

Dear Padre,

Sometimes I become pretty disgusted with my life and myself. I wonder if anyone really loves me. Is there any way I can know that God loves me?

Every human person is made in the image of God. This means that your life is infinitely precious in God's eyes. God values and loves you beyond anything you could ever imagine.

God has also placed into our hearts a yearning for love and happiness that cannot be satisfied by anything less than God. True love will not be found in riches or well-being, in fame or power. True happiness will be found in God alone, the source of all life and all love.

In New Testament times, many people believed that wealth and success were signs of favor and love from God. If disaster struck, you would assume that God was angry with you, or that you had done something wrong. Ill-fortune was a "sign" that God's love had been withdrawn from you.

Jesus turned this sort of thinking on its head. Jesus taught that God truly loves all people, including those who are down on their luck. God's love is not based on wealth, fortune, or success. Rather, God loves you because you are God's own creation, God's child, and heir to God's own kingdom.

You might find it helpful to talk over those feelings of self-disgust with a spiritual director or a confessor. Meanwhile, take comfort in the words of Isaiah: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine (Isaiah 43:1). ●



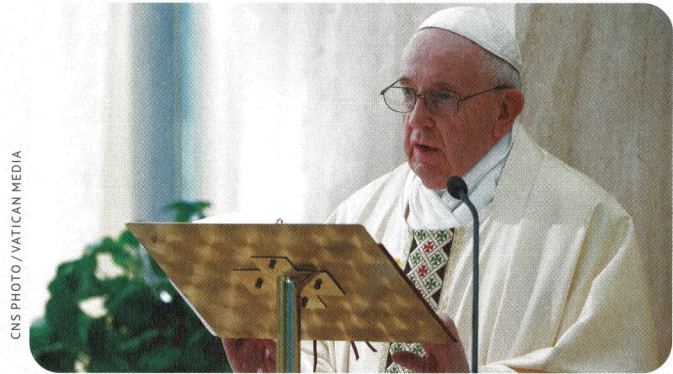
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20-2:4 Mk 7:1-13	February 8 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:5-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	February 9 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	February 12 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God changes the world by transforming our hearts, and this he cannot do without us. The Lord wants us to open the door of our hearts in order to enter into our lives....For when God finds an open and trusting heart, he can work wonders there.

HOMILY BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, OCTOBER 2, 2016

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16



No More Than Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“You are the salt of the earth.” Prior to industrialization, salt was a highly valued commodity. In the Middle Ages, a ton of salt sold for thirty-three gold ducats. Much earlier, Roman soldiers were often paid in salt. Hence our word *salary*. “You are the light of the world.” Like salt, light also is a valuable and necessary part of life. Without light, living plants die and human beings grow depressed.

Curiously, we only become aware of salt and light when they are absent. Food tends to be less tasty and bland without salt. And without light in the room we stumble and trip. Yet too much salt ruins food, while too much light blinds us, like when we drive facing headlights at night or stare at the sun. As valuable as salt and light are, both are at their best when unnoticed.

I offer these realities as images for persons of faith. Too much of “us” in the mix and we become the center of life, our egos blinding others to the workings of God. Yet absent, a world without persons of faith grows flat for lack of values and wisdom.

Likewise, the Church. Whenever the Church draws attention to itself, whenever it is clothed with pomp and majesty, God recedes to the background. Without the Church's wisdom, however, a world hungry for meaning grows lost; charity is forgotten. We are called to be salt and light, no more than enough. ●



Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

MATTHEW 5:16

Reflect

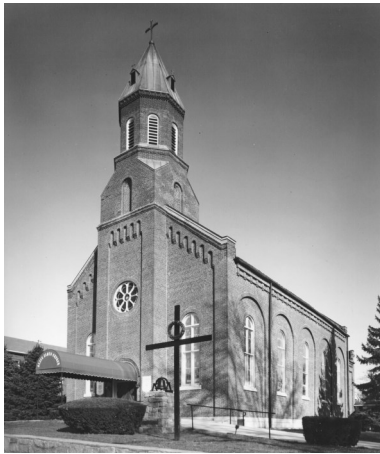
How do I keep a balance between too much of me in the picture and too little?



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	MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: February 6, 2023			
MON	8:00 AM	No Mass		
TUE	8:00 AM	Valerie Chazelle		
WED	8:00 AM	Jim & Judy Politte Family		
THU	8:00 AM	Bess Lalumondiere		
THU	6:00 PM	Ty Broombaugh (1yr)		
FRI	8:00 AM	Joe & Delores DeClue		
SAT	9:00 AM	Jim & Susan Broombaugh Family		
SAT	4:30 PM	Jeanne Skaggs		
SUN	8:00 AM	St. James Parish to stay Open		
SUN	10:00 AM	Parish Family		

Week of: January 29, 2023			
Envelope.....\$	3178.00	Main & Repairs...\$	
Loose\$	655.00	On-Line donations....\$	65.90
SVDP.....\$	87.00	St. Louis Review.....\$	35.00
Votive Lights.....\$	35.00		
Light House.....\$			

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	9:00 AM
	4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

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

Confessions:

Saturday: 8:00 - 8:30 AM
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM
Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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Special Ministers
Week of: February 11 & 12, 2023



Lectors:

Sat: 4:30 pm Laura Allen
Sun: 8:00 am Jamie Thompson
10:00 am Naomi Litton

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
C: Paul Villmer	Don Thompson	Nikki Warden
L: Judy East	Susan	Jamie Warden
R: Annette Portell	Glenda Farrow	Charlie Schloemer

Servers:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Volunteer please
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ava & Garryn West
Sun.10:00 a.m. Cole & Joshua Kearns

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

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.

Heavenly Duster: 2/10: Marilyn Carter & Jeanne DeGonia
Altar Linens: 2/06: Faye Jarvis

RCIA –The Right of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith? RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA gives instruction to those wishing to be baptized & those who, for whatever reason, have never practiced their baptismal faith as Catholics. For more information, please phone the rectory office at (573) 438-4686.

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.

Have you encountered God in your own life? Won't you share your "God Encounter"? Your encounter may be exactly what someone else **NEEDS** to hear. Send your stories to: stjameschurch@centurylink.net. If you want to remain unnamed, we can do that. Let's just start sharing our stories.

Word of Life

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. For the sick, especially those nearing life's end: May they be cared for with tenderness and compassion as they prepare to enter eternal life; We pray to the Lord

Dynamic Catholic Alive!

We are the Light of the World
Jesus speaks powerful words for us in the Gospel, proclaiming that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. This means that we have been blessed in extraordinary ways. God has given all of us gifts that we must use and develop for the sake of evangelization and sharing the joy of the Gospel. We are precious in the eyes of Christ, who has commissioned us to share our gifts with the world not for our own self-interest but for the interest of God and the benefit of our brothers and sisters. Let us not be ashamed of or seek to hide our gifts. Let us let our light shine before others that they may encounter Christ anew. By works of mercy and charity, let us bring Christ to each soul we meet on this pilgrimage of life.

Upcoming Events

Feb 07: Ladies Sodality mtg, Parish Hall, 1:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Mtg, Parish Hall, 6:30 pm
Feb 10: Youth Night, Parish Hall, 6:00 pm
Feb 13: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
Feb 22: Ash Wednesday; Masses @ 8:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm
Feb 25: Sat Mass time change: Mass will be celebrated @ 8:00 am
Feb 25: Evangelization Workshop, Parish Hall, 9 to Noon
Feb 28: FEARLESS Lenten Study, 6:00 pm @ Judy Wright's house, Potluck, RSVP, No cost!



St. James Church Presents

YOUTH NIGHT

2nd grade and up

Friday, February 10th

6:00 - 8:00 pm, Parish Hall

Refreshments will be served.

Escape Room, Scavenger Hunt & Games

Invite a friend to join you!

ScavenGEr Hunt!



Sunday Reflection: Reflecting on the acts of mercy described in the first reading, we can see how these good works — expressions of our love — can help drive away the ugliness, fear and darkness that brings grief, despair and death into the world. LPI

Beginning Saturday February 25th, the 9:00 am **Saturday Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am from now on.**

Lenten Study: FEARLESS: Lent 2023, don't walk the journey alone. Time & again, the people of God are called to be courageous and "be not afraid". Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we follow Jesus into the wilderness. Let's make this the most impactful & spiritually fruitful Lent of our lives. (no cost!)
Judy Wright's house, Tues evenings, 6:00 pm, potluck, pls RSVP

Another "Encounter with God": About 10 years ago I was driving and I heard the Lord say to me, "call Andrea". I thought to myself; oh yeah I should give her a call sometime. Then I heard the Lord say again "call her now." So, I did. When she answered the phone I could tell she was crying. I asked her if I could come over. (She was only about five minutes away.) She said to me, "No, now is not a good time". I said, "I believe now is the perfect time". So, she agreed for me to come. When I got there, I asked her what was going on. This was her answer, "I was just praying for my daughter-in-law to die". I immediately said to her, "do you think that is a prompting from the Lord?" She immediately exclaimed, "it's from the devil". She fell to her knees and began to pray for forgiveness. I joined her in prayer and we prayed for a change of her heart towards her daughter-in-law.

What touched me so much about this was, just **how in tune to each one of our lives our Lord is. And how He wants to use us to intervene, to guide one another.** We need to really be listening to that inner voice speaking to us. Because, it may be God directing us. (Keep your "stories" coming)

*****FORMED*****

WOW...there's Lots on Formed this week!

St. John Bosco: Mission to Love
Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth
Joseph of Nazareth & Mary of Nazareth

Who is Jesus; the Search: This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most Pivotal figure in all of history????
Opening Your Heart; Walking w/Purpose. Form a personal relationship with Christ. Find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith.

A Bible Study: The Joyful Mysteries

And, Of Course, the **Catholic Commentary on "The Chosen"**

To sign up for "Formed" ,
Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>
Enter our parish's zip code
Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

EVANGILIZATION 101WORKSHOP

Planning Area 14
25 February 2023

9:00 A.M-12:00 P.M.

St. James Potosi Parish Hall

This workshop will cover beginning fundamentals of evangelization. This is a free workshop offered to anyone who wants to increase their comfort of **sharing their faith.** Registration is required: archstl.org/evangelization



Worldwide
marriage
encounter

World Marriage Day

On Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:30 pm., Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event on February 12th.

ALL THINGS NEW UPDATE:

Recently, a team of nearly 50 volunteers, including religious orders, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary faculty and staff, associate pastors, permanent deacons and lay people synthesized all the information the Archdiocese of St. Louis has received regarding its 178 parishes during the All Things New pastoral planning initiative. Information gathered included feedback from key parish leaders, parish listening sessions, online surveys, individual letters and emails. The summaries will be another important piece of information as Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski makes a final decision on the future of the parishes. The volunteers were asked to follow four guidelines: that they offer a fair representation of what people said; include the real contradictions and tensions reflected in the feedback; offer the good ideas and key insights shared; and ensure they are concise. Volunteers were not allowed to synthesize any information for parishes in their own planning area. The initial draft of the parish feedback summaries have been shared with pastors, who were asked to share the summaries with their Key Parish Leaders and provide feedback. Every parish feedback summary is now public at <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>. You should contact your parish office for more information if you do not have access to the internet. All of this is geared toward the Archbishop making a well-informed, discerned decision for the spiritual wellbeing of the Archdiocese, looking at the feedback of the people and the needs of the Archdiocese. The All Things New planning committee is expected to refine the draft models to one model per planning area. Armed with the feedback summaries, parish workbooks and financial data, the team will analyze each model to ensure each one has the resources to sustain the new structure. Another round of draft model options will be shared with the priests in early February, with a period of feedback. Other factors will come under consideration, including redrawing maps of the archdiocese and priest reassignments. It is expected that by the end of April, Archbishop Rozanski will have met with Consultors to review final draft models, and then he will have a month to pray and discern before announcing a final decision on May 28, the feast of Pentecost. Implementation of these plans will take effect beginning in fall 2023 through 2026. Please continue to pray for the gift of true discernment so that we may continue to do the Will of God in all things.

St. James PSR NEWS

Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!
Next Class will be February 12th! Unit 5 is due.



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