

Dear Padre,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person’s suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1–18	Acts 11:19–26	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26	Acts 13:13–25	Acts 13:26–33	Acts 13:44–52	Acts 14:21–27
Jn 10:1–10	Jn 10:22–30	Jn 15:9–17	Jn 13:16–20	Jn 14:1–6	Jn 14:7–14	Rv 21:1–5a
						Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



NANCY BAUER / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 13:14, 43–52 / Revelation 7:9, 14b–17 / John 10:27–30



To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

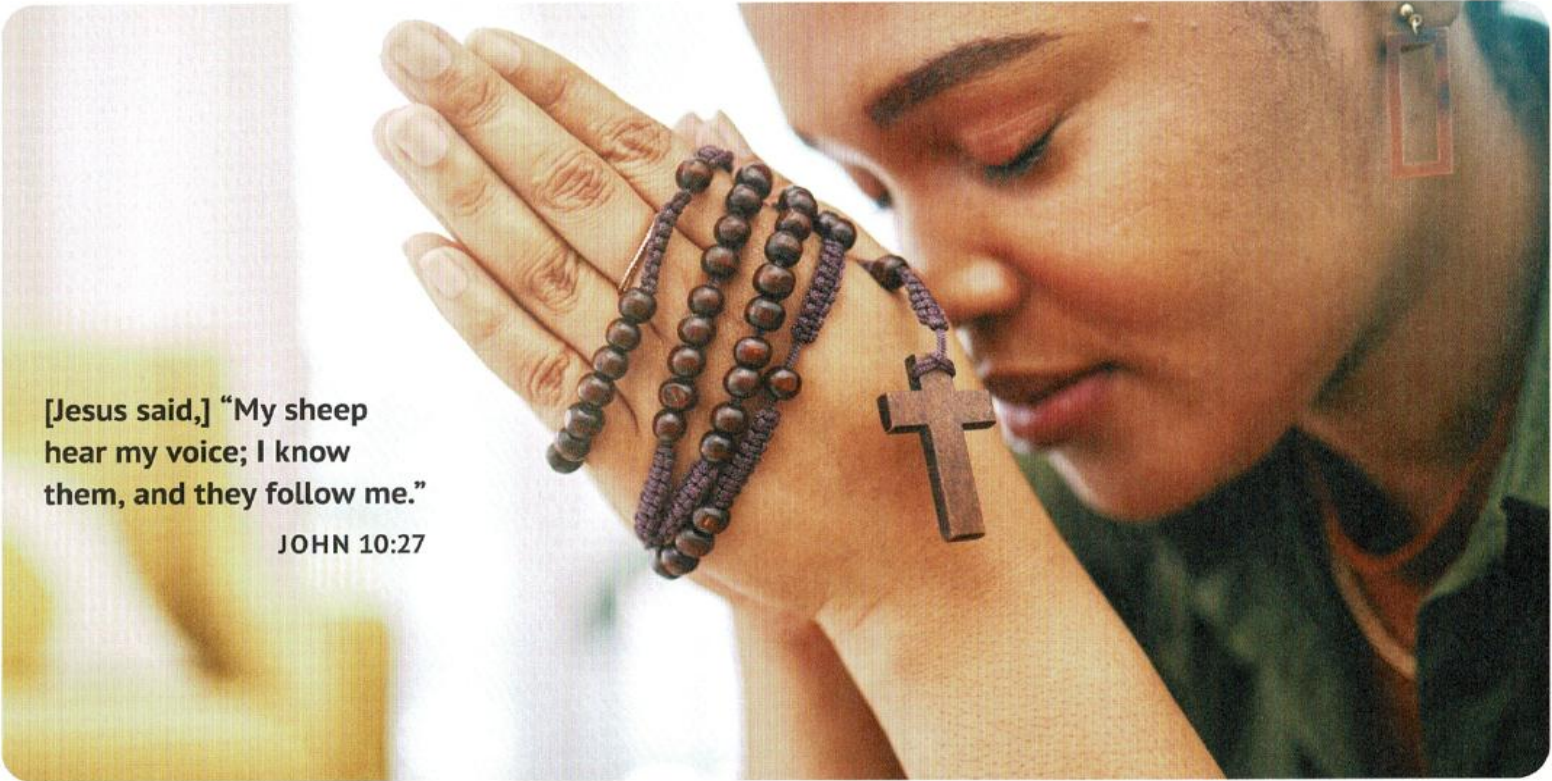
Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One’s core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes *honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy*.

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

*Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?
What do I need to work on?*

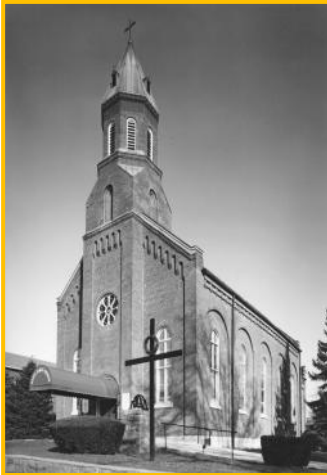


[Jesus said,] “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

JOHN 10:27

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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Confessions:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

May 12, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 13 TUE 8:15AM Christine Cable Tietjen

May 14 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 15 THU 8:00AM Betty Matthews

May 16 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 17 SAT 4:00 PM Theresa West

May 18 SUN 10:00AM Parish Family

May 4, 2025

Envelopes.....\$	3433.00
Loose.....\$	749.00
Votive.....\$	11.00
St. V.....\$	931.32
Maintenance.....\$	150.00
Online giving..... \$	35.60



May 17th & 18th

Lectors

Paul Villmer Jamie Warden
Saturday 04:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C Vikkie Neier Nikki Warden
L Judy East David Woodland
R Annette Portell Kim Coleman

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun: 10:00 am Vincent Pashia & Daisy

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
Diane Mull 5/23 5/30

April Alter Linens

Faye Jarvis 5/12 5/19
Barb Coco 5/26 6/2

BIG SHOUT OUT to the St. James Knights of Columbus for having the carpets cleaned at church.

*****Formed*****

The Face of Mercy (Narrated by Jim Caviezel)

Since his election to the papacy, Pope Francis has inspired millions by urging us to embrace mercy, ultimately revealed in the face of Christ. Now comes an extraordinary new film on this powerful message that brings hope, healing, and forgiveness to a broken world. Narrated by Jim Caviezel, The Face of Mercy explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy in our turbulent times. Watch its story unfold, from an unpretentious Polish nun who experienced powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman Saint John Paul II who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage, and the Year of Mercy bestowed upon the Church by Pope Francis. Filmed in stunning 4K and seamlessly weaving together theology and history with modern testimonials and visual effects, this stirring film creates a remarkable tapestry of what constitutes the face of mercy in our modern world.

Meet the woman who found freedom in forgiveness after seeing her family wiped out by genocide; the former-NFL linebacker who walked away from football to share Christ's mercy with the homeless; the baseball player who traded MLB ambitions for the monastery; the priest with a drug-dealing past, and the young widow who chose mercy towards her husband's killer. These moving testimonies will remind us all that Divine Mercy is not just a devotion of the past or some abstract theology—it is alive, it is present, and it will transform the world

- 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!



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

St. Joachim is making efforts to create a picnic for St. Stephens Chapel with fresh ideas and fun activities, live music, kids games, including Craft Vendors, pull tabs, beer stand, funnel cakes , and more. Fried Chicken Dinner from 11-3, hot dogs , hamburgers, and other goodies on the grounds from 11-5. We hope you will join us , Sunday June 29th from 11-5

Nancy Davis is ACCEPTING craft donations & Baked Goods(that day) for the Country Store. Please consider donating.



Missionary Discipleship– Relationship

In the Gospel Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” It is apparent from Jesus’ words throughout His public ministry that He wants us to follow Him. However, it is difficult to follow someone that we don’t really know. God made each of us because He wants us to love Him and be in relationship with Him. How can we grow in relationship and how can our love for God grow? We know from experience that the best way to get to know someone and grow in relationship with them is for us to communicate with them. With Jesus the best way to do that is through prayer and study. We have to be committed about taking time every day for mental prayer (conversation with Jesus) and we have to be committed about finding time to work on our spiritual growth through study. Scripture is essential and Lectio Divina is a great way to get started praying with Scripture. We all know that the things we really want to do we make time to do. We struggle with finding time to do those things that take a little work. This week let us ask Jesus to help us to get to know Him better and ask Him to help us to open our heart and mind so that we can listen as well as talk during our prayer time.

May 11:
Fourth Sunday of Easter
– Relationship

Congratulations to Cooper Aubuchon, Gabriel Belfield, & Jayden Williamson on making there Frist Communion.



Way to go BOYS !!



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 MORN-ING 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 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.

