

Dear Padre,

Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day? Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish, even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should "receive the Lord's Body" (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass. Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important.

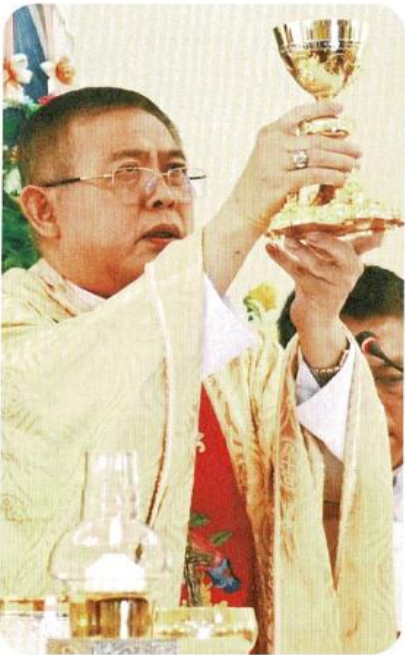
In response to a specific "dubium" or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church's understanding of this practice. It mandated that "the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day" (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church. ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| March 31 | April 1 | April 2 | April 3 | April 4 | April 5 | April 6 |
| Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Lenten Weekday | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| Is 65:17-21 | Ez 47:1-9, 12 | Is 49:8-15 | Ex 32:7-14 | Wis 2:1a, 12-22 | Jer 11:18-20 | Is 43:16-21 |
| Jn 4:43-54 | Jn 5:1-16 | Jn 5:17-30 | Jn 5:31-47 | Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 | Jn 7:40-53 | Phil 3:8-14 |
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THE PRODIGAL SON, PETER PAUL RUBENS / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There was a pop theatre production...about the prodigal son.... [The son writes a letter]: "Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window." And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



God of Justice, God of Mercy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Life is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We,

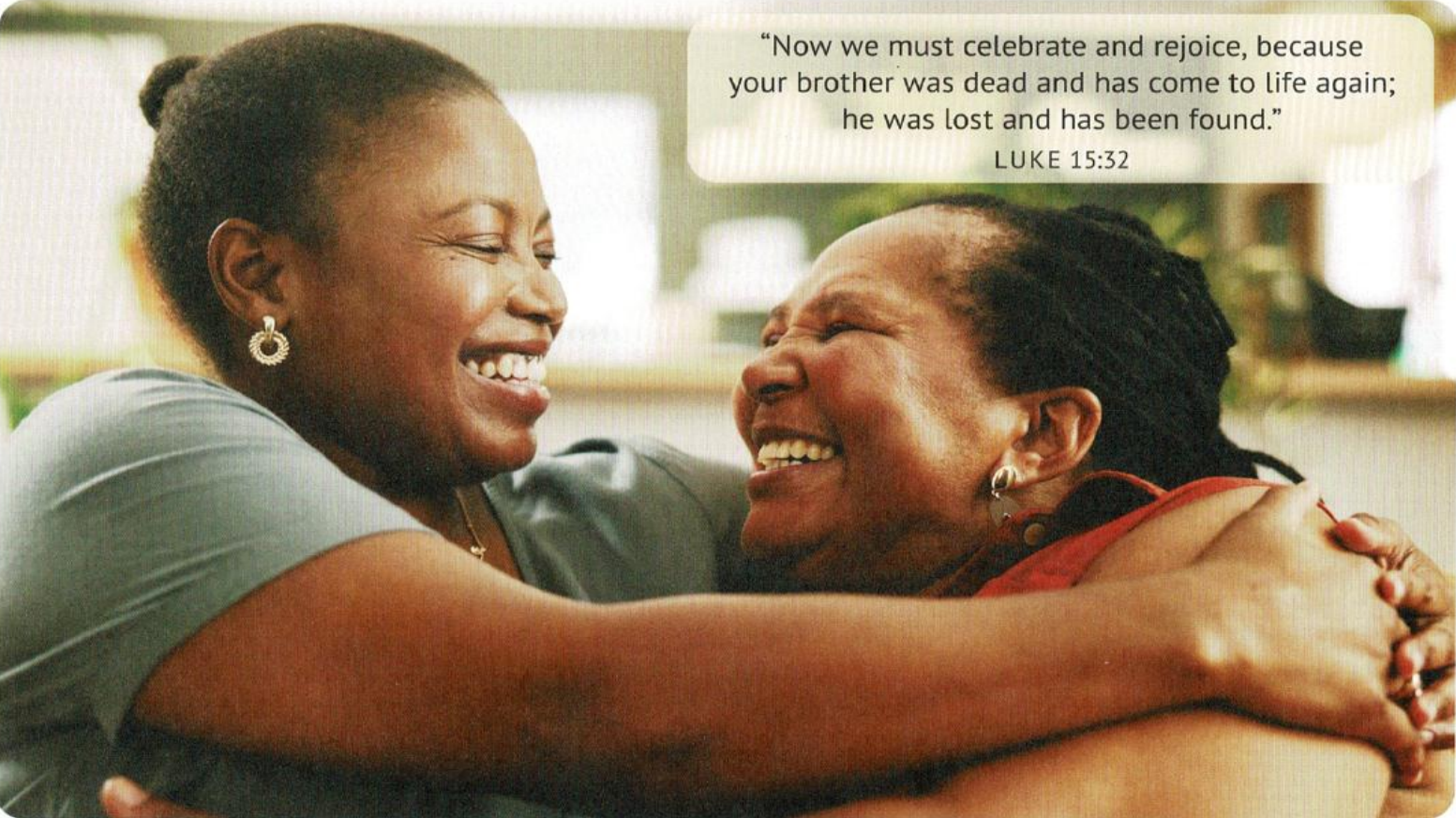
however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life?

We think we want God to be fair, but do we really?

In C.S. Lewis' novel, Till We Have Faces, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!" Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more?

Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy? ●

Reflect
Does my life seem unfair? More fair or less fair compared with others?

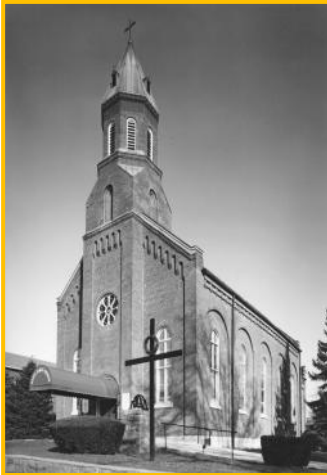


"Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

LUKE 15:32

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



APRIL 2025

Mass Schedule

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|---------------------|------------|----------|
| 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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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

March 31, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Apr 01TUE 8:15AM Bess Lalumondier
Apr 02 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Apr 03 THU 8:00AM Lisa Gillam
Apr 04 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Apr 05 Sat 8:00 AM ADORATION & BENEDICTION
Apr 05 SAT 4:00 PM Theresa West
Apr 06 SUN 8:00AM Parish Family

March 23rd, 2025

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| Envelope.s.....\$ | 1855.00 |
| Loose.....\$ | 385.00 |
| Votive.....\$ | 28.25 |
| St. V.....\$ | 300.00 |
| Maintenance.....\$ | 125.00 |
| Stain-glass.....\$ | 250.00 |
| Online giving.....\$ | 35.60 |



April 5th & 6th, 2025

Lectors

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 08:00 am
Mary Susan Campbell/Jamie Thompson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
C:Vikkie Neier Glenda Farrow
L:Laura Allen Don Thompson
R:Annette Portell Jim Politte

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Madison & Lane
Sun: 8:00 am AVA

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

Faith, Hope, and Charity

April Heavenly Dusters
Diane Mull 3/28-4/4
Jeanne Degonia 4/11-4/18

April Alter Linens
Barb Coco 3/31-4/7
Glenda Farrow 4/14-4/21

THE FIRST AND SECOND
COMMANDMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Catholic Church has the right to make laws from Jesus Christ. Jesus said to the apostles, the first bishops of His Church. "Whatever you bind upon earth shall be bound in heaven." The right to make laws is exercised by the bishops, the successors of the apostles, and especially by the Pope, the successor of St. Peter, the head of the apostles. There are six chief commandments or laws of the Church.

The first commandment of the Church requires us to assist at Mass on all Sundays and holydays of obligation. A Catholic who, through his own fault, misses Mass on a Sunday or holyday of obligation commits a mortal sin. The Church obliges us to abstain from servile work on holydays of obligation, just as on Sundays, as far as we are able.

The second commandment of the Church requires us to fast and to abstain on the days appointed. The Church commands us to fast and to abstain: (1) that we may control the desires of the flesh; (2) that we may raise our minds more freely to God; (3) that we may make satisfaction for our sins. The Church makes Friday a day of abstinence to remind us of our Lord's death on Good Friday. We can know the days appointed for fast or abstinence from the instructions of our bishops and priests.

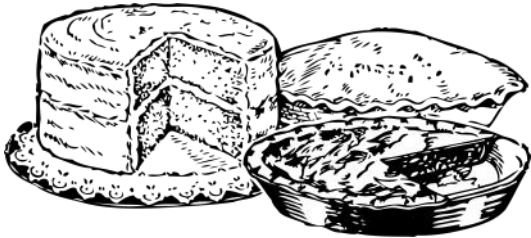
Note: On a fast day, you may eat one full meal. You may not eat meat on a day of abstinence.

What's on the Calendar???

Mar 28: St. James Fish Fry
Apr 01: Ladies Solidity MGT
Apr 04: St. Joachim Fish Fry
Apr 05: Rummage Sale St. Michael House 8:30am-12pm
Apr 08: Parish MGT 5:30pm
KC Mgt 6:30pm
Apr 11: St. James Fish Fry
Apr 14: St V Mgt 6pm
Apr 16: St V Truck
Apr 18: Good FRIDAY
Apr 19: Food Pantry

BAKERS NEEDED!!!!

WE ARE IN NEED OF HOMEMADE PIES AND CAKES FOR OUR PARISH FRIED CHICKEN 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



Rummage Sale Saturday April 5th
8:30am-12pm
St. Michaels House
More infor call 636-586-5171

To support these critical efforts, I ask each parish of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to hold a special collection at Masses this weekend, Saturday March 29 and Sunday, March 30, to aid those in need. The funds raised will assist individuals and families as they begin the difficult process of recovery and rebuilding. Contributions should be forwarded to Catholic Charities, which will ensure that resources are distributed where they are needed most.

*****Formed*****

- 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!

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY ARE FOUND IN THE VESTIBULE, ON THE RIGHT SIDE UPON EXITING. THANK YOU

From Fr. Tony Dattilo

I would like to thank the Willet-House Company for the wonderful work they did on our windows at St. James Church. I would like to thank you for our volunteer project and Manager, Don Thompson for all that he did on this project. I thank all the Parishioners and others who donated funds for this project. The windows are more beautiful than ever. It really brightens up our church. I thank all those who helped and contributed to the project and the Willette Houser Company for their magnificent work. God bless you all! Fr. Tony Dattilo

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 asking businesses to purchase spots we are going to change it to a memorial (In Memory Of) . Anyone can purchase a spot (prices differ). You can add pictures. For more information contact Kim Coleman 314-808-2207.

St. James PSR NEWS

New Server Training March 30th after mass

April Classes

April 9th (2nd Grade Parent Mgt)

April 23rd Class

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

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

