

Dear Padre,

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.”

Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 21, 2022

Monday

August 25

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday

August 26

Weekday

1 Thes 2:1–8

Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mk 6:17–29

Saturday

August 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

Sunday

August 31

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a

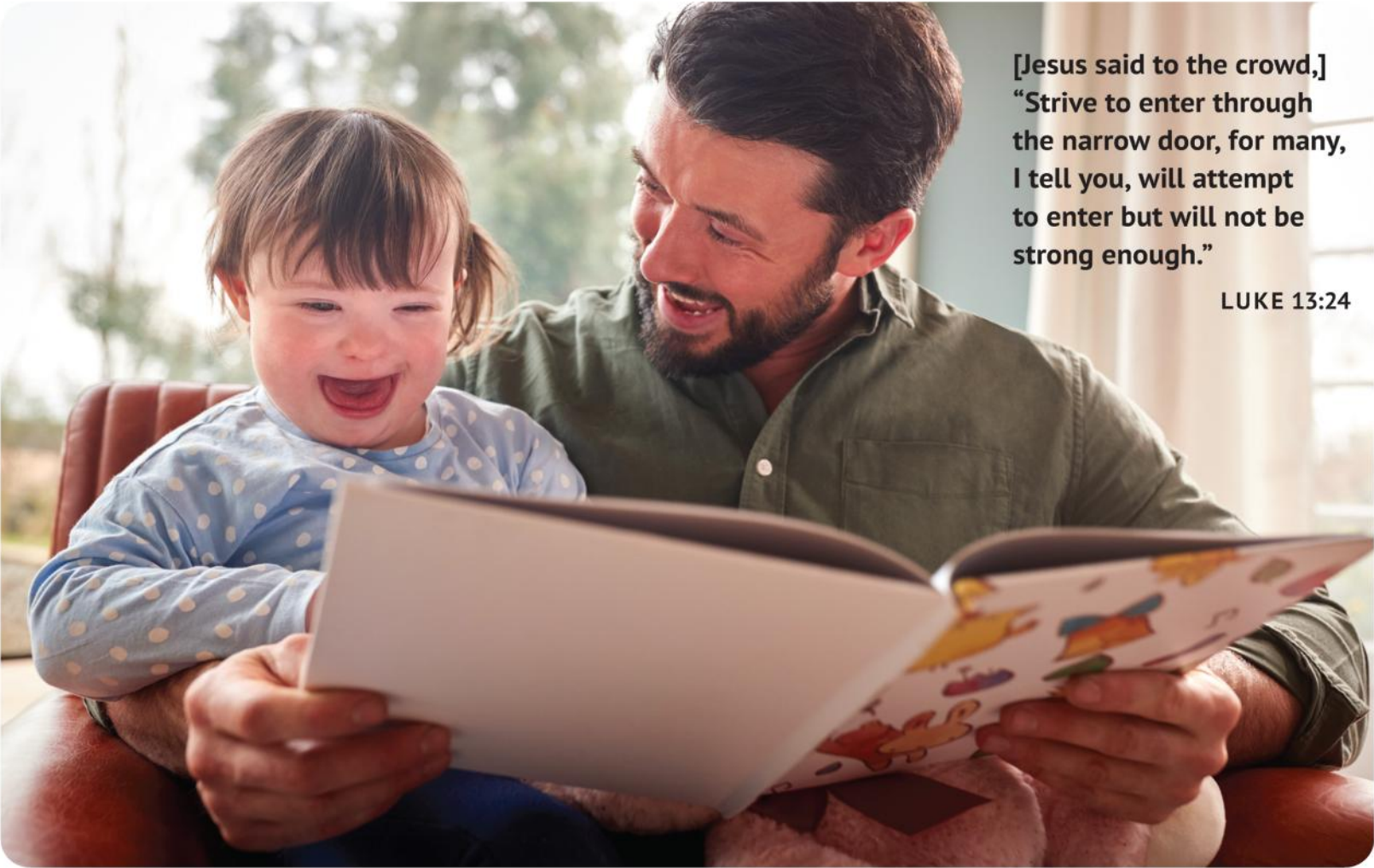
Lk 14:1, 7–14

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 66:18–21 / Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 / Luke 13:22–30



[Jesus said to the crowd,] “Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

LUKE 13:24

The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one’s own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

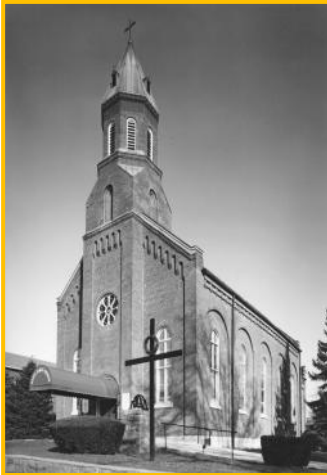
but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God’s presence, to life with God. You’ve heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn’t a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It’s pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

Reflect

What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?

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

HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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WEBSITE: *****
www.stjames-potosi.org
FACEBOOK: St. James Catholic Church

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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 25 2025 8AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 26 TUE 8:15AM Bob Short

Aug 27 WED 8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 28 THU 8:00AM Wesley Forrester

Aug 29 FRI 8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Aug 30 SAT 4:00 PM Loren & Phyllis Merkel

Aug 31 SUN 8:00AM Parish Family

Aug 31 SUN 10:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim

Envelopes
1850.00
Loose Collection
373.00
Maintenance
45.00
SVD
4392.25

Votive
13
Assumption
78.00
Stain-Glass
395.00

Aug 17th, 2025

Aug 30th & 31st

Lectors

Saturday @ 4:00 pm Sunday 08:00 am

Paul Villmer Jeanne Degonia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

C: Laura Allen Glenda Farrow
L: Judy East Jamie Thompson
R: Vikkie Neier Jim Politte

Servers

Sat: 4:00 Madison & Lane Battreal
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
Diane Mull 8/15-8/22
Jeanne Degonia 8/29-9/5

Alter Linens
Connie Scott8/18-8/25
Faye Jarvis 9/1-9/8



Ladies Sodality will be meeting @ 1pm on
Sept 2nd, 2025
Parish Hall

****Formed****

The Way of St. James

Three friends set out on the Camino de Santiago, not just for adventure and rest, but to seek God in the ordinary and the unknown. This documentary-style series follows them as they navigate the twists and turns of the Camino's ancient paths, wrestling with questions of faith, purpose, and calling. While the final destination may be Santiago, the Camino teaches them that walking with God is less about where you end up and more about who you become along the way.

- 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 28: OCIA classes start
Aug 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Aug 31: St. Rose of Lima Picnic
Sept 01: LABOR DAY
Sept 02: Ladies Sodality MGT @ 1pm
Sept 08: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept 09: Knights of Columbus MGT @ 6:30 pm
Sept 09: Parish Council Mgt 5:30pm
Sept 12: Clarity House



The Knights of Columbus Presents:
HOLY SMOKERS
BBQ & BLOODY MARY COMPETITION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

BBQ dinners & refreshments served from
11:00AM - 3:30PM.

For contest rules, times,

FOOD PREORDER DISCOUNT,

and to register scan the
QR code, or go to:



Are you a grill master? Think you can make the best
Bloody? Prove it! Sign-up to compete and show us
what you got! Scan the QR code NOW!

CASH PRIZE FOR CONTEST WINNER!

SACREDHEARTVP.ORG/HOLY-SMOKERS

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. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, DeSoto,
MO, is holding its Annual Parish Picnic on Sun-
day, 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

St. James PSR registration will be on Sept 10th @
6pm and classes will begin Sept 17th
We look forward in seeing everyone's smiling faces.

