





Living with Our Instincts

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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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Wednesdays & Saturdays 8:00 PM in the Hall

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat.	Apr 20	6:15 pm	Phyllis Sousa+
Sun	Apr 21	11:30 am	Int. Of Maria Furtado (Liv)
		7:00 pm	NCW Catechesis (Lower Cottage)
Tues	Apr 23	8:15 am	
		8:00 pm	NCW Catechesis (Lower Cottage)
Wed	Apr 24	8:15 am	
Thu	Apr 25	8:15 am	
Fri	Apr 26	8:15 am	
Sat.	Apr 27	6:15pm	Maria Conceicao Cabral+
Sun	Apr 28	11:30 am	

BULLETIN for April 20/April 21, 2024

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Apr 6/Apr 7 \$ 2,381.00 Apr 13/Apr 14 \$ 1,859.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank – BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly do not place Canadian or British currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection - first weekend of the month

Counters this week: Annette and Alice Next week: Annette and Steve

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% nonbelievers) 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! Bishop

Mass Shedule for St. Anthony's

For this weekend the weekend masses will be 6:15 pm on Saturdays and 11:30 am on Sundays. The weekday mass will be at 8:15 am.

Bingo at St. Patrick's

On Sunday April 28 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm there will be bingo at St. Patrick's church hall. Tickets will be \$5 per ticket which includes one bingo card. Refreshments will be served. Dessert donations are welcome.

MSA Entrance Awards

MSA is delighted to introduce Entrance Awards of up to \$5,000 for students joining our Elementary School in Grades 1 - 5!

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are in the fortunate position to offer several Entrance Awards. If your child is seeking a fresh start in a new school, this is an excellent opportunity to join the MSA family. Please apply by April 12, 2024 for consideration.

While these Entrance Awards are specifically for new students, our Bursaries remain available to current students. For more information about our Entrance Awards and Bursaries, please visit https://msa.bm/elementary-entrance-awards/.

St. Vincent de Paul Head and Toe Drive

St. Vincent De Paul Society will be holding a sun hat/caps and socks drive "Head & Toe". The cut-off date for donations is May 12. A parish volunteer will keep an eye on the bins. If you have any questions or require additional information, please reach out to Pat Rodrigues.

Stewardship Prayer

Lord God,

We praise You and we thank You for Your tender, faithful Love. Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, and to share our time, our talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus.

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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.

THURSDAY

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MONDAY				
April 22				
Easter Weekday				
Acts 11:1-18				
Jn 10:1-10				

April 23 Easter Weekday

TUESDAY

Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

April 24 April 25 Easter Weekday St. Mark, Acts 12:24-Evangelist 13:5a 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Jn 12:44-50 Mk 16:15-20

FRIDAY

April 26 Easter Weekday Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY

April 27 Easter Weekday Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14

SUNDAY

April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter 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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