

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 Easter Weekday Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10	April 23 Easter Weekday Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30	April 24 Easter Weekday Acts 12:24-13:5a Jn 12:44-50	April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20	April 26 Easter Weekday Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	April 27 Easter Weekday Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14	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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Our Parish COMMUNITY

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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Love God. Love Neighbor. Make Disciples.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick: Call Fr. Tim

Sacrament of Matrimony: Call the rectory six months in advance

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the rectory three months in advance

	Lector	Server	EMHC	Greeter
This Sun.	H. Schaad	MJ Drobina	L. Schaad	J. Corcoran
Next Sat.	C. Hatem	MJ Drobina	K. Fisher	J. Corcoran

Mass Intentions

Sat., Apr. 20th

Tim Scholl†

By Richard Huck

Tues., Apr. 23rd

Jim Huck†

By Fr. Tim Kozak

Sat., Apr. 27th

1st Anniversary of Death of

David Cosgrave†

By Fr. Tim Kozak

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Joanna Baldwin, Connie King, Joyce Huey,

Dobbin Kirkbride, Clinton Hutson, Francie, Tim

Scholl†, Michael Drobina†, Nancy Baker, Earl

Schaad†, Bob Brokamp†, Robin Clark, Fr. Charles

Moran†, Ken Brokamp, Msgr. James Boehm†

Regular Collection:

\$190

DPSC:

\$495

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21st, 2024

Donations toward Funeral Meals: The Outreach Committee provides the meals after a funeral Mass. This important ministry shows the family that the parish cares about them and the loved one that they lost. The Committee prepares the food, sets up for the meal, serves the meal and cleans up afterwards. Sometimes, when there are many people coming to the meal, the Committee will have to purchase the food. **The Committee is asking the parish to donate toward this ministry.** There are envelopes near the entrance marked *Outreach*. You can put your donation in the envelope and then put the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Go to Confession Monthly: The Church teaches that you have to go to Confession at least once a year. Fr. Tim recommends that you go once a month. Confessions are heard starting 30 minutes before the weekend Mass. You can find Fr. Tim in the sacristy behind the altar or in the dining room of the rectory.

Pray for Our Seminarians: Please continue to pray for all of the seminarians studying for our diocese. **And especially remember our own Caleb Baker.** You can let him know that you are praying for him with an e-mail to calebbaker12319@gmail.com. Or you can send him a card at:

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Second Collection Next Weekend: The Catholic Home Missions collection strengthens the Church in the US by supporting essential pastoral programs in financially challenged dioceses and eparchies in the United States through this annual appeal.

Benefit Dinner for Mary's House: There will be a baked steak dinner with mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, green beans and a dessert at the **Parish Hall on Saturday, May 4th, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.**

Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection: Back in February there was a second collection to support the retired priests of the Diocese of Steubenville. Diocese wide the collection was over \$72,000. The retired priests of the Diocese are thankful for your help in supporting them after all of the years that they served the Diocese.

Spiritual Reading: There are copies of *The Word Among Us* available for May. They have the Mass readings for the day, short reflections on the readings and longer articles. They are near the entrance and are free for the taking.

Old Photos of the Grotto: The grotto is looking much better with the new granite caps, but it still isn't done. The front of the pillars used to have some type of design that has fallen off. **We are looking for old photos that clearly show what was on the front of the pillars.** Please let Fr. Tim if you know of any photos.