Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.



Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all.

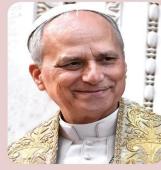
Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM **POPE LEO XIV**

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find



ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME, MAY 16, 2025

Monday October 27 Weekday Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday October 28 Apostles

Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday October 29

Weekday Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30

Thursday October 30 Weekday Rom 8:31b-39

Lk 13:31-35

Friday October 31 Weekday Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6 Saturday November 1 Sts. Simon and Jude, All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

> Sunday November 2

> > The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9

Jn 6:37-40

(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)



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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025



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Mass Schedule November 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)

8:00 AM (St. Joachim) Fri:

8:00 AM (1st Sat. of the Sat: Month @ St. James)

Saturday: 4:00 PM

(1st & 3rd weekend @St. James; 2nd &

4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

8:00 AM (St. Joachim) **Sunday:** 10:00 AM (St. James)

Confessions:



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

appointment

MASS **INTENTIONS** FOR THE

WEEK Monday, Oct. 27th @ St. Joachim

Tuesday, Oct. **Dan Declue**

Wednesday, Oct.

@ St. Joachim

29th

Thursday, Oct 30th:

Marvel Chazelle

Friday, Oct. 31st @ St.Joachim

Saturday, Nov.

8am:Theresa West

4pm: Mark Coleman

Sunday, Nov 2nd: **Betty Matthews**

St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664

Saturday 4pm

Servers

Music:

Way Band

C: Vikkie Neier

L: Annette Portell

R: Maureen Mills

Sat: 4:00pm. Chala

November 1st & 2nd

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm: Lane & Madison Battreal

Sun: 10:00am Anita Govero or The Little

Sunday 10am: Meadow Henson

Sun. 8:00am Rebecca Richards

Sunday 10am

Nikki Warden

Mary Roy

Diane McGirl

Saturday 4pm: Paul Villmer

Sunday 10am: Jamie Warden



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Weekly Collection 10/019/2025

<u>Envelopes</u>: \$6050.00

Loose:

Online Giving 15.00

278.00

Maintenance: 50.00

St. Vincent de Paul: 161.00

<u>Votive</u>: 46.00

World Mission Sunday 1228.00

Total Giving: \$7813.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Heavenly Dusters

Diane Mull 11/7-11/14 Jeanne DeGonia 11/21-11/28

Altar Linens

Glenda Farrow 11/10-11/17 Connie Scott 11/24-12/1

Money Counters

Jeanne & Rhonda 10/28 Pat & Tina 11/4

(FYI:The office is open on Monday if you would like to count on Monday)

No.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." LUKE 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

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Eternal Rest

We all have very real questions about death.
What happens when we die? What does
Scripture teach about death? How do we
prepare for the life to come? Explore the
mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life
through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the
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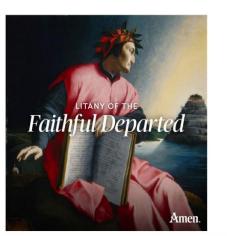
Litany of the Faithful Departed

Join us in praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed, asking for God to have mercy on those who have gone before us. This is a great prayer to offer for your loved ones who have passed away or anyone who has passed away.

Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

*Go to http://signup.formed.org
*Enter our parish's zipcode 63664
*Enter your name and your email address.
*Enjoy!



Good News!

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 /
Luke 18:9-14

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no doovers. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it.

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ATTENTION: MORE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! If WE DON'T GET VOLUNTEERS, THESE MINISTRIES WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We will be in need of volunteers for the following areas going forward:

- 1. Flower arrangements for Christmas, Easter, Solemnities, etc. (order, coordinate, set up, maintain, & dispose)
- 2. Advent Wreath (set up, maintain, dismantle)
- 3. Decorating for Christmas & Easter (coordinate, set up, maintain & dismantle)
- 4. Palm Sunday (make palm arrangements, coordinate & set up for needs of the Palm Sunday Liturgy)
- **Please contact Glen Gelhot or the parish office with any questions.

October 26th

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection

Pope Leo XIV, General Audience 10/22/2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Jesus Christ our Hope," today we will consider the transformative power of the Resurrection. In our society, sadness and desperation are overwhelming countless individuals who struggle to find meaning in their lives. On the way to Emmaus, we see that the disciples were also disheartened, for they had just witnessed the apparent destruction of their hope. After breaking bread with them, the Lord disappeared from their sight, yet their souls were inundanted with an unexpected and joyful realization: Christ is truly risen! The Lord wishes to do the same for us, by dispelling any sadness and desperation that we may be feeling. Let us contemplate, therefore, the glorious wounds of Jesus that attest to his merciful love for us and allow ourselves to be renewed by the joy of the Resurrection.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

There are currently 12 candidates participating in the Period of Inquiry, 5 candidates from St. James and 6 candidates and 1 catechumen from St.

Joachim. Please pray for them as they continue their journey.

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, in being fully received, or in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact the parish office, or call coordinator, Joyce Politte 636-328-1343. All are welcome.

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you."

Venerable Fulton Sheen

Parish Calendar

Nov. 1: Paint Party

Nov 4: Ladies Sodality

Nov 11: Eucharistic Adoration 9-5:30pm Parish Council @ 5:30pm Knights of Columbus meeting @ 6:30pm

Nov. 14: Clarity House @ 6pm

Nov. 17: Rural Parish Clinic here

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. James Food Pantry provided food to 178 families (475 individuals) on Oct. 18. Thanks to all volunteers who helped make this happen. Thanks also to all who donate to our pantry!

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching! We will most likely serve 200 families in November. Would you like to help us provide a turkey to a family for Thanksgiving? To donate financially, use your St. Vincent de Paul envelope & drop it in the Sunday collection, or to donate a turkey, call Rhonda (573-576-5164) to arrange a drop off time.

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings & wretchedness of other people & pray continously that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the Spirit of God." St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul collection: Peanut butter, jelly, dry cereal, oatmeal,

ATTENTION!!

St James PSR will be having a food drive on **Saturday November 8 from 9-12 at Sav A Lot**. We will be collecting nonperishable items that will be donated the St Vincent DePaul food pantry. Please come out and help support our PSR students. Your donations are needed now more than ever.

THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Parish Council will meet on Nov 11 @ 5:30PM. Any parishioners with questions or concerns feel free to contact Eric Aubuchon so they can be addressed.

Listening, in communication, is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur. Listening helps us to find the right gesture and word which shows that we are more than simply bystanders. (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 171)

Parish formation begins with **our own conversion**. Before we speak, we listen. Before we plan, we pray. Before we act, we seek Christ's will- not our own. Each discussion is an opportunity to build up the Kingdom of God right here in our parish community.

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

Save the Date!

5th Sunday Brunch – Sunday, November 30th

Join us after Mass for a joyful morning of food, fellowship, and faith! Bring your family and friends as we gather to give thanks and share in community.

RSVP is appreciated so we can prepare plenty for everyone! Please contact the office at 574-438-4686 or simply drop a note in the collection basket with how many you will be attending with.

We will be accepting donations for this event

St. James PSR NEWS

This year's PSR is off to a great start. Enrollment is up and we are so very blessed with great teachers and great parents. We have lots of plans for learning and have fun while our students are building relationships to last a lifetime in the Catholic space at Saint James. Last Wednesday, our students got together for a picture to say thank you to all of those who have donated time and money. Again special, thanks to our Knights of Columbus for their generous help. It is not too late to enroll if you're interested, please stop by Wednesday evening between 5:45 and six to grab an enrollment packet.

Ladies Sodality

We would like to welcome new members to join our Ladies Sodality. We will have a welcoming meeting on the first Tuesday of November at 5:30pm-6:30pm. Please consider joining us! If interested in

Morning of Hope Southern Vicariate of the ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS Morning of Hope & Healing

Please join us as we remember our loved ones lost to suicide with a Mass of Remembrance. Following the Mass, there will be opportunities to process our grief individually and as a group.

Saturday, November 8, 2025 9:00am Mass 10:00am Healing Program

> Our Lady Catholic Church 1550 St. Mary's Lane Festus, MO 63028

Would you like us to remember someone by name and with a Memorial Candle? Please use the QR code below to register their name.

More Info: Jennifer Meehan, Director of Pastoral Ministry jmeehan@archstl.org (314) 363-6945

Please register at this QR code or using this link: https://forms.office.com/r/feSem791Ja

> Registration for "Morning of Hope and Healing"







I want to thank Judy Brown and Emmylu Foster and all who volunteered for the St. Carlo Acutis display. I had a great time visiting the display and venerating the relics. I thank all those who visited the display and venerated the relics of numerous saints.

God bless you all!

Fr. Tony











Thank you to Donna and Andy Laramore, Cheryl Yates, Laura Allen, Dave & Ethan Foster for all of your help. Judy and I could not have done this without you. I can not believe the turn out we got and the many thanks we got. Just explaining that the St. Joachim and St. Ann Relic was Jesus's grandparents and they were blessed and holy (bone fragments from both of them) and letting them know that the relic was over 2000 years old. Both old and young were filled with so much knowledge, faith, and hope this weekend. So many said they needed this and left and came back with religious articles and rosaries. I had no clue how much this would have touched our parishioners. Jerry Randall was inspired by the rope rosary, by St. Padre Pios picture, and was intrigued on how it was made. I happened to have a similar one in my purse, that was blessed by a Bishop and gave it to him. God and St. Carlo are working in our parishes. We are trying to get more of Judy's knowledge to our Parish, and there may be more things coming in the future. Thank you for all your support.

God Bless,



Emmylu Foster