

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

APRIL 21, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Easter



*"I am the good shepherd... and I lay down my life for the sheep...
and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16*

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MASS SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
 30 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair

Indicates the Mass is livestreamed.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
 Saturday: 5:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
 Monday - Friday at 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception
 Presents
Mother's Day
 Cards

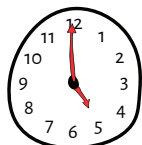
Cards in thanksgiving and remembrance for Mother's Day Mass will be for sale at Parish office and at the end of Mass.

\$20 offering



PLEASE NOTE:

Mass schedule change beginning June 1:
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:30 pm † Gangone & Chiulli Families
 † All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00am † Angela Decroce
 10:30am † Elizabeth Fleming
 6:00 pm People Of The Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 22

8:00am † Amelia Turkowsky

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:00am † Rev. Uldarico Guarin De La Pena

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:00am † Brian A. McGowan

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

8:00am † Emily Ginter

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

8:00am † Victor Cestar Jr.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

5:30 pm † Thomas Posteraro

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00am † Isabell Mortellite
 10:30am † Antonina Trotta
 6:00 pm People Of The Parish

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:11

"... A TIME TO BE HEALED..."

Michael Bruder III, Anthony Pacifico Jr, Joel Rivera, Carmen Kessler, Ieda Giles, Doreen Carson, Lauren Ojido, Connie & Vinny Romano, Maria Metzel, Eileen Burriss, Sylvia Magliaro, Kevin Haber, Karen Potucek, Frank Gallo, Barbara Regan, Jose Fidalgo Sr, Bridget Connell, Jaxson Rivera, Carole DeCepoli, Oneida Fernandez, Michelina Giuliano, Chester Karnas Jr., Laura McGannon, Joseph Carrier, Fabiola Fong, Charlene Widmaier, Kenneth Busku, Rose Bruner, Edward T. Crowe, William Crowe, Terry Henson, Robert Henson, John Rahilly, Kent Riggs, Harriet Riggs, Jim Norris, Gary Davila, Charlene Widmaier, Melba Espinoza, Kevin Cole, Carlos Mario Moreno, Anne Granja, Shannon Finnegan, Catalino So, Jacob Rivera, Gloria Dwley, Clara Rojas, John Giustiniani, Cliff Schaffer, Barbara Ann Ellert, Khameryn Oliver

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to add someone to the sick list.

"... A TIME TO DIE..." Recently Deceased

MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE.

Leading With Love

Reflection for 4th Sunday of Easter

John 10:11-18 [The Good Shepherd]

BY CASSANDRA BOSQUET

LOVE SUPERHERO MOVIES; Marvel movies, to be exact! And while you may be wondering what does this admission have to do with John's gospel of the Good Shepherd this week, the answer can be found within our innate desires to do good in this world. The passage of the Good Shepherd is an introduction not only into Jesus' explanation of the mission God has given him, but it is also an overview into the importance of the profession of a shepherd during that time. John explains that the role of a shepherd- particularly in those days- was to guard, guide, and protect the flock entrusted to him against all dangers being sure not to lose any of the sheep. But Jesus clarifies that there is a great difference between a shepherd who does the job because is hired and a good shepherd who does the job because he loves. Jesus goes on to explain that he is the Good Shepherd because of the great love of God.

In our post-agricultural world, understanding the importance of this passage and the role of shepherd may be difficult because shepherding is not as prominent a profession today as it was back then. However, when I think of superheroes this passage becomes clearer. Heroes faithfully defend and care for others without hesitation or regard for their own lives. They embody selflessness and a deep desire to make things right in the world. Sometimes heroes go into the lowliest parts of the world to care for the forgotten or to rescue those who have been left to suffer. This is why superhero movies are so popular. And I suspect that the blueprint for all of the heroic characters we know and admire has been and will always be Christ himself.

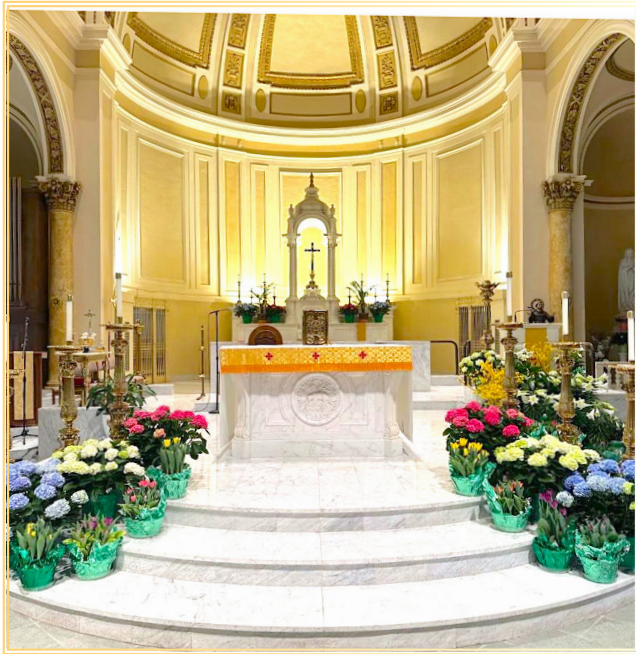
WHEN WE TAKE THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD expresses regarding how we are guided, led, cared for, and guarded by God's love we can see that this passage is both a reminder and an invitation. First, Jesus reminds us that his mission is to guide and guard all of us as God's children no matter who we are. John's gospel does not say that the Good Shepherd will only care for those who never fail, who never struggle, or who are perfect. Rather, we are reminded that because of the mere fact that we are all God's children, we are saved and loved fully by the One who gives us everything. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." The Good Shepherd did not come to lead some, but rather came to love all! Secondly, this passage must serve as an invitation to each of us. While many of us may not consider ourselves heroes like the characters in those Marvel movies, we can answer the call to try our best to do as the Good Shepherd did... to lead lives of love and selfless service to one another. We may not be able to lay our lives down for one another like the Good Shepherd, but we can certainly serve the needs of those who are less fortunate with our own time, talents, and treasures. We may not need to directly guide and lead others in a shepherding way, but we can certainly love one another as Jesus loves us.



And so, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, may we all turn to Christ- the Good Shepherd, the greatest of all heroes- who selflessly guides us to God and boldly empowers us to love!

Rite of Welcoming 4/14/24





RCIA Confirmation & First Communion

THANK YOU
to all who contributed
towards our beautiful
Easter Flowers!

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FROM THE VATICAN:

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 10. Pride

POPE FRANCIS | GENERAL AUDIENCE | Saint Peter's Square | Wednesday, 6 March 2024

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

IN OUR CATECHETICAL JOURNEY ON VICICES AND VIRTUES, TODAY WE COME TO THE LAST OF THE VICICES: PRIDE. The ancient Greeks defined it with a word that could be translated as “excessive splendour”. Indeed, pride is self-exaltation, conceit, vanity. The term also appears in that series of vices that Jesus lists to explain that evil always comes from the heart of man (cf. Mk 7:22). The proud man is one who thinks he is much more than he really is; one who frets about being recognized as greater than others, always wants to see his own merits recognized, and despises others, deeming them inferior to himself.

From this first description, we see how the vice of pride is very close to that of vainglory, which we presented last time. However, if vainglory is a disease of the human self, it is still a childish disease when compared to the havoc pride is capable of. In analyzing the follies of man, the monks of antiquity recognized a certain order in the sequence of evils: one begins with the greater sins, such as gluttony, and arrives at the more disturbing monsters. Of all vices, pride is the great queen. It is no accident that, in the Divine Comedy, Dante placed it in the very first level of purgatory: those who give in to this vice are far from God, and the correction of this evil requires time and effort, more than any other battle to which the Christian is called.

In fact, within this evil lies the radical sin, the absurd claim to be like God. The sin of our first ancestors, recounted in the book of Genesis, is for all intents and purposes a sin of pride. The tempter tells them, “when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God” (Gn 3:5). Writers on spirituality are especially attentive in describing the consequences of pride in everyday life, to illustrate how it ruins human relationships, to point out how this evil poisons that feeling of fraternity that should instead unite men.

Here then is the long list of symptoms that reveal a person's succumbing to the vice of pride. It is an evil with an obvious physical appearance: the proud man is haughty, he has a “stiff neck,” that

is, he has a stiff neck that does not bend. He is a man easily led to scornful judgment: with no reason, he passes irrevocable judgments on others, who seem to him hopelessly inept and incapable. In his haughtiness, he forgets that Jesus assigned us very few moral precepts in the Gospels, but on one of them he was uncompromising: never judge. You realize that you are dealing with a proud person when, on offering him a little constructive criticism, or making a completely harmless remark, he reacts in an exaggerated manner, as if someone had offended his majesty: he goes into a rage, shouts, interrupts relations with others in a resentful manner.

There is little one can do with a person suffering from pride. It is impossible to talk to them, much less correct them, because ultimately they are no longer present to themselves. One just has to be patient with them, because one day their edifice will collapse. An Italian proverb goes, “Pride goes on horseback and comes back on foot”. In the Gospels, Jesus deals with a lot of proud people, and he often exposed this vice even in people who hid it very well. Peter flaunts his full-throated faithfulness: “Even if everyone forsakes you, I will not!” (cf. Mt 26:33). Instead, he would soon be like the others, fearful in the face of death that he did not imagine could be so close. And so the second Peter, the one who no longer lifts his chin but weeps salty tears, will be healed by Jesus and will finally be fit to bear the burden of the Church. Before he flaunted a presumption that was better not flaunted; now he is a faithful disciple whom, as a parable says, the master can put “in charge of all his possessions” (Lk 12:44).

SALVATION COMES THROUGH HUMILITY, the true remedy for every act of pride. In the Magnificat, Mary sings of the God who by his power scatters the proud in the sick thoughts of their hearts. It is useless to steal anything from God, as the proud hope to do, because after all he wants to give us everything. This is why the apostle James, to his community wounded by infighting originating in pride, writes, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (Jas 4:6).



Vivat Jesus
Spiritual Planner

The Montclair Knights of Columbus Council is offering its organization's Spiritual Planner, **Vivat Jesus**, free of charge to Parishioners.

Vivat Jesus is a pocket-sized planner and prayer book that includes monthly calendars for 2024, space to write out your prayer plan each month, and suggested devotions and practices based on the liturgical calendar.

To order please email your request to christopherbaker747@gmail.com with your name, mailing address and telephone number.

Stewardship of Treasury week ending April 12		
Collections	Weekly	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted	\$6,692	\$261,000
Actual	\$6,873	\$292,010
Excess (Deficit)	\$181	\$31,010
Means of Giving	Weekly	YTD
Envelopes	48	2,161
Loose checks	14	412
Other	3	138
Online gifts	67	2,375