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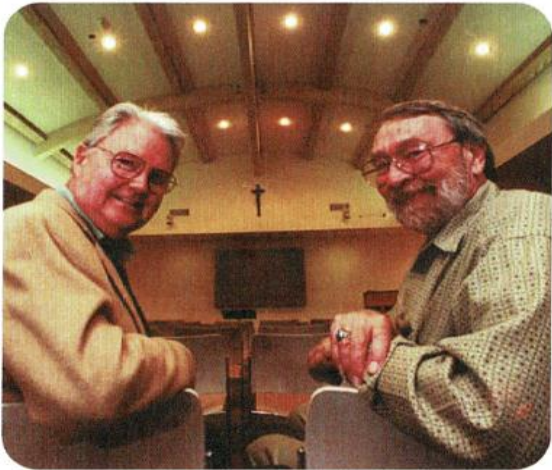
I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you “beef up” your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish’s process for the Christian Initiation of Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, *Journey of Faith*, is one resource used by many parish communities. Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron’s *Word on Fire* website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you. ●

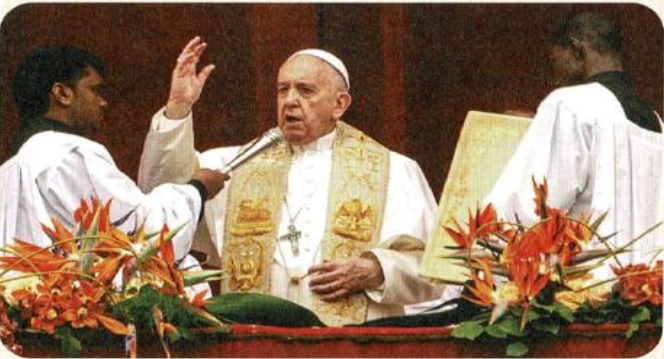
Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



A candidate and his sponsor sit for a photo after an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class. LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	Acts 5:12-16
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
						Jn 20:19-31

Do you have a question for the Padre?
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

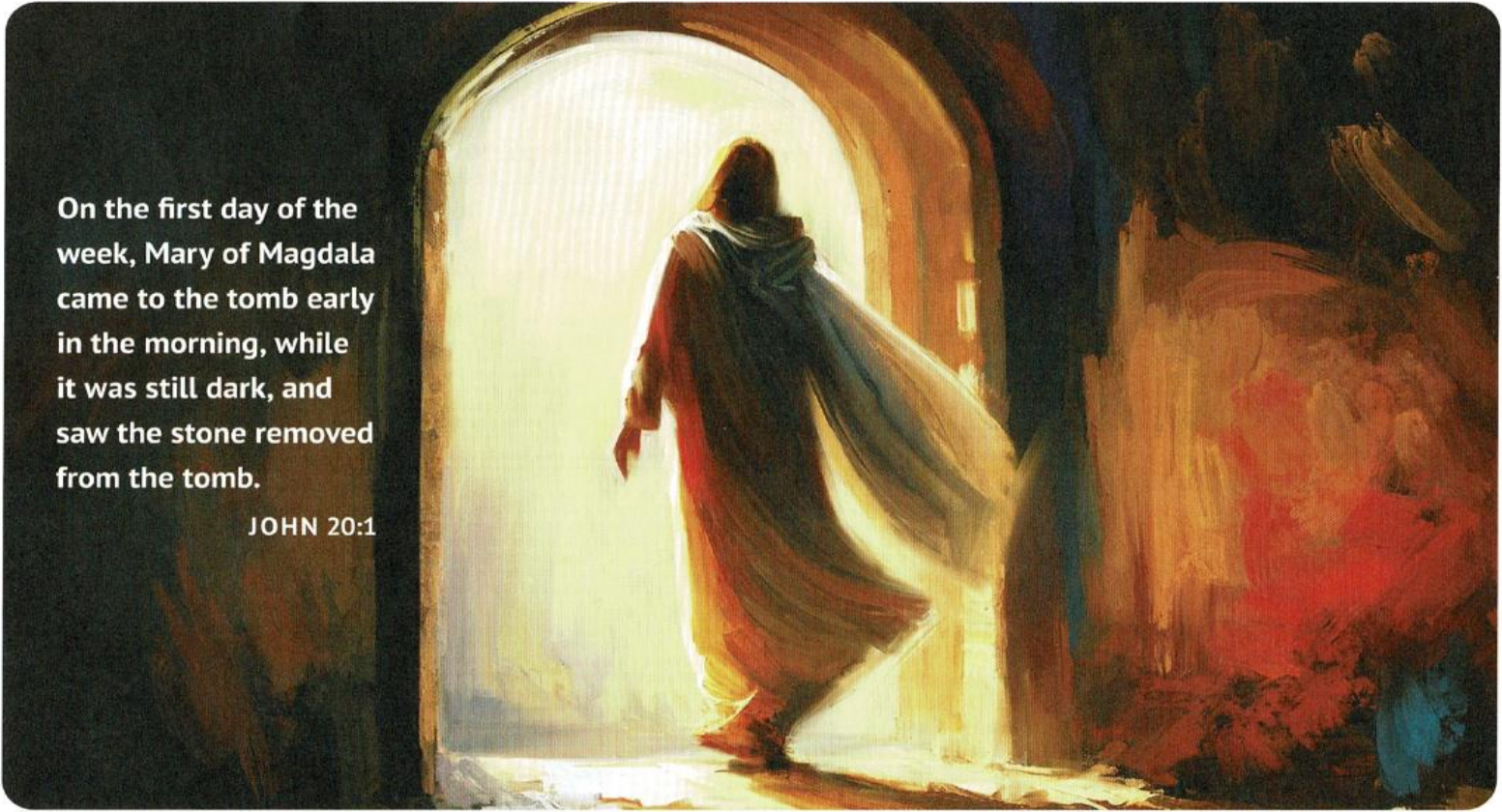
We welcome the Easter message: “Peace be with you!” Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!... Let there be a decision for peace.... Please, please, let us not get used to war!... May the leaders of nations hear people’s plea for peace.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (C)
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

JOHN 20:1

Bit by Bit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Looking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved. John’s Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday’s Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It’s noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark. All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered his head rolled up and set aside. No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus,

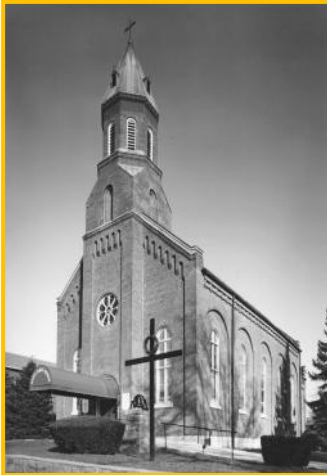
God has made all life new and destined for resurrection. What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb). What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement’s gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school. The resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith. ●

Reflect

What are the hints of resurrection surrounding me? Have I missed any?

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



APRIL 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
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

April 21, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Apr 22TUE 8:15AM Mark Coleman
Apr 23WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Apr 24 THU 8:00AM Betty Matthews
Apr 25 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Apr 26 SAT 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Joachim
Apr 27 SUN 8:00AM Jim & Judy Politte

APRIL 13th, 2025

Envelope.s.....\$	1890.00
Loose.....\$	305.00
Votive.....\$	18.00
St. V.....\$	125.00
Maintenance.....\$	160.00
Online giving..... \$	35.60
Flowers...\$	95.00
Windows..\$	500.00
Cemetery care..\$	50.00



April 27th

Lectors

Mary Susan Campbell

Sunday 08:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

L:Jamie Thompson

C:Donald Thompson

R:Jim Politte

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Mass @ St. Joachim

Sun: 8:00 am Bryce Griffin

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

Faith, Hope, and Charity

April Heavenly Dusters
Jeanne Degonia 4/11-4/18
Glenda Farrow 4/25-5/2

April Alter Linens
Glenda Farrow 4/14-4/21
Connie Scott 4/28-5/5

MENS FAITH SHARING WILL BE HELD AT THE
PARISH HALL APRIL 26th FROM 7:30am - 8:30am



*****Formed*****

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a beautiful, 30 minute contemplative documentary. This film cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Triduum draws Catholics and those with open hearts and minds to experience a deeper understanding of these events and places, and offers rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life. Now more than ever, as many of us are confined to our homes, journey along this spiritual pilgrimage and be drawn more deeply into the life and love of God.

- 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!



Apr 19: Food Pantry
Apr 20: EASTER (Resurrection of the Lord)
Apr 22: Earth Day
Apr 23: PSR
Apr 26: Mens Faith @ 7:30am
May 1: National Day of Prayer
May 9: Clarity House
May 13: Parish Council Mgt 5:30
KC hall mgt 6:30

St. Vincent wishes to thank the Parish for there ongoing support and generous donations .

THANK YOU!

Easter Memorial Flowers
John & Stella Degonia
Bill & Ollie Blankenship
Paul Ney Jr
John & Lucy Politte
Lenard Miner
Billy Cain
Kitty Rolens
Heather Farrow
Ruth & Shorty Jarvis
Laymon & Allie Hollinsworth
Leo Hollinsworth
Leo & Bertha Thebeau
Joe & Nancy Richardson
Leroy Rolens
Craig Warden



April 20:
Easter Sunday- Jesus makes every-thing new

Missionary Discipleship – Easter Sunday: Jesus makes everything new
Did you see the movie, “The Passion of the Christ?” In that movie there is a very touching scene where Jesus falls as He carries His cross to Calvary. His mother is nearby and as He falls she flashes back to when Jesus was a toddler and fell. In her memory she rushes to pick Him up and comfort Him.
Then the scene flashes forward to the Blessed Mother rushing into comfort Jesus as He lays under the weight of His cross. When she reaches Jesus, He lifts up His hand and gently holds her cheek and says, “See Mother, I make everything new.” Jesus has risen and He has made everything new, including us! This is our opportunity to bear witness to that. There are so many people in this world that have no idea what Jesus did for us. Jesus humbled Himself for us, and we are called by His life and His sacrifice to share this good news. During the rest of the octave of Easter it would be a wonderful time to reflect on these questions: “How can we maintain the newness that only Jesus provides” “How can we bear witness about Jesus to those we meet with our words and actions?” “How can we thank Jesus for His precious gift?”

“HE IS NOT HERE
HE IS RISEN”
-Matthews 28:6



Sorry for the Change of office hours once again.....
The office will resume the old hours Tuesday-Thursday 8-2
Please be patient with me and forgive me for the change.
Thanks, Katie

We have ordered some Word Among Us books and they will be put in church, if anyone is interested in ordering more we could take up a donation to pay for them. Contact the office if this is something the parishioners want. Thanks



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

April Classes

April 23rd Class

April 30th Frist Communion Practice @ 6pm 2nd Grade Only

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

