



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

**W**e 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**

5:00 p.m.

**Apr. 21**

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

**Thur Apr 25**

5:30 p.m.

**Fri. Apr. 26**

8:00 a.m.

**Sat. Apr. 27**

5:00 p.m.

**Sun Apr. 28**

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

**Vigil**

†Robert Guzman Sr.

**Mass/4th Sunday of Easter**

**World Day of Prayer**

**for Vocations**

†Mary Ellen Uhrig - GS

Graces for Confirmation &

1st Communion Candidates

**Mass/St. Mark**

†Alberto Salvador

**Mass**

†Jesus Maria Perez

**Vigil**

†Dave Gertge - Shaver Family

**Mass/5th Sunday of Easter**

For Souls in Purgatory

†Pete Anderson - Knights

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Our Sick:** Joseph Wilson, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Kane Schrock, Deja Adam, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Marj Blatt, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Margaret Mann, Paula & Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig, Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Daughenbaugh, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Norma Wolfe, Rodney Hergenreter, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Daniel Hoffman, Alvin Vigil, Jessica Penner, Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Jeffery Pieper, Carmona Family, Leo Millburg, Chuck Blackwelder, Tina Trujillo, Karolyn Radke

**For the Soul:** Pressie Trujillo Martinez

**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.

From the Vatican:

A **plenary indulgence** will be granted to the Christian faithful who participate in the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** at any point between May 17 and July 16, 2024.

It will also be granted to the elderly, infirm, and all those who cannot leave their homes for a serious reason and who participate in spirit with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, uniting their prayers, pains, or inconveniences with Christ and the pilgrimage. This indulgence is granted under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. The faithful may also apply this indulgence through suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory.

From the west, **St. Junipero Serra Route** starting in San Francisco, CA, will be in the Ft. Morgan/Sterling area on June 10-11.

**St. John's April's Mass times:**  
Sunday, April 21st at Noon  
**Confirmation and First Communion**  
April 28th  
**8:00 a.m.** - Mass followed with video



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

**St. Mary's**  
**Confirmation and First Communion**  
Friday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m.

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



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**Thank you for your support!**



# 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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