thursday, October 16th:

Cheryl Danforth

Friday, October 17th @ St. Joachim

Saturday, October 18th 4pm :

Ellen Knight

Sunday, October 19th :

Peter Knight

Confessions:



Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm
Prior to Sat. evening Mass or by appointment

October: Month of the Holy Rosary
From Pope Leo XIV

The Church dedicates the coming month of October to the #HolyRosary. I invite everyone to pray the Rosary for #Peace each day of the month—individually, in the family, in community. On Saturday, October 11, at 6:00 PM, we will pray the Rosary together in St. Peter’s Square, during the vigil of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also recalling the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council.

Clarity Retreat House

You are invited to join us on Oct. 19th for Evening Chapel. We will have Bible readings & singing. Food and refreshments will be provided. Join us for a prayerful evening of fellowship and



ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will be in need of volunteers for the following areas going forward:

- 1. Flower arrangements for Christmas, Easter, Solemnities, etc.
(order, coordinate, set up, maintain, & dispose)
- 2. Advent Wreath
(set up, maintain, dismantle)
- 3. Decorating for Christmas & Easter
(coordinate, set up, maintain & dismantle)
- 4. Table of Remembrance for November
(set up, change votives, take down)
- 5. Palm Sunday
(make palm arrangements, coordinate & set up for needs of the Palm Sunday Liturgy)

****Please contact Glen Gelhot or the parish office with any questions.**



Good News!

October 12, 2025
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Here is a quick self-test: *Name three things in your life for which you are grateful.* Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God. ●

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Parish Calendar

- October 13: St. Vincent DePaul meeting @ 6pm
- October 14: Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
- October 14: Parish Council Meeting @5:30pm
- October 14: Knights of Columbus Meeting @6:30pm
- October 18: St. Carlo Acutis Display in Parish Hall opens at 2pm & then open after 4pm Mass
- October 20: Rural Parish Clinic here

St. James PSR NEWS

This year’s PSR is off to a great start. Enrollment is up and we are so very blessed with great teachers and great parents. We have lots of plans for learning and have fun while our students are building relationships to last a lifetime in the Catholic space at Saint James. Last Wednesday, our students got together for a picture to say thank you to all of those who have donated time and money. Again special, thanks to our Knights of Columbus for their generous help. It is not too late to enroll if you’re interested, please stop by Wednesday evening between 5:45 and six to grab an enrollment packet.



THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

Parish Council will be meeting Oct 14th @ 5:30PM
Any parishioners with questions or concerns feel free to contact Eric Aubuchon so they can be addressed.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.
GOD BLESS!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The next food distribution will be on Oct. 18th. Thank you to all who helped pack the food on the 1st Wednesday (every month) and all who helped with distribution on Saturday (3rd Saturday of every month). Also thanks to all who generously donate to the pantry. This mission couldn't thrive without you.

"We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting others. . . To do this is to preach the Gospel by words and works." St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul collection:
Peanut butter, jelly, dry cereal, oatmeal, protein bars, breakfast bars



We Need Your Help Please

We are needing to update the list of Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and servers. If anyone in the parish is currently doing or is willing to do these helpful duties, please let us know by stopping by the office, emailing at stjameschurch@centurylink.net or calling the office. It would be very appreciated. Thanks!
~~Vicki Thurmond, Parish Secretary

CARLOS ACUTIS DISPLAY

Come and join us on Oct. 18th before 4 p.m. mass at St. James starting at 2 p.m. and will continue on after mass and on Oct. 19th at St. Joachim before 10 a.m. mass starting at 8 a.m. and will continue on after mass in the IWC.

Carlos Acutis was born in London, England on May 3, 1991, to Italian parents who were working there at the time. They later moved to Milan, Italy, where he spent the rest of his life until his death at the age of 15. He died October 12, 2006, of a rare form of Leukemia. This young man started talking at a very young age and was so close to God. He went to Church every day and said the rosary. He used Technology to spread his faith and warned the younger generation about the dangers of the internet. He earned the nickname of “God’s Influencer”. He catalog all the authenticated Eucharistic miracles of the world. One of his words of wisdom “All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies.” He understood that God made us each unique and that we use our own individual talents that God has given us. We were not all born to be the same. Pope Francis said “He saw that many young people, wanting to be different, really end up being like everyone else, running after whatever the powerful set before them with the mechanisms of consumerisms and distraction. In this way they do not bring forth the gifts the Lord has given them; they do not offer the world those unique personal talents that God has given to each of them. Don’t let that happen to you! (Christus Vivit 106)” The most important thing about Carlos is his love for the Eucharist. He said, “the Eucharist Is my highway to Heaven.” He then created a website documenting all the Eucharistic miracles around the world, some will be present.

There will be a first class relic of Sts. Joachim and Anne and a second class relic of the Blessed Mother & St. Joseph. A first-class Relic is a body part of a saint or a fragment of the true Cross of Christ, while a second-class relic is a personal possession of a saint such as an item of their clothing or a book they owned. You can bring a rosary, medal, or any sacred item and touch them to the first-class and second-class relics and this will then make your item become third-class relics. Along with these relics, we will have pictures of the new saint and Eucharist Miracle.

October 12th

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them:

www.usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End

Mass Intentions

What are Mass intentions?

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular person, or intention. Anyone may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons. For example, Masses can be offered **in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday)**, or as is most common, **for the repose of the soul of someone who has died**.

To schedule a mass intention, please call the Parish office during business hours or email the office at stjameschurch@centurylink.net after hours.

Pope Leo XIV, General Audience 10/08/2025

The Risen Lord walks alongside each of us, as we journey every day. With infinite care, he asks to let Him warm our hearts. He waits patiently for the moment when our eyes will open to see His friendly face, so He can transform our resignation into hope.



St. James Catholic Church invites you to our

Paint Night



Nov. 1st, 2025 **6:00 pm**

Cost: \$40 per person

Open to Ages 12 & Up

What’s Included

- Step-by-step painting session guided by a local artist
- All painting supplies provided
- Snacks and water provided
- Fun, laughter, and a masterpiece to take home

CONTACT US

RSVP to Kim Coleman
314-808-2207

All proceeds will benefit St. James PSR program

