

# Dear Padre,

*I am confused by Genesis 6:6: "The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved." How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?*



Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

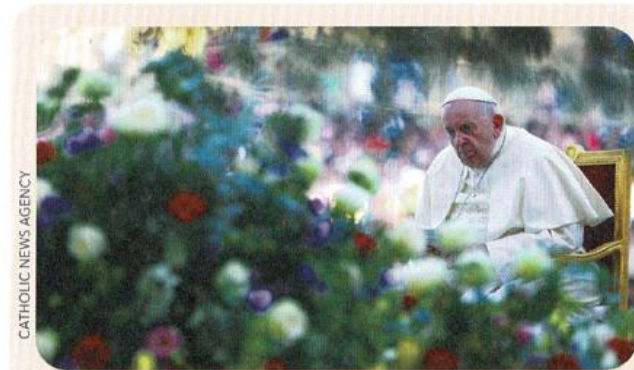
The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, "God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good." ●

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

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23	November 24
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Weekday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10	Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28	Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44	Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48	Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40	Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth.... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.*

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## When Worlds Collapse

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living. It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week's Gospel suggests "when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates" (Mark 13:29). But how can that be?

I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you

can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They'd had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along. Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life. ●

### Reflect

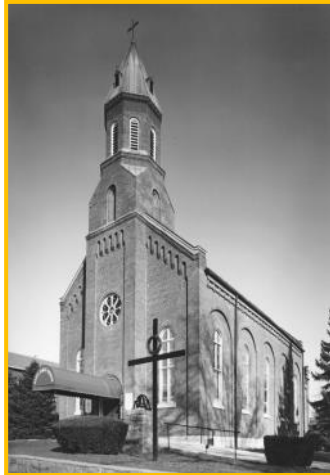
*Has a personal tragedy ever become a doorway to new life for you?*

[Jesus said,] "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light."

MARK 13:24

# St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street  
Potosi, MO 63664



## November 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.

**E-MAIL:**  
stjameschurch@centurylink.net

**WEBSITE:** \*\*\*\*\*  
[www.stjames-potosi.org](http://www.stjames-potosi.org)

**FACEBOOK:** St. James Catholic Church

**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday and Thursday after Mass-until 2:00  
Wednesday 8:00-2:00  
Phone: 573-438-4686  
Closed Holy Days

**Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion**  
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Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM;  
prior to Sat evening Mass  
Or by appointment

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: November 18, 2024

MON	8:00 AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Nov 19 TUE	8:15 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Nov 20 WED	8:15 AM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Nov 21 THU	8:00 AM	Hannah
Nov 22 FRI	12:00 PM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Nov 23 SAT	4:00 PM	Mass @ St. Joachim
Nov 24 SUN	10:00 AM	Bess Lalumondier



### November 10, 2024

Envelope.....	\$ 1892.00
Loose collections..	\$ 800.00
SVDP.....	\$ 1010.00
Votive Lights.....	\$.00
Main & Repairs.....	\$ 50.00
On-Line donations....	\$ 65.60
Retirement Fund....	\$ 25.00
Hurricane relief.....	\$ 70.00
Religious Retirement...	\$ 25.00



### November 24th 2024

**Lectors**  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Danny Mueller

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**C: Mary Roy**  
**L: Kim Coleman**  
**R: Marvin Wright**

### Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Joachim  
Sun: 10:00 am Daisy & Joshua

### 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 November collection: Soup, Crackers, and Peanut Butter. :)

## Faith, Hope, and Charity

Heavenly Duster: 11/15: Diane Mull  
Altar Linens: 11/18: Bard Cocos

A huge THANKS for everyone who helped with the Quilt Bingo. We made close to \$2000, we are so grateful for the turn-out.



The Giving Tree is once again full of present tags for Christmas for Kids children. We will need your gifts back to church by 12/8. Thanks you for your generosity.



### \*\*\*\*\*Formed\*\*\*\*\*

### CHECK OUT

Dailey Mass readings and Reflections:  
*Lips without lies*  
*Kingdom of truth*  
*The sweetness of GODS word*

**Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion**  
METANOIA - and believe in the Gospel. In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. This series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem.

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???

Nov 15: St. Albert the Great  
Nov 16: Paint Party @ the Parish Hall  
Nov 21: Presentation of the Bless Virgin Mary  
Nov 28: THANKSGIVING  
Nov 29: NO MASS  
Nov 30: St. Andrew , Apostle  
Dec 02: Rural Parish Clinic  
Dec 03: Ladies Sodality mgt @ 1pm  
Dec 05: Christmas Parade  
Dec 06: St. Nicholas  
Dec 09: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Dec 10: Parish Council Mgt @ 5:30pm  
Knights of Columbus mgt 6:30pm



### 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 (Envelop, 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)

Jesus is happy to come with us, as truth is happy to be spoken, as life to be lived, as light to be lit, as love is to be loved, as joy to be given, as peace to be spread.  
-Saint Francis of Assisi



Give Thanks To The Lord: For He Is Good: His Love Endures Forever.  
-Psalm 107:1

Our FALL PICNIC raised \$12,318.18... A big SHOUT out for everyone that helped and donated. If it wasn't for the Parish we wouldn't be able to make it happen.

Next years picnic will be June 1st, 2025



# 11.30

## S + L DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

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"Lord, on days that I awaken refreshed, may I give You thanks for the gift of peaceful rest; And when there is pain of any kind to bear, by Your nearness and comfort may I be blessed. Amen"

**St. James PSR NEWS**  
The Save-A-Lot canned food drive was a success, thanks to everyone who participated.  
November Class will be on the 20th

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

