

Dear Padre,

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

And at the end of our life, [the Lord] will call us to account for the goods he has entrusted to us.... We have received so much: life, faith, family, relationships, work, but also the places where we live, our city, creation.... [A]re we guardians of all that has been given to us?

ANGELUS, ROME,
AUGUST 7, 2022



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

August 12
Weekday
Dt 31:1–8
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 13
Weekday
Dt 34:1–12
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Saturday

August 16
Weekday
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

August 17
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10
Heb 12:1–4
Lk 12:49–53

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 10, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wisdom 18:6–9 / Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12 /
Luke 12:32–48 or 12:35–40



Life Is a Game of Golf

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf. A worse hazard than sand traps turned

out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke’s Gospel) or when you find yourself in an “alien land,” a place in life you’ve never been before. ●

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.”
LUKE 12:34



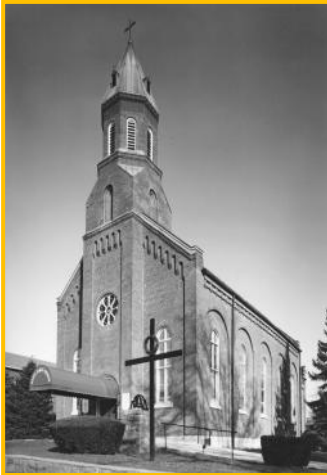
Reflect

What surprising places has God led me?

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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



August 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:	10:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun:	8:00 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

Aug 11 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 12 TUE 8:15AM Mark Coleman

Aug 13 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 14 THU 8:00AM George Lalumondiere

Aug 15 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 16 SAT 4:00 PM Betty Matthews

Aug 17 SUN 8:00AM Parish Family

Aug 17 SUN 10:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Envelopes

5435.00

Loose Collection

1457.00

Maintenance

20.00

SVD

1000.00

Votive

25.00

cemetery

100.00

Aug 3rd, 2025

Aug 16th & 17th

Lectors

Bob Mills & Jeanne Degonia

Saturday 04:00 pm Sunday 08:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Laura Allen Donna Kennon

L: Judy East Glenda Farrow

R: Maureen Mills Jim Politte

Servers

Sat: 4:00 Madison Battreal & Aubrianne McGoveran

Sun: 08:00 am Ava West

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

Faith, Hope, and Charity

Heavenly Dusters

Faye Jarvis 8/1-8/8

Diane Mull 8/15-8/22

Alter Linens

Glenda Farrow 8/4-8/11

Connie Scott 8/18-8/25

WELCOME!!!!

This weekend we are pleased to welcome Mr. Steve Rupp, Manager of Member Services for SVDP. He will offer information and an invitation to join you local SVDO group. For those interested in joining there will be a meeting at the St. James Pantry @ 6pm Wednesday August 13th

****Formed****

The Grace of Ars by Frederick Miller

St. John Vianney is the patron saint of all parish priests. Pope Benedict XVI has held him up as the role model to follow in the recently declared Year for Priests (2009-2010). Priests and seminarians who wish to strengthen their commitment to the priesthood as well as men who are discerning the call of Christ in their lives will be inspired and encouraged by reflection on the life and vocation of the great CurT of Ars.

Fr. Miller has taken many groups of priests and seminarians on pilgrimage to Ars, France, where he leads retreats based on the life and ministry of St. John Vianney. Based on his years of personal experience at Ars, and the impact that the holy Curé has had on men who go there to learn from his inspiring life and work, this book is the distillation of wisdom and grace that St. John Vianney has passed on to his brother priests.

Through beautiful reflections that focus on many aspects of the life of Vianney, we learn what it means to be a priest during difficult times. The saint lived out his priesthood in the aftermath of the French Revolution; a very difficult time for Catholic priests in France. This book reveals that specific Grace of Ars.

- 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???

Aug 8: Clarity House

Aug 10: Deadline for Parish Council sign up

Aug 13: St. James Pantry MGT @ 6PM

Aug 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Aug 16: Food Pantry

Aug 28: OCIA classes start

Aug 31: St. Rose of Lima Picnic3

Sept 09: Knights of Columbus MGT

SVDP Food Pantry @ St. James Needs Your Help! First and foremost, we want to thank you for the wonderfully generous support you provide the pantry every single month. We feel blessed by each contribution of food or cash and try to use all we receive carefully to benefit those in need from Washington County, We are so grateful to our church family.

WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!!

Second, you may be aware of the many cuts to government food grants and surplus foods shared with the St. Louis Food Bank. This is already impacting our pantry in a significant way. However, we are already exploring alternate sources of food and support to help us continue our SVDP mission to assist those in need. GOD IS GOOD! HE always provides what we need. Please Pray for his help.

What follows is a list of shelf stable canned goods we'd especially appreciate getting though every donation is a great gift:

Spam, Vienna Sausages, Chili, Chicken, Beef Stew, Potted Meat, Chicken & Dumplings, Tuna, Hearty Soups, Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, and Ravioli.

If you raise Cattle or Pigs please consider donating any meat that you can spare for our freezer. If it hunting season and you are a hunter who processes game, please consider sharing part of what you harvest with the pantry.

If you raise chickens and can spare extra eggs, we can use them,

Together with God's help, we can do a great deal when we focus our efforts, GOD BLESS YOU!

St. James is looking for a new Office Manager, if you are interested or know someone who is please have them come to the office to fill out an application.

THE COUNCIL'S CORNER



PARISH COUNCIL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED AT ST. JAMES? WE'RE LOOKING FOR PARISHONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL. INFORMATIONAL CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS 7/26-8/10, JUST FILL ONE OUT AND DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION. ALL INTERESTED CANDIDATES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 8/3.

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. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, DeSoto, MO, is holding its Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 31st, 2025, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Serving Fried Chicken and Roast Beef dinners from 11 - 5. Quilt Raffle and Main Raffle of \$2500. Tickets will be sold the day of the picnic or you can come to the Rectory office Mon-Fri 8-4. \$25 Kids wrist bands for ALL day fun - dunking booth, foam party obstacle course, battle joust and lots more. Country Store, Live Music, and outdoor concessions! If you're looking for a fun day, come on out and join us at the KC Hall on E Hwy, DeSoto.

St. James PSR NEWS

