Our Parish

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 4:8-12 / 1 John 3:1-2 / John 10:11-18



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 Schedule & Intentions

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MINISTRIES...

April 20/21st - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Peter Marsh
10:15 AM Lector: Jesse Almeida EM: Madelena Almeida

Collection: Karen Marsh

April 27/28th - THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Lector: Alberta Canonneir EM: Sara Peniston **10:00AM** Lector: Willie Forbes EM: LaVerne Lau

Collection: Pat Robinson, LaVerne Lau

MASS INTENTIONS ...

April 20/21st - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Manuel & Maria Soares Moura ++

Sons & Daughter ++

10:15AM The Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners

April 27/28th - THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Adelina & Jose DeFrias ++

Mary & Benjamin Botelho ++

10:00AM Macio Lightbourne +

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at

St. Theresa's - 7:30^{AM} Mon.—Fri.

St. Anthony's - 8:00^{AM} Tues.—Fri. | St. Patrick's - 8:00^{AM} Mon.—Fri.

ST. THERESA'S 7:30am Masses are live streamed via the Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page



April 13/14th Collection: \$799.00

Votives: \$13.60 SVDP (Poor Box): \$110.00

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE

to St. Michael's Church's

BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

YOUR Weekly, monthly or quarterly transaction is appreciated.

When making your online transaction, be sure to include your name and "collection" as your memo on your banking transaction.

Thank you to those parishioners who continue to answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.



Bishop's Corner . . .



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The results of an international survey on youth, values and religion were presented, promoted by the Footprints Research Group, Young People: Expectations, Ideals, Beliefs at the University of the Holy Cross in Rome, together with seven other universities around the world, with the support of the Spanish agency GAD3. The survey took place in eight countries: Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, the Philippines, Spain and the United Kingdom. The sample consisted of 4,889 young people between the ages of 18 and 29.

Among the most relevant findings is the increase of the interest in spirituality among young people worldwide. Other relevant data of the report:

1. On faith and the spiritual life of young people:

This increase in spirituality is strongly registered in countries such as Kenya, the Philippines and Brazil, where between 82% and 92% of young people identify themselves as "believers." Looking at nations in the midst of secularisation, such as Spain and Italy, a deep conviction of faith emerges among respondents. Sixty per cent of young Spanish and Italian Catholics consider attending Mass as fundamental as receiving the Eucharist. There are countries that are in an "intermediate" position in terms of the manifestation of faith by young people: Mexico (71%) and Argentina (51%). There is a large percentage of women believers in countries like Kenya (93%), the Philippines (83%) and Brazil (81%), and in general the number of Catholic women is also higher globally (52%). Regarding the view on the Church, most young believers consider it an institution that contributes to the good of society (76%).

2. On social problems:

An important segment of the sample denounces political corruption (94% among believers, 85% non-believers) and problems related to ecology (93% among believers, 85% non-believers). The death penalty and the justification of war meet with equal opposition among Catholics and members of other religions and atheists. There is also great convergence in opposing the legalisation of prostitution (70%).

3. On young atheists:

Among those in the sample who identify themselves as "atheists", however, an interest in life after death and a proper understanding of suffering emerges. Also, despite the fact that 70% of young people profess to be non-believers, they declare that they consider prayer to be an important aspect of their lives.

May your weekend be serene, and your week blessed!

Wes Virenalice Bishop Wes

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SundayReadings

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COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.Amen.

FIRST READING - Acts 4:8 - 12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 118:1, 7-8 - 9, 21 - 23, 26, 28, 29

Refrain: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R)

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. (R)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever. (R)

SECOND READING - 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. *Jn 10:14 Alleluia*, *alleluia*.

GOSPEL - John 10:11 - 18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

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

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.

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Around the Diocese . . .

- > ST. THERESA'S 12:10 MASS is celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Come join us.
- > ST. PATRICK'S: The Rosary takes place every Wednesday morning at 10am. Everyone is welcome.
- > ST JOSEPH'S FILIPINO MASS is celebrated by Fr. Dandy on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month at 11:00am.
- > ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP: Opening hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.
- ➤ **LECTIO DIVINA takes place** every Monday evening at 7pm via Zoom. Franz Wohlmuth is the contact person, gwohlmuth@logic.bm. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.
- > PORTUGUESE MASSES As Bishop Wes will be away attending the Annual Plenary Meeting of the Antilles Episcopal Conference, there will be **NO Portuguese Mass** at St. Theresa's on Saturday, April 20th.

The Portuguese Mass on Sunday, April 21st, will be a "hybrid" English-Portuguese Mass.

St. Patrick's Church



\$5 per ticket Includes One Bingo Card Sunday, April 28th, from 3pm - 5pm at St. Patrick's Church

Call St. Patrick's T: 236-9866 E: stpats@logic.bm

EVENTS in our Catholic community...

- 5th of May, Sunday: 1:30pm Senhor Santo Cristo Feast at St. Theresa's
- 13th of May, Monday: 7:00pm Our Lady of Fatima Feast at St. Patrick's
- 19th of May, Sunday: 2:00pm Confirmation Mass at
- 12th of June, Wednesday: 57th Anniversary of the Establishment of our
- 13th of June, Thursday: St. Anthony's Parish Liturgical Feast



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to St. Vincent De Paul Head & Toe Drive.

Your generosity will make a significant difference in the lives of those who receive these much needed items!

> At the back of your parish church will be a box/container for you to deposit your generous donations.

The cut off date to donate these items will be May 12th.

These will be given to the clients that attend Loaves & Fishes on May 19th just in time for the May 24th holiday!

"Your kindness can make a world of difference."

Our Parish News . . .

- ➤ PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING This Tuesday, 6pm in Parish Hall.
- **EMMAUS BIBLE STUDY** each Tuesday, at 3pm. All are welcome.

MASS schedule change for the western parishes...

Dear Friends.

This weekend 20th/21st of April, the Parishes of St. Joseph's,

St. Anthony's and St. Michael's will observe the following Mass schedule:

St. Joseph's - Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 8:45am

St. Anthony's - Saturday 6:15pm, Sunday 11:30am

St. Michael's - Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 10:15am

The weekday Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church from Tuesday to Friday at 8:15am.

For the anointing of the sick at home or an in hospital emergency please call the Chancery (232-4414), or the Bishop's House (238-2232). For funerals please contact Fr. Joe Morley (705-0236).

When I am back from the Annual Plenary Meeting of our Conference of Bishops, further administrative solutions will be decided.

May God bless us all with peace and grace.

Bishop Wes



The Food Pantry's Clare Mello has provided their food list, and is very grateful for any parish initiatives, and product which our parishioners can afford for them to keep pace with existing demand, which is expected to grow in the foreseeable future.

Please see the list below of items they require to help those who are in most need. TEDS are open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10-2; and on Saturday 10-12:30 to drop off your donation.

TEDS are located at 64 Middle Road, Warwick. The white building, adjacent to the PHC gas station, ask for Clare Mello.

TEDS Food List 2024:

Spaghetti O's

Ravioli Apple sauce

Regular Food Items Flour Peanut Butter Sugar Tea Instant coffee Vegetable Oil Olive Oil Powdered milk Canned Tuna Broth Canned beans Canned Chicken Dried beans Corned Beef Canned fruit Cereal **Canned Vegetables** Oatmeal Canned Soups Granola bars

Pop Tarts

Other non-perishable

Mayonnaise Mustard Ketchup Relish

Nonfood items

Tin Foil

Dishwashing liquid Hand and Body soap Deodorant

Toilet Paper (4 & 8 pack) Paper towel

Toothpaste Disposable Razors Laundry detergent tabs

Salt & Pepper items ** TEDS will accept donations from companies' community organizations and individuals providing they are non-perishable, in good condition and can be safely consumed. We will NOT accept items that have exceeded the expiry date or that are damaged or incorrectly packaged.

ANYTHING you can provide is gratefully appreciated.