



I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead... and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

JOHN 10:16

Living with Our Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We live with a maze of instincts—some from the dark side and some from the light. In her book *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson describes how cultures tend to consign certain individuals to the bottom of the social ladder. She specifically compares the caste system in India with how the Nazis sought to suppress and eliminate Jews and with the way blacks were oppressed by slavery and even in our own time. She describes the instinct in every society to relegate others to a lower class, always seeking to ensure that we are not at the bottom. This instinct can come from the dark side of people.

There is also an instinct for goodness to others, an instinct of light—to recognize everyone as brothers and sisters. As Saint John notes, “we are God’s children now”

(1 John 3:2). It is the voice of the Shepherd instilled in the human spirit that calls us into one fold, the voice of God urging us to healing goodness.

It is the dark side that nurtures white supremacy. It is the light that enables us to see beyond the color of our skin. It is the dark side that excludes those who seem different. It is the light that welcomes and offers hospitality. It is the dark side that succumbs to fear. It is the light of God’s love that confronts the wolves of hate and urges us to follow. There is always tension between darkness and light. ●

Reflect

How does the voice of the Good Shepherd call you to reject the dark and embrace the light?

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Mass Intentions
Sat. Apr. 20 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Sauer Family
- living & deceased - ELL
Sun Apr. 21 Mass/4th Sunday of Easter
**World Day of Prayer
for Vocations**
8:00 a.m. For Souls in Purgatory
Tues Apr 23 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Helen Stair - VH
Wed Apr 24 Mass
7:30 a.m. †Marcella Hottinger - VH
Sat. Apr. 27 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Helen Stair - AZ
Sun Apr. 28 Mass/5th Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. Graces for Confirmation &
1st Communion Candidates

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Please Pray For Our Sick:
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Ray Hottinger, Deacon Taylor Elder, Bridget
Glosson, Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich, Carol
Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Von Axtell, Art
Aaron, Maria Foy, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Tracy Basler, Bibiana Camacho,
Robert McMillion, Linda Baran

**Confirmation and First Communion
Sunday, April 28th at 8:00 a.m. Mass**

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Spend time with our Lord...
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

From the desk of Fr Marek....
 This Sunday is the
World Day of Prayers for Vocations

Our Lord said: "The harvest is great but the workers are few, pray that God will send workers to the harvest."

I would like to ask all of you Brothers and Sisters to pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood.

Let us remember to pray for Jose who became a deacon this last February. Let us also pray for Joseph who is already a deacon and this May will be ordained a priest.

Let us remember other seminarians who visited us for the annual Seminaries Appeal. And most of all let us pray for Keegan Link from St Mary's who is with the Holy Cross Fathers discerning his vocation to the priesthood.

It is the "job" of the Church to pray for vocations.

Why does the Priest face the altar in the Latin Mass?

When the priest faces the altar, he is celebrating the Mass *ad orientem*, which means "towards the East," a manner of praying inherited from the Jews, God's chosen people.

There is ancient symbolism in praying this way and in seeing the sun as a symbol of Christ and the new messianic day that has dawned with His Incarnation. Churches were traditionally built facing East, whence the sun rises and whence Christ is expected to return at His Second Coming.

The posture helps remind us that when a priest offers Mass, he is acting *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who offers Himself in the Mass to God the Father for the sins of mankind.

Lay Minister Schedule
 Sierra Mireles
April 28, 2024


Greeters/Gifts: Chris & Lori Packer
Pianist: Julie Green
Cantor: M Hottinger, S Samber, E Friedly
Lector: Mark Hart
Altar Servers: C Poss, A Willeke, A Koch
Head Usher: Brian Etl
Euch Ministers: C Schrock, L Littleton


April 28th
 Cake & Punch Reception

Saint Joseph's corner:
 "St. Joseph, you welcomed God's call even when His will required you to abandon all your security and daily routines. Help me to let go of fear when my life becomes unrecognizable. May I always be strengthened and welcome each new day with a loving heart. Amen"

Please keep in your prayers children and their families preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confession, Communion, and Confirmation.



 **Anointing of the Sick**
 April 27th/28th after each Mass

 **ARCHBISHOP'S**
 CATHOLIC APPEAL

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
 (Acts 20:35). Your sacrifice will affirm your desire to advance the rescue mission of Jesus Christ. Please visit
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Dear Padre,

My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18	Acts 11:19-26	Acts 12:24-13:5a	1 Pt 5:5b-14	Acts 13:26-33	Acts 13:44-52	Acts 9:26-31
Jn 10:1-10	Jn 10:22-30	Jn 12:44-50	Mk 16:15-20	Jn 14:1-6	Jn 14:7-14	1 Jn 3:18-24
						Jn 15:1-8



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone.... He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God....The Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone. Brothers and sisters, Jesus defends, knows and loves all of us.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021

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