

# Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
Easter Weekday	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:23–31	Acts 4:32–37	Acts 5:17–26	Acts 5:27–33	Acts 5:34–42	1 Cor 15:1–8	Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41
Jn 3:1–8	Jn 3:7b–15	Jn 3:16–21	Jn 3:31–36	Jn 6:1–15	Jn 14:6–14	Rv 5:11–14
						Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 27, 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)  
Acts 5:12–16 / Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19 / John 20:19–31



## From Anger to Peace

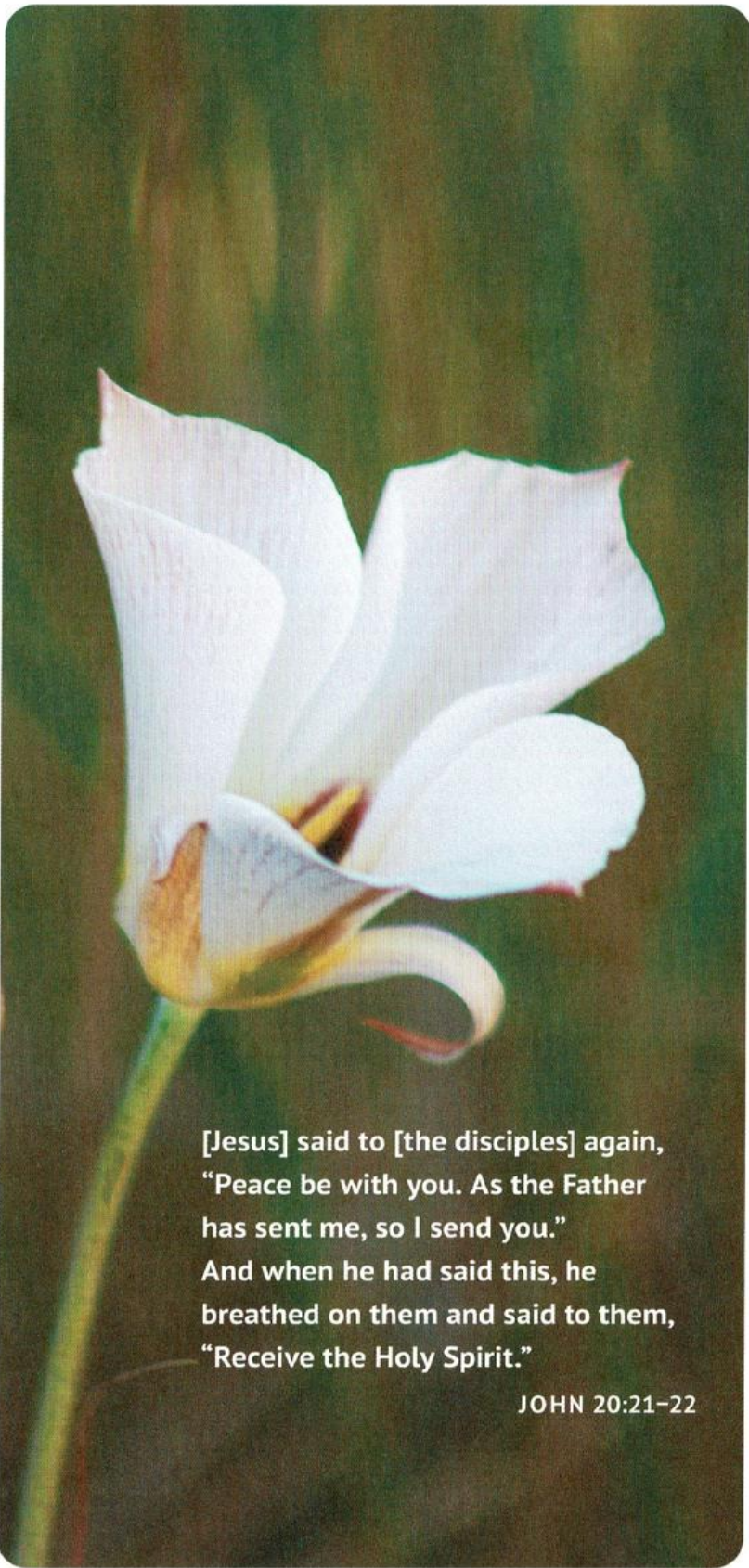
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

### Reflect

Do I bring my faith to the news of the day; do I pray for peace?



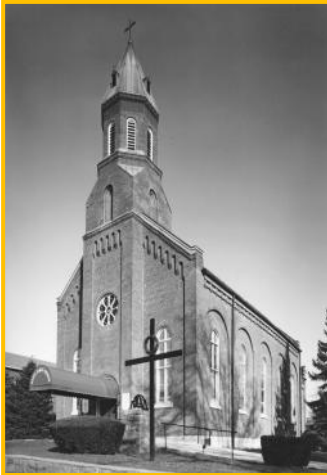
[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21–22



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

April 28, 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Apr 29 TUE 8:15AM Pope Francis

Apr 30 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim for Pope Francis

May 01 THU 8:00AM Oscar "BOB" Pashia

May 02 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

May 03 SAT 4:00 PM Cyril & Cartona Milder

May 04 SUN 10:00AM PARISH FAMILY

APRIL 20th, 2025

Envelope.s.....\$	5069.00
Loose.....\$	682.00
Votive.....\$	40.00
St. V.....\$	820.00
Maintenance.....\$	140.00
Online giving..... \$	35.60
Flowers...\$	95.00
Retired Priest...\$	973.00
Holy Land.....\$	678.00
Catholic Mission..\$	175.00



May 3rd & 4th

Lectors

Paul Villmer\First Communion Candidates

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Vikki Neier-C- Kim Coleman

Judy East-L- Jamie Thompson

Maureen Mills-R- Annette Portell

Servers

Sat: 4:00 pm Meadow Henson, Aubrianne McGoveran

Sun: 10:00 am Ava West, Joshua Kearns, Penelope Kearns

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

Glenda Farrow 4/25-5/2

April Alter Linens

Connie Scott 4/28-5/5

Please return rice bowls by May 4th. There is a basket in the back of church

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Francis: The People's Pope

On March 13, 2013, cardinals stunned the world when they elected Pope Francis, the first Latin American Pope. But what did they see in the 76-year-old Jesuit? Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?

ROME REPORTS travels to Argentina to investigate and discover more about what shaped Pope Francis. From his only living sister, Maria Elena, to his successor as superior-general of the Jesuits in Argentina, we hear unedited testimonies from those who knew Bergoglio best. Hear from a priest who worked with Bergoglio in the country's slums, and the corner vendor who sold Bergoglio the daily newspaper every day for years. Meet the young man who overcame his addictions with support from the man that the world now calls the Pope.

The documentary begins with the moment that the young Jorge Mario discovers his priestly vocation. After decades of service to the Church, a historic conclave would forever change his life and begin the extraordinary papacy of Francis.

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What's on the Calendar???

Apr 26: Mens Faith @ 7:30am

May 1: National Day of Prayer

May 4: PSR Frist Communion

May 11: Crowning of Mary after Mass

May 9: Clarity House

May 13: Parish Council Mgt 5:30

KC hall mgt 6:30

May 12: St V mgt 6:00

May 17: Food Pantry

The world tells us to seek success,  
power and money; God tells us to  
seek humility, service and love.

-POPE FRANCIS



April 27: Second Sunday of  
Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) – Do we reflect Christ to others?



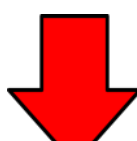
Missionary Discipleship – Do we reflect Christ to others?

In the Gospel, Thomas says to the other Apostles, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” Later, when Jesus appears to the Apostles, Jesus rebukes Thomas, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” We all know people like Thomas who need evidence to believe something. This is one of the reasons it is essential for us to allow everyone we meet to see the evidence of God working in our lives. Have you ever met someone that exudes the love, joy, and peace of Jesus in everything they do? People like this are contagious, because everyone wants what they have. They reflect Christ to others. If we all could strive to allow Christ to shine through us we would be able to give all those like a Thomas a glimpse of what they are seeking. This week would be a good time to ask the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and help us to allow Christ to shine through us.

PLEASE JOIN US IN A MEMORIAL  
MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS  
APRIL 29TH @ ST. JAMES  
APRIL 30TH @ ST. JOACHIM

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



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

May Classes

May 4th First Communion 10am

May 7th End of year Mass

May 11th May Crowning after 10am Mass

May 14th Last class

PSR 2025/2026 will be starting every Wednesday , more Information coming.

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

