

Dear Padre,

I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.



It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, "requirement" does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A "requirement" might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Second Sunday of Lent
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ez 18:21-28	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 2:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	

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

Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, ROME, JUNE 13, 2025

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“Take courage! Without fear! Many times in the Gospel Jesus says: ‘Do not be afraid.’ We need to be courageous in the witness we give, with the world and above all with life: giving life, serving, sometimes with great sacrifices in order to live out this very mission.”

Pope Leo XIV

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Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026



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Mass Schedule March 2026

Mon: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

Tues: 8:15 AM (St. James)

Wed: 8:15 AM (St. Joachim)

Thurs: 8:00 AM (St. James)

Fri: 8:00 AM (St. Joachim)

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

Saturday: 4:00 PM
(1st & 3rd weekend @ St. James; 2nd & 4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

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

Confessions:

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Mar. 2:
@ St. Joachim

Tuesday, Mar. 3:
Leroy & Faye Jarvis & Family

Wednesday, Mar. 4:
@ St. Joachim

Thursday, Mar. 5:
Bess Lalumondier

Friday, Mar. 6:
6:30pm: @ St. Joachim (Mass & Stations of the Cross)

Saturday, Mar. 7
8am:
Snead/Coffey Families

4pm: **Mike "Coach" Nickelson**

Sunday, Mar. 8:
Thomas DeGonia

St. James Parish Family

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March 7th & 8th

Lector:

Saturday 4pm: Bob Mills
Sunday 10am: Jamie Warden

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm	Sunday 10am
C: Vikki Neier	Danny Mueller
L: Judy East	Diane McGirl
R: Paul Villmer	Mary Roy

Servers

Saturday 4pm: Lane & Madison Battreal
Sunday 10am: Vincent Pashia

Music:

Sat: 4:00pm. Chala Short
Sun: 8:00am Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Heavenly Dusters

Diane Mull 3/6
Diane Mull 3/13-3/20
Jeanne DeGonia 3/27-4/3

Altar Linens

Bobbie Heifner 3/2
Diane McGirl 3/9
Bobbie Heifner 3/16
Diane McGirl 3/23

Money Counters

Mary Ann & Donna 3/3
Becky & Rhonda 3/10
Jeanne & Rhonda 3/17
Pat & Tina 3/24
(I am in the office on Monday's for anyone who wants to count on that day. I do go to Mass @ St. Joachim first before coming in to the office.)

Weekly Collection 02/22/26

<u>Envelopes:</u>	2915.00
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2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

Lenten Bible Study

Session 3: The Eucharist
Session 4: The Sacrament of Confession
Session 5: Mary
Session 6: Justification
Session 7: Who is Jesus?

Here are the dates for the study. Keep in mind that because of scheduling issues (availability of the buildings and my schedule) not all sessions will be in order each week. So, if you plan to jump around, please watch the schedule and attend when you are able.

MONDAY 6PM (ST. JOACHIM)

Session 3) March 9; Session 4) March 23; Session 5) March 30; Session 6 & 7) Justification & Who is Jesus

WEDNESDAY 9:15AM (ST. JOACHIM)

Session 3) March 11; Session 4) March 25; Session 5) April 1; Session 6 & 7) April 8

FRIDAY 9AM (ST. JAMES)

Session 3) March 13; Session 4) March 27; Session 5) April 3; Session 6 & 7) April 10

**If you have any questions, please text or call Vicki at 573-854-1257

St. James Ladies Sodality



You're invited to our Dine In & Carry Out Fish Fry. Our menu will consist of Fried Shrimp or Swai fillets. We will also have coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, baked beans, mac n cheese, and hushpuppies.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

- Golden fried fish & shrimp
- Refreshing drinks
- homemade desserts



COST
ADULTS: \$15
KIDS: \$8

DATES: FEBRUARY 27TH
MARCH 27TH
4pm-until Sellout

PRESENTED BY ST. JAMES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FRY DAY FRIDAYS

February 20th
March 6th 11:00-1:00
March 20th

\$12/PLATE
FISH, BAKED BEANS, & POTATO SALAD

201 N. Missouri Street Potosi MO 63664

The KC Men have added an additional date to the calendar: **March 13th from 11-1 (Drive Thru only)!** Mark your calendars!

Ladies Sodality will have a

BAKE SALE

At all of the Men's Fish Fries
Feb 20
March 6
March 20

\$4/slice or \$20/whole cake or pie



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03



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St. James Gun Raffle 2026



Join the fun!!!!

Tickets will be sold starting March 1 until the drawing after Mass on May 16, 2026. There are 4 guns being raffled. Cost of the tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$25. Please see Don Thompson or Paul & Nedra Villmer for tickets. They will be selling the tickets after the Masses.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Mass & Stations of the Cross

FEBRUARY 27th: ST. JAMES @ 6:30PM

MARCH 6th: ST. JOACHIM @ 6:30PM

MARCH 13th: ST. JAMES @ 6:30PM

MARCH 20th: ST. JOACHIM @ 6:30PM

MARCH 27th: ST. JAMES @ 6:30PM



CONFESSION DATES AND TIMES

- March 4th - St. Joachim PSR family Confessions at 6 p.m.
- March 18th - St. James PSR family Confessions - 6 p.m.
- March 19th - St. Joachim Confessions 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- March 31st - St. James Confessions 6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.



THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Our next meeting is March 10 @ 5:30pm. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch is March 29th after 10am Mass. Mark your calendar now!
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268

*"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ."
Pope John Paul II, Inaugural Homily*

St. James PSR NEWS

Rice Bowls were sent home with the kids on Ash Wednesday. There are more available in the back of church for those families that do not have kiddos in PSR. All bowls need to be returned the Sunday after Easter.

From Dr. Melissa Cordia

Ladies Sodality

Our next meeting is on March 3rd from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Parish Hall. **We will be hosting an Indoor Dining Fish Fry March 27th, serving beginning at 4pm until sell out. Please mark your calendars.** We are also having bake sales along with the Men's Fish Fries. We appreciate your support!

Parish Calendar

- March 3: Ladies Sodality Meeting 5:30pm
- March 5: The Office is Closed due to a Meeting
- March 6: Fish Fry 11-1 Drive Thru Only
Ladies Sodality Bake Sale 11-1
- March 7: First Saturday Mass 8am w/Adoration & Benediction
- March 10: KC Men's Meeting 6:30pm
Adoration after morning mass & Benediction at 4:45pm
- March 11: The office will have a delayed opening at 11:00 (Vicki has bible study at St. Joachim)
- March 13: *Bible Study 9am
*KC Men's Fish Fry 11-1
*Ladies Sodality Bake Sale 11-1
*Clarity House 6pm
*Mass at 6:30pm w/Stations of the Cross following Mass.
- March 14: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am
- March 16: Rural Clinic Here
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry served 153 families. A huge Thank You to all our amazing volunteers who make this happen. We couldn't do it without you!

If you are available on the second Tuesday (of every month) we could use help unloading a box truck of food from St. Vincent de Paul Society in St. Louis. The time varies, but its usually between 12-1pm. It takes about 30 minutes to unload. Thanks Again!

*"Make it a practice to judge persons & things in the most favorable light at all times & under all circumstances."
St. Vincent de Paul*

*St. Vincent de Paul collection:
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,*

Heavenly Father, you are the giver of all that is good.

We give you thanks for 200 years of faith, grace, and mission in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

As we celebrate this bicentennial, we remember with gratitude and thankfulness, all those who have helped to build the Church here: clergy, religious, and lay faithful.

Strengthen us in our resolve to carry forward their legacy with love and courage.

Through the intercession of Saint Louis, our patron and king, Saint Vincent de Paul, and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, give us hearts rooted in justice, holiness, and charity.

May we continue to be a beacon of the Gospel in our time, faithful to Christ and alive in the Spirit.

Bless our archdiocese with unity, renewal, and vocations as we journey into the future.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Saint Louis, pray for us.
Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, pray for us.*



Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski's Intention

March 2026

For the Poor and Those on the Margins

As we reflect on the Church's mission across two centuries, we pray for those on the margins—those who are poor, homeless, lonely, or forgotten. May the faithful of the Archdiocese respond with generous hearts and bold compassion, continuing the legacy of service entrusted to us by Christ and lived by saints like St. Vincent de Paul and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne.

This Week On Formed

Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity | Catholic Saints

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.

The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story

Saint Katharine Drexel chose a life dedicated entirely to serving marginalized communities. Born into a wealthy Philadelphia family, Katharine Drexel used her fortune to challenge societal norms and dedicate her life to education and racial healing.

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FISH FRY'S



We will be serving February 18TH (Ash Wednesday), February 20TH, March 6TH, March 20TH, & April 3rd (Good Friday)

Serving 3 p.m. till Sold Out with Dine-in, Carry-Out, & Call In Available.

Serving: Fish, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fries, & Hushpuppies. Dessert & Drink Included

\$13 per Plate

FOLLOW ME
MAKE YOU
MEN



AND I WILL
FISHERS OF
MATTHEW 4:19

MONDAY

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4,

12-13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43,

45-46

SATURDAY

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15,

18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY

MARCH 8

Third Sunday

of Lent

Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26,

39a, 40-42

Good News!

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 /

Matthew 17:1-9

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of his closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●

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

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.

Our catechumens Anthony Pashia & Judy Vance along with our Candidates, Lilly Pashia and Chris McCoy attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral Basilica on February 21, 2026. Please pray for them as they take this next big step on their faith journey. They will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 4th at St. Joachim. Judy Vance is a member of St. James Parish. We have several more in the OCIA class from St. James also so if you know of anyone interested in joining us, we would love to have them!

Pope Leo XIV, Angelus : February 22, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

Today, on the First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel tells us about Jesus who, led by the Spirit, enters the desert and is tempted by the devil (cf. Mt 4:1-11). After fasting for forty days, he feels the weight of his humanity: physically, through hunger, and morally, through the devil’s temptations. In this, he experiences the same struggle we all face on our journey. By resisting the evil one, he demonstrates how we, too, can overcome the devil’s deception and snares.

Through this Word of life, the liturgy invites us to view Lent as a luminous path. By means of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can renew our cooperation with the Lord in the crafting of our lives as a unique masterpiece. This involves allowing him to cleanse the stains and heal the wounds of sin, as we commit to letting our lives blossom in beauty until they attain the fullness of love — the only source of true happiness.

To be sure, this is a demanding journey. There is always the risk of discouragement or of being drawn to easier paths to satisfaction, such as wealth, fame and power (cf. Mt 4:3-8). These temptations, which Jesus himself faced, are merely poor substitutes for the joy for which we were created. Ultimately, they leave us dissatisfied, restless and empty. For this reason, Saint Paul VI taught that penance — far from impoverishing our humanity — enriches, purifies and strengthens it, as we move toward a horizon that has “as its aim love and surrender to God” (Apostolic Constitution Paenitemini, 17 February 1966, I). Indeed, while penance makes us aware of our limitations, it also grants us the strength to overcome them and to live, with God’s help, in deeper communion with him and with one another.

In this time of grace, let us therefore practice penance generously, alongside prayer and works of mercy. Let us create space for silence by turning off televisions, radios and cell phones for a while. Let us meditate on the Word of God, approach the Sacraments, and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who speaks to us in our heart. Let us also listen to one another — in our families, workplaces and communities. Let us dedicate time to those who are alone, especially the elderly, the poor and the sick. By giving up what is superfluous, we can share what we save with those in need. Then, as Saint Augustine taught, our prayer offered in this way — “in humility and charity, by fasting and giving, by restraining ourselves and pardoning, by paying out good deeds and not paying back bad ones, by turning away from evil and doing good” (Sermons, 206, 3) — will reach heaven and give us peace.

We entrust our Lenten journey to the Virgin Mary, our Mother who always assists her children in times of trial.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2026/documents/20260222-angelus.html>

2026 Parish Picnic

Mark Your Calendars: June 7th

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

We are in need of volunteers for all areas of the picnic. We **CANNOT** do this without you! Please let us know where you can help. You can contact the office or fill out the sheet in the bulletin and drop it in the basket in church.

PLACEMAT ADS:

We will be doing placemat ads again this year. These can be business ads and/or memorial ads. Please contact Kim Coleman for more details.

PARISH FAMILY; The Bottle Game was a HUGE Success last year!! So, we are planning it again this year!

It’s not too early to start this year with planning for the Picnic... “the Bottle Game” is back. We are asking all to bring a “bottle of...?” (examples; shampoo, wine, ketchup, mustard, pickles, lotion, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, syrup, 2 liter soda, honey, jelly, vanilla, cooking oil, etc.) that we will use for this fundraiser. The way this will work is, we will sell the same number of “chances” that we have for the number of “bottles” that we receive, the tickets will be numbered, the bottles will be numbered, each ticket will cost \$3 to purchase, so you can see that this will be a good fundraiser for the church, just think you might end up with a bottle of.....!

We would ask that you please make sure when you are making your purchase for these items to please check the expiration date on any perishable food items.

We will put 3 boxes/containers in the back of church, not in the vestibule – under the pew in front of the cry room for all to place their bottles in. It’s not too early to start collecting, so bring your bottles.

Thank you all for your support of our Parish!

