

Dear Padre,

Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To follow [Jesus]...means “carrying one’s cross”: shouldering, like him, one’s own burdens and those of others, making one’s life a gift, not a possession, spending it in imitation of his own generous and merciful love for us. These are decisions that engage the totality of our lives.

HOMILY, ROME, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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Monday

September 1
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13–18
Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

September 2
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11
Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

September 3
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Col 1:1–8
Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

September 4
Weekday
Col 1:9–14
Lk 5:1–11

Friday

September 5
Weekday
Col 1:15–20
Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

September 6
Weekday
Col 1:21–23
Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

September 7
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13–18b
Phlm 9–10, 12–17
Lk 14:25–33

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 / Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a / Luke 14:1, 7–14



Life Out of Focus

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

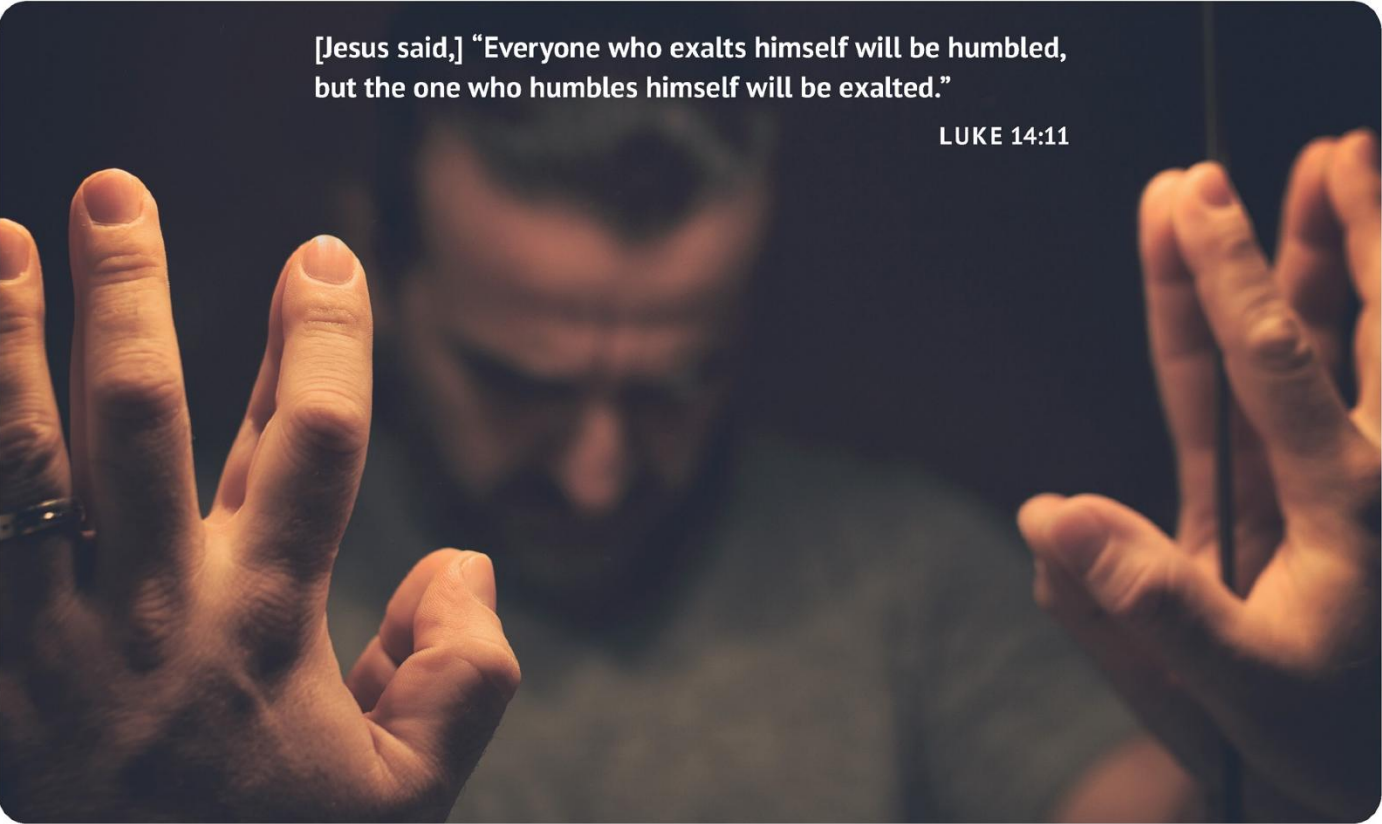
I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn’t want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God’s word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes,

and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son’s or daughter’s profession than on that son’s or daughter’s happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

Reflect

What is more important to me than it should be?



[Jesus said,] “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LUKE 14:11

St. James Parish Family

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Mass Schedule September 2025

Mon: 8:00 AM (St.Joachim)
Tues: 8:15 AM (St.James)
Wed: 8:15 AM (St.Joachim)
Thurs: 8:00 AM (St.James)
Fri: 8:00 AM(St.Joachim)
Sat: 8:00 AM(1st Sat. of the Month @ St. James)

Saturday: 4:00 PM
(1st & 3rd weekend @St. James;
2nd & 4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

Sunday 8:00 AM
(St. Joachim)

10:00 AM
(St. James)

Staff

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<u>Weekly Collection</u> <u>08/24/2025</u>	
Envelopes:	\$1168.00
Loose:	525.00
Maintenance:	75.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	644.00
Votive:	33.00
Stained Glass:	250.00
Total Giving:	\$2695.00

Heavenly Dusters
Jeannie Degonia 08/29-9/5
Faye Jarvis 09/12-09/19

Altar Linens
Faye Jarvis 09/1-09/8
Need volunteer 09/15-09/22

Calendar of Events

September 1: LABOR DAY; Parish office will be closed

September 2: Ladies Sodality Meeting @1pm, Parish Hall

September 10: PSR Registration & Meet the Teachers Night @ 6pm

September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 9: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 6:30pm

September 9: Parish Council @ 5:30pm

September 12: Clarity House

September 17: PSR 1st night of class @ 6pm

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Mother Teresa: No Greater Love Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. Pope Saint Gregory the Great | Catholic Saints In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn. Mother Teresa See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

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*Enter our parish’s zipcode 63664
*Enter your name and your email address. That’s it.
You are in!
*Enjoy!

THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council will be meeting Sept 9th @ 5:30PM
Any parishioners will question or concerns feel free to contact Eric Aubuchon so they can be addressed.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.
GOD BLESS

OCIA

A new cycle of OCIA sessions will begin August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Incarnate Word Center, St. Joachim Parish

St. James PSR NEWS

St. James PSR registration will be on Sept 10th @ 6pm and classes will begin Sept 17th

We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces.

Pope Leo, General Audience 08/27/2

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of “Christ our Hope,” today we consider the freedom and determination shown by Jesus at the moment of his arrest in the Garden of Olives. Our Lord approaches his coming passion freely and consciously, in obedience to the will of the Father and as an act of redemptive love. In this way, he reveals the essence of true hope: the firm conviction that even in the midst of violence, injustice and suffering, God’s love is ever present as a source of spiritual fruitfulness and the promise of eternal life. The way that Jesus exercised his freedom in the face of death teaches us not to fear suffering, but to persevere in confident trust in God’s providential care. May our lives always be marked by this hope, born of the knowledge that if we surrender to God’s will and freely give our lives in love for others, the Father’s grace will sustain us in every trial and enable us to bear abundant fruit for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

New Office Hours:

Monday: 9-3

Tuesday: 8-2

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 9-3

Friday: Closed

Closed on Holy Days and Federal Holidays

Parish Hall or Parish School of Religion
Phone: 573-366-5235

Confessions:
Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm
Prior to Sat. evening Mass or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 1st @ St. Joachim

Tuesday, September 2nd: Julius & Fran Cordia

Wednesday, September 3rd @ St. Joachim

Thursday, September 4th: Charlie Schloemer

Friday, September 5th @ St. Joachim

Saturday, September 6th: 8am Loren & Phyllis Merkel

4pm Theresa West

Sunday, September 7th: Mark Coleman

September 6th & 7th

Lector:
Saturday: Laura Allen
Sunday: Jamie Warden

Eucharistic Ministers:

<u>Saturday 4pm</u> C: Vikki Neier L: Judy East R: Annette Portell	<u>Sunday 10am</u> Mary Roy Diane McGirl David Woodland
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Servers
Saturday 4pm: Madison and Lane Battreal
Sunday 10am: Daisy, Joshua and Penelope

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 de Paul collection: Canned meat, potted meat, canned chicken, canned tuna, beefaroni, etc.