

The Dangers of Jealousy

Paul and Barnabas were preaching to the Jewish people in synagogues, but today's reading reveals why they changed audiences and began preaching to the Gentiles. After initial interest was shown by the Jews, the leaders became jealous and stirred up a persecution against the apostles.

Jealousy is a powerful thing. It deafens us from perceiving the good things God wants to give us through others and turns our neighbor into an enemy. It makes us critical, unsatisfied, bitter, and discouraged. Rather than find support in our brother or sister, we lose that gift and alienate ourselves. God and peace are never found in jealousy.

God sent Paul and Barnabas to preach to the Gentiles and to bring his good news to souls who were open to hearing his voice. Humility is the virtue that helps us see the good of others and appreciate it as if it were our own.

The Good Shepherd was speaking to his flock and wanted to lead them to greener pastures, but only the humble were able to hear him and be led to those springs of life-giving water.

Beware of the dangers of jealousy and pride that make us rebellious sheep who are unable to be led and taught by those who love us most. We think we know better than God, his word, and his Church, separating from the flock and the shepherd. May God grant us a listening and humble heart, open to discovering his truth through the Good Shepherd who constantly wants to speak it to us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Good Shepherd*,
1925
Artist: Arturo Martini
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Would my friends and family generally describe me as a humble person?

Is there a way I can become more humble in my relationship with God and the Church?

[Jesus said,] "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

John 10:27–28

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call church for appointment

Marriage: 5-6 Months preparations are required.

Call for an appointment.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MASSES THIS WEEK

05/14 Tues: 12 p.m. Mass

05/15 Wed: 12 p.m. Mass

05/16 Thurs 12 p.m. Mass

05/17 Fri: 12 p.m. Mass

05/18 Sat: 5:30 p.m. Mass

05/19 Sun: 9 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass; 12:30 p.m. Mass at St John Neumann

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1-3, 5

"WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK."

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14B-17

"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

GOSPEL: John 10:27-30

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

SATURDAY, May 18

Lector - Christine Grangaard

E.M. - Sandi Schiff

SUNDAY, May 19

Lector - Kristin Erchinger

E.M. - Mira Banic

SUNDAY COLLECTION - Last week, the people of Sacred Heart shared \$2,304 with the parish.

PARISH WEBSITE! - Thanks to the work of Clare Sullivan, our new parish website is up and running... the url is: sacredheartseward.org Check it out, and let us know if you have any comments or requests as it grows.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - The men's prayer breakfast continues on Wednesdays, at 7 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE FAREWELL - a farewell Mass will be held for Archbishop Etienne at Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral on May 29th at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and there will be a reception afterwards.

FR. BILL'S 50TH JUBILEE - will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Friday, May 31 at 5:30 p.m. A prime rib dinner will follow. Everyone is invited.

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY - By now, you should have received your letter from Archbishop Etienne asking you to be partners for the gospel and to support Archdiocesan ministries for all of parishioners in our faith communities. When you pledge your support for the 2019 *One Bread, One Body* Annual Catholic Appeal, you help make possible diocesan-wide ministries that offer opportunities for ongoing conversation and lifelong faith formation.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your participation as an active steward of these vital ministries matters more than the amount of your gift. We are united in this effort – join the mission.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT:

“The Archdiocese has prepared an opportunity for everyone to submit their comments, questions and/or suggestions relating to the Abuse reports in the Catholic Church and the Church’s Response About Abuse of Vulnerable Persons on the Archdiocese of Anchorage Website.”

“The Catholic Church values the dignity of its members. The horrors of child abuse continue to haunt the Church and its victims. In order to deal with this crisis in a responsible, accountable, and transparent manner, the Archbishop is working to address the concerns of victims, parishioners, and the broader community.

The Archdiocese of Anchorage values everyone’s thoughts regarding the abuse against the vulnerable of our Church and the Church’s response. We want to make available an opportunity for everyone to express their thoughts, please submit any questions or comments and offer recommendations by using the following online form.

All submissions can be anonymous if preferred. When possible, answers to questions submitted will be posted publicly through the Archdiocese of Anchorage website and/or the Catholic Anchor. Comments and Suggestions will be shared with Archbishop Etienne and his staff and at his discretion, may be published.

The identity of those submitting concerns, questions or comments and recommendations will not be made public.

Please note that it is the policy of the Archdiocese of Anchorage to report all allegations of abuse or endangerment of a minor or vulnerable adult or child pornography.

ST. PAUL’S CORNER - Looking for Catholic books, gifts, and items of faith? Come see what’s new at St. Paul’s Corner at the Holy Family Cathedral. Hours of service:

- Sundays: 8:30AM to 5:30PM
- Closed Mondays
- Tuesdays and
- Wednesdays: 11:00AM–2:00PM
- Closed Thursdays
- Fridays: 11:00AM-2:00PM
- Saturdays: 10:00AM – 2:00PM
- If you have questions, please call [907-646-3070](tel:907-646-3070)

Project Rachel to Begin New Support Group-

Suffering, sad, or confused because of an abortion – you or a family member? Whether recently or long ago, consider grieving your loss through the Archdiocesan-supported Project Rachel healing group. It is free and confidential. For further information or to participate phone our confidential phone line: 297-7781 or Toll Free (outside the Anchorage area).

RAIS is in need of warm winter blankets, kitchen tables, and chairs. Please drop off donations at 710 E. 20th Avenue.

MISSION DONATION ADDRESSES

Magadan Missions

C/o Russian Desk
Archdiocese of Anchorage
225 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

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Friends of Sarnelli House UA
P.O. Box 88234
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REGISTRATION – In order to provide needed data for the Archdiocese, to provide sacramental service for our parishioners and so that we may give special recommendations for ministries, programs and sponsors, it is necessary for all parishioners to be registered in the parish. Forms are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule. All information provided is kept confidential.

Calendar

Monday
MAY 13

Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1–18
Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday

MAY 14
St. Matthias,
Apostle
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26
Jn 15:9–17

Wednesday

MAY 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24–13:5a
Jn 12:44–50

Thursday

MAY 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13–25
Jn 13:16–20

Friday

MAY 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26–33
Jn 14:1–6

Saturday

MAY 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44–52
Jn 14:7–14

Sunday

MAY 19
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21–27
Rev 21:1–5a
Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Dear Padre,

My young son asks, “If Jesus was Jewish, then why are we called Catholics?”

Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus’ resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that he was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism. Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in AD 36 (Acts 6–7). Nevertheless, Jesus’ followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion.

The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus’ ascension in Jerusalem to Paul’s imprisonment in Rome.

It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11). Acts and the epistles also chronicle their expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region—where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to “Catholic Church” is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. *Catholic* means universal.

“The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith. She bears in herself and administers the totality of the means of salvation. She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times. She is missionary of her very nature” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 868).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A Word from Pope Francis

The Gentiles, observing the early Christians, said: How they love each other, how they wish one another well! They do not hate, they do not speak against one another. This is the charity, the love of God, that the Holy Spirit puts in our hearts....

Our smallest gesture of love benefits everyone!

—General audience, November 6, 2013