

Dear Padre,

I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

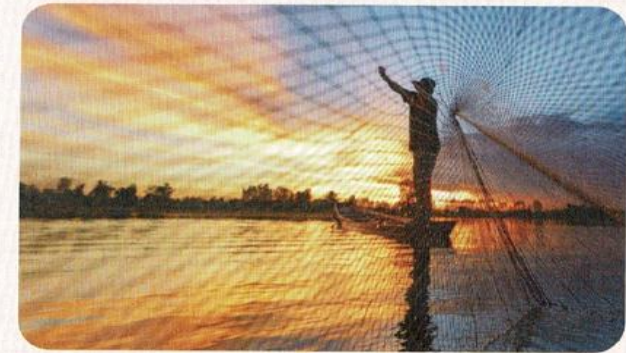
Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



JESUS CERVANTES / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Acts 8:1b-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:31-42	Acts 13:14, 43-52
Jn 6:22-29	Jn 6:30-35	Jn 6:35-40	Jn 6:44-51	Jn 6:52-59	Jn 6:60-69	Rv 7:9, 14b-17
						Jn 10:27-30



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

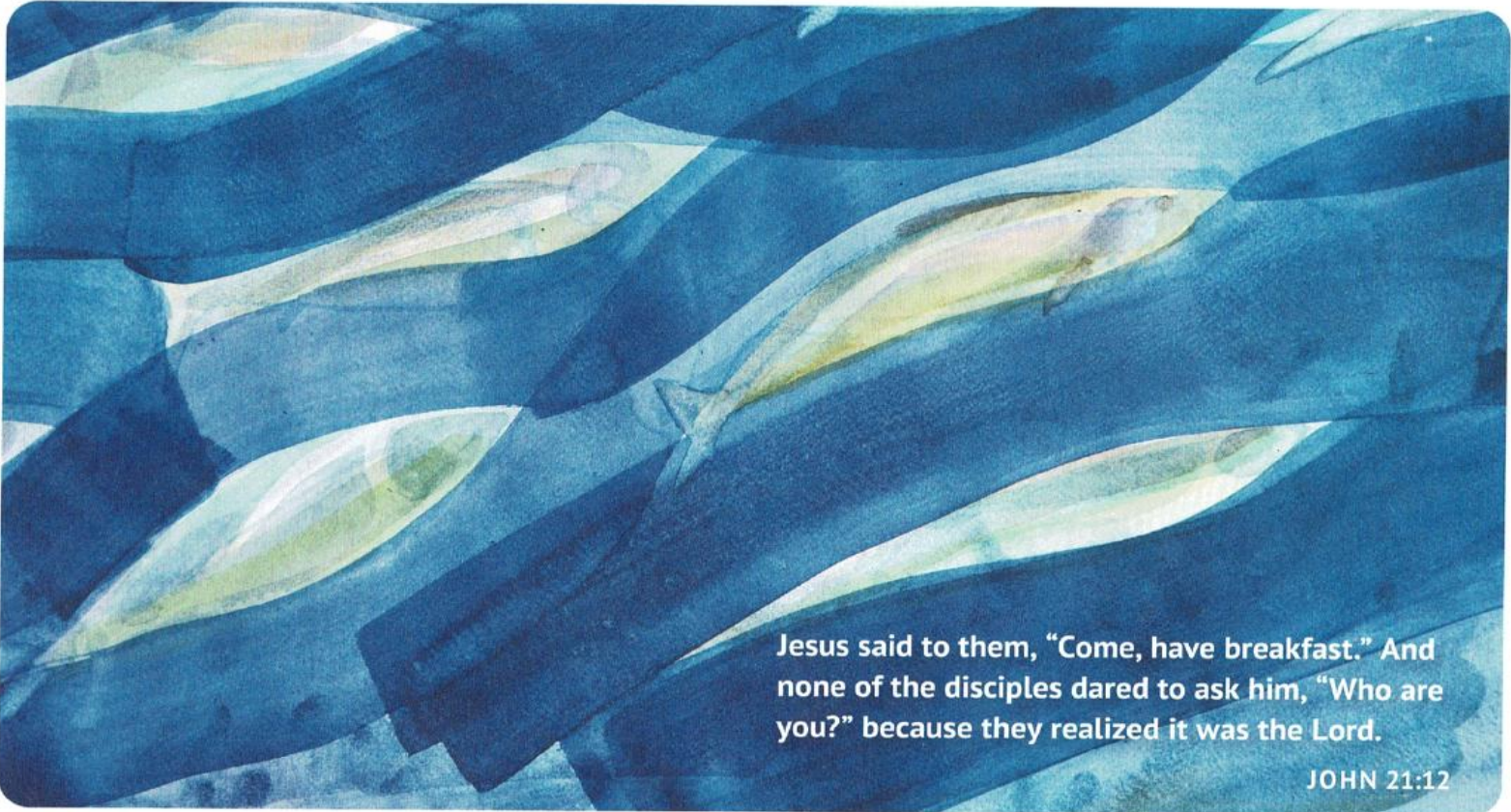
Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter (C)
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 / Revelation 5:11-14 / John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord.

JOHN 21:12

The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Twenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, "It is the Lord!" For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

Reflect

Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



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

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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www.stjames-potosi.org

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Confessions:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

May 05, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 06 TUE 8:15AM Kenneth J. Gelhot

May 07 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 08 THU 8:00AM Dan Declue

May 09 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 10 SAT 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 11 SUN 10:00AM Nancy Richardson

APRIL 27th, 2025

Envelope.s.....\$	820.00
Loose.....\$	405.00
Votive.....\$	20.00
St. V.....\$	112.00
Maintenance.....\$	50.00
Online giving..... \$	35.60
Catholic Mission..\$	10.00



May 11th (MAY CROWING)

Lectors

Laura Allen

Sunday 10:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C Kim Coleman
L Glenda Farrow
R Maureen Mills

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Joachim
Sun: 10:00 am Lane and Madison Battreal , Meadow Henson

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 May collection: Personal hygiene products, laundry soap, or household cleaning supplies.

April Heavenly Dusters
Faye Jarvis 5/9 5/16

April Alter Linens
Faye Jarvis 5/12 5/19

St. Joachim would like to thank St. James for there half page donation for the school.

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Ocean of Mercy

At the dawn of the twentieth century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness.

Filmed on location in more than twenty cities across Poland and the United States, this true story examines and chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II, modern day "Apostles of Mercy."

Through never before seen film footage, rare photographs, and extensive interviews with friends, biographers, and family members, this story journeys across a dramatic visual landscape to document their heroic struggles and herald the message of Divine Mercy to all mankind.

- 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???

May 4: PSR Frist Communion

May 9: Clarity House

May 11: MOTHERS DAY Crowning of Mary

May 12: St V mgt 6:00

May 13: Parish Council Mgt 5:30
KC hall mgt 6:30

May 14: St. Mattias, Apostle

May 17: Food Pantry
ARMED FORCES DAY

May 21: LAST PICNIC MGT @ 6pm



The "Crowning of Mary" is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual performed in May, specifically a May Crowning, to honor Mary, the Blessed Virgin, as Queen of Heaven and Mother of God. This tradition combines the honor of Mary with the beauty of the month of May, often involving a symbolic crowning of an image or statue of Mary with flowers.

May 4:
Third Sunday of Easter – Casting our nets

Missionary Discipleship – Casting our nets?

In the first reading we hear how Peter and the apostles told the Sanhedrin that “We must obey God rather than men.” Then in the Gospel we hear that Jesus appeared to the disciples after they had fished all night without any success. Jesus told them to “Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.” Despite being tired, the disciples obeyed and they caught 153 large fish! We have so many reasons that we can give for not wanting to obey God and “cast our nets” by sharing the Gospel message with others through our example and our actions. Here are just a few: we are tired; we would rather stay in our comfort zone; we are afraid because we think we don’t know our faith well enough; or we would rather do what we want. This week we can spend some time pondering these questions: Do I obey God when I hear Him speaking to me in my heart? Do I cast my nets through my example and actions? Do I cave into the pressures of our current culture or to my own desires?



BAKERS NEEDED!!!!

WE ARE IN NEED OF HOMEMADE PIES AND CAKES FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC DINNER.

GO GATHER THOSE DELICIOUS FAMILY FAVORITES AND BRING THEM SATURDAY MORNING , MAY 31ST OR THE MORNING OF THE PICNIC ON JUNE 1ST. THANK YOU

PARISH PICNIC JUNE 1ST, 2025

With our picnic approaching quickly we are going to start taking donations for bingo prizes!! Please contact Laura Allen ,Geraldine Heifner or the Church office if you would like to donate.

We are still accepting BOTTLES for the Picnic also. (PLEASE CHECK DATES)



The Placemats for the dining room are going to be a little different this year...instead of just asking businesses to purchase spots we are going to add a memorial (In Memory Of) . Anyone can purchase a spot (prices differ) . You can even add pictures. For more information contact Kim Coleman 314-808-2207.

St. James PSR NEWS

Wednesday May 7 will be a regular class
Wednesday May 14 will be closing mass and party afterwards

PSR 2025/2026 will be starting every Wednesday , more Information coming.

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

