



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?**

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK**

***St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak***

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**Marak:** Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

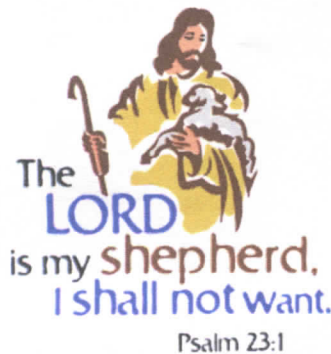
**The Sacraments:**

**Baptism:** On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

**Confessions:** Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

**APRIL 21, 2024 FOUTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel. He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see [Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31](#)). His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see [Isaiah 56:8](#); [John 11:52](#)). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see [John 21:15–17](#)). Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see [Mark 12:10–13](#); [1 Peter 2:4–7](#)). Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see [Luke 10:16](#)), and forgives sins (see [John 20:23](#)), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see [Luke 24:35](#)). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd. In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see [Exodus 4:22–23](#); [Revelation 21:7](#)).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

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**MINISTRIES FOR APRIL 28, 2024**

**Rosary:** Liz Jungmann  
**Lector:** Rick Rhoades  
**Ushers:** Todd & Carter Duskocil

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jeannine Dohnalik  
**Offertory:** Marguerite Michalka & Donna Ziegler  
**Servers:** Pat, Kate, Garrison & Annalee

**Sanctuary Light: April 22nd—April 28th: August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann**

**Prayer Chain...** Please pray for Barbara Vansa McNeill, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Laddie Dohnalik, Joseph Ribar, Kay & Ed Moraw and Paulette Foster and those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need. To be added to the prayer chain:  
**Please contact: Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—[Slavik@farm-market.net](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net)**

**MARAK MASSES—April 21—April 28, 2024**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—4/21	10:15am	+ Jerry Sipula by Leroy & Kathy Vansa + Stanley Hubnik by J.R. & Patsy Vrazel
4/24—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Lawrence & Albina Vrazel by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel
4/28—Sunday	10:15am	+ Stanley Hubnik by Alice Vrazel + Jennifer Pelzel by Rebecca Barton

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **APRIL 24TH:** Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 24th @ 6 pm.
- **CONGRATULATIONS:** A very special congratulations to those who made First Communion last Sunday: Lisette Gonzales, Lily Cruz, Evette Castillo, Fabian Castillo and Priscilla Castillo. May God continue to watch over each one of you and guide you in his path.
- **SCHOLARSHIP:** St. Anne's Altar Society is sponsoring a scholarship for graduating high school seniors. Applications are in the church entry.
- **PICNIC RAFFLE:** Our homecoming picnic has been a very successful fundraiser because you have been so **GENEROUS!** We are a little over four months away from our 2024 picnic (September 8th). We are asking for your help again this year. Please consider donating a prize (or help sponsor a prize) for the raffle. Contact Kelly Laurence (254-931-5992) or Julie Motyka (254-722-0394) if you would like to donate. Thank you for all that you do to make our picnic successful.
- **SYMPATHY:** Sympathy and Prayers to Leroy & Kathy Vansa Family for the loss of Kathy's brother—Roy Dean Ottmer. May God provide you comfort and healing.
- **HEARTFELT THANKS** from the Clem Tomek Family. Words can't express our gratitude for your many expressions of sympathy. Your prayers, comforting words, memorials, and celebrating his life with us. The Rosary and Mass were so beautiful! The meal was truly a Czech feast to celebrate a man who loved family meal times together. God Bless you all. We are forever grateful.

4-14: Sunday Offering: \$1,668.00    Children's Offering: \$3.00  
Building Fund: \$145.00  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

# 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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