



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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Sunday, May 5th - First Communion at HT 8:30 am

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of April 22, 2024

Monday	4/22			+ No Mass
Tuesday	4/23	9:00 am	STM	+ Special Intention
Wednesday	4/24	5:30 pm	HT	+ Norma Templeton
Thursday	4/25	9:00 am	HT	+ Bill Pozzi Sr.
Friday	4/26	9:00 am	STM	+ Sandra Ruiz

Mass Intentions for the weekend of April 27 - 28, 2024

Saturday	4/27	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ John Balma
Sunday	4/28	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Dale Stouffer

Jesus - The Good Shepherd of His Beloved Sheep

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we are at a turning point in which the gospel lesson shifts from the historical recounting of the events following the resurrection to a reflection of the disciples' experiences with Jesus. They turned to the images He had taught them about Himself, one of which is from our gospel lesson today, "I am the Good Shepherd".

Most of us do not have much experience with shepherds or with sheep. When Jesus spoke of shepherds and sheep, He was speaking to people who had everyday experiences with lambs, sheep, goats and kids. In this gospel, Jesus is describing what a Good Shepherd does, and will do, and claiming to be a Good Shepherd. All His audience knew who the Good Shepherd was – God. The scriptures are filled with images of God as the Shepherd of the Chosen People of God.

Psalm 23rd appointed for this Sunday is perhaps one of the best-known references for the Good Shepherd. The psalm paints the picture of a loving, caring God/Shepherd providing food, comfort and shelter. To be followers was to enter into God's sheepfold. He came to be the one who cared for and fed them. It was a dangerous job, protecting the sheep from wolves and bandits. As the Good Shepherd Jesus did lay down His life for the sheep that God had given Him. We know His voice and we follow Him. He cares for us, keeping us safe. And when we wander away, He comes searching for us. The role of the shepherd has become synonymous with such values as trust, faithfulness, dependability, gentleness.

The Good Shepherd is with us in every situation, in every distressing dilemma. It is not until we have walked with God through some very deep troubles that we discover that He can lead us to find our refreshment in Him right there in the midst of our difficulty. It is when we can look back over our life and see how the Shepherd's hand has guided and sustained us in the darkest hours that renewed faith is engendered. Because the Good Shepherd is with us, we will not fear. *(Excerpted from Sr. Anne, SSJD's article from "ssjd.ca")*

Church Announcements

Confession Location Change

On Saturday April 27th, instead of having confessions at STM, it will take place at HT, Cherry due to the 1st Communion students making their first confession.

Emmaus Days 2024

On Good Shepherd Sunday we would like to pray for vocations in our diocese. In light of this, we'd like to invite all our youth to participate in this year's Emmaus Days 2024.

Sessions III and IV will be held at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Led by seminarians, participants engage in masculine fraternity and learn to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, card games...and a pool!

Session III: Freshman and Sophomores in High School July 7-10, 2024

Session IV: 7th and 8th Grade July 10-12, 2024

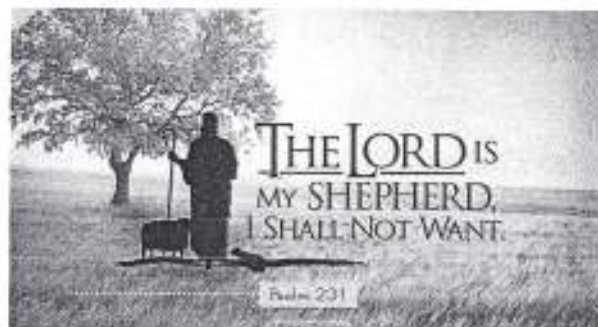
LATEST OFFERING'S

APR 14TH WEEKEND

HT – \$1,276.00

SP – \$ 355.00

STM – \$ 687.00



CONFESSIONS

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SAT. APRIL 27TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
HOLY TRINITY

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 Jn 10:1-10	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30	Acts 12:24- 13:5a Jn 12:44-50	1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14	Acts 9:26-31 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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