# Dear Padre,

What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands



that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus.

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

#### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What can I do for the Church? Not complaining about the Church, but committing myself to the Church. Participating with passion and humility.... That is what a synodal Church means: everyone has a part to play, no individual in the place of others or above others. There are no first- or second-class Christians; everyone has been called.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 29, 2022

#### Monday

June 30 Weekday Gn 18:16-33 Mt 8:18-22

#### Tuesday

July 1 Weekday Gn 19:15-29 Mt 8:23-27

#### Wednesday

July 2 *Weekday* Gn 21:5, 8–20a Mt 8:28–34

#### Thursday

July 3 St. Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19–22 Jn 20:24–29

#### Friday

July 4 Weekday Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Mt 9:9-13

#### Saturday

July 5 *Weekday* Gn 27:1–5, 15–29 Mt 9:14–17

#### Sunday

July 6
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 66:10–14c
Gal 6:14–18
Lk 10:1–12, 17–20
or 10:1–9

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# Our Parish

June 29, 2025

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 / Matthew 16:13-19



# **Roots and Wings**

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

here are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings." So goes the adage. It is in knowing our roots that we know who we are. It is with wings that we then shape the future—a future sprouting from those roots but also blossoming into something new. If there were only the roots, we would never know life's richness. Without wings, never would we come to beauty.

The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God's presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

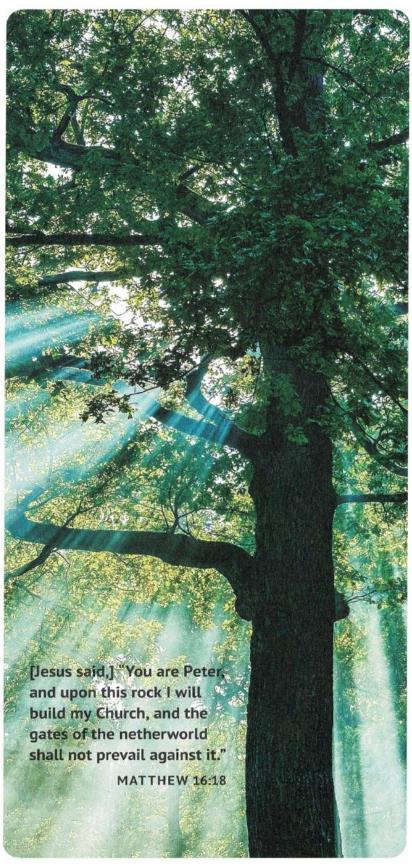
It was Paul who pushed the envelope, who proclaimed that God's saving love was for Jews and Gentiles—both members of the household of God—without distinction. It was Paul who argued that circumcision was not necessary for a believer. It was Paul who recognized that the Law was indeed a blessing, yet also that obeying the Law does not save us—it is the love of Christ Jesus that saves us.

Many are rooted through faith in Christ Jesus.

Some live out that faith as Catholics, others as
Lutherans or Methodists, still others as Orthodox
or Anglicans. All of us rooted in Christ, all of
us living out faith, each blossoming in our own
fruitfulness as guided by the Spirit, for the purpose
of tradition is to pass on the flame and not to
preserve the ashes.

#### -Reflect-

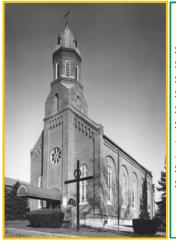
Am I more comfortable with roots or wings? Am I more like St. Peter or St. Paul, and why?



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## St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664



#### JUNE 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		

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

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

June 23, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim Jun 24 TUE 8:15AM Dan Declue Jun 25 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim Jun 26 THU 8:00AM Julius & Fran Cordia Jun 27 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim Jun 28 SAT 4:00 PM Mass @ St. Joachim Jun 29 SUN 8:00 AM Baby AJ Richardson Jun 30 SUN 10:00 AM Mass @ St. Joachim

#### June 22, 2025

**Envelopes** \$2375.00 Loose Collection \$437.00 Maintenance \$50.00 Cemetery \$225.00

Windows \$2530.00 SVD\$41.75



#### July 5th & 6th

#### Lectors

Saturday 4:00 p, Sunday 10:00 am Laura Allen Danny Muller **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** 

> C: Paul Villmer Kim Coleman L: Anette Portell Diane McGirl R: Vikki Neier Nikki Warden

Sat: 4:00 pm Lane & Madison Battreal Sun: 8:00 am Ava West & Bryce Griffin

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 JUNE collection: Canned Meats: Potted meat, canned chicken, canned tuna, beefaroni ect.

#### Faith, Hope, and Charity



**Heavenly Dusters** Fave Jarvis 6/20, 6/27 **Diane Mull 7/4, 7/11** 

**Alter Linens Connie Scott 6/23,6/30 Fave Jarvis 7/7, 7/14** 



#### \*\*\*\*Formed\*\*\*\*

#### Mary: The Mother of God

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more. And you'll discover the truth behind Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and role as intercessor.

#### 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!

#### What's on the Calendar???

**June 27: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus June 28: Immaculate Heart of the Blessed** Virgin Marv

**June 28: Mens Faith Sharing** June 29: St Stephens Picnic

June 29: Special Collection for Peters Pence June 28-29 St. Joseph's Parish Picnic

July 4: Happy Birthday America



#### St. Joseph's Parish Picnic June 28-29 Saturday

Free Concert by Fame 'n' Fortune @ 6:30 Lots of different food booths.

#### Sunday

Live Entertainment 12-5 Kids & Adult Games Food and Drinks all Day



I made some errors in last weeks MASS INTENTIONS, I do apologize. Thanks Katie

#### Our Volunteers Are Valuable

We have always known that the many parishioners who volunteer to serve in our various parish organizations and minis tries are most valuable. Now we have confirmation. Based on the average hourly wage, experts currently estimate that one hour of volunteer time is worth \$17.55 (highly underestimated). However, to us your volunteer time is invaluable. Through the gifts of time and talent that our parishioners so generously share we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here in St. James Church. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our parish! Your time is worth everything to us! And Thank You God our Father for the gift of our Volunteers.

#### \*Incase you didn't know\*

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a Catholic feast celebrated on the third Friday after Pentecost. In 2025, this date falls on June 27, which is this Friday. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of God's boundless and passionate love for humanity

*The Immaculate Heart of Mary* is a symbol and devotion within the Catholic Church that focuses on Mary's interior life, her love for God, and her compassion for humanity. It is often depicted with symbols like flames, a sword, and roses. The devotion encourages reflection on Mary's joys and sorrows, her virtues, and her role as a mother.

### Bible Study July 10th

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday evening July 10 from 6:30 p.m-7:30 p.m. in the Incarnate Word Center, St. Joachim. We will be embarking on a Quick Journey Through the Bible, an eight-part series taught by Jeff Cavins who provides an excellent introduction and overview of the bible from a Catholic perspective. The half hour talks are complemented by group discussion questions. This is a great way to "get your feet wet" and learn how to begin authentic Bible Study. Mark your calendars: July 10 and 24, and August 7. Bring your Bible.

Wanted: New or Gently Used DVD Player for the Incarnate Word Center to be used for OCIA, Bible Study, and Youth Group meetings.

Join us in the Parish Hall Saturday, June 28th @ 7:30AM - 8:30AM for Men's Faith Sharing. Let us walk our faith journey together, and build each other up.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPEL ANNUAL PICNIC

11514 HIGHWAY A RICHWOODS, MO 63071 11 A.M.-5 P.M.WITH 10 A.M. MASS **SUNDAY JUNE 29TH** 

We will be serving a Country Fried Chicken Dinner, with a Dessert and Drink



Dinner is served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## Daily Reflection

Knowing about someone is not the same as knowing a person, Stive to know Jesus more with every passing day!



When: July 23rd Who: PSR Family Pool Party Where: Elks Club Time: 6-8 PM Food Will Be Provided



St. James PSR NEWS Contact Laura at 573-366-5235 with any questions.

