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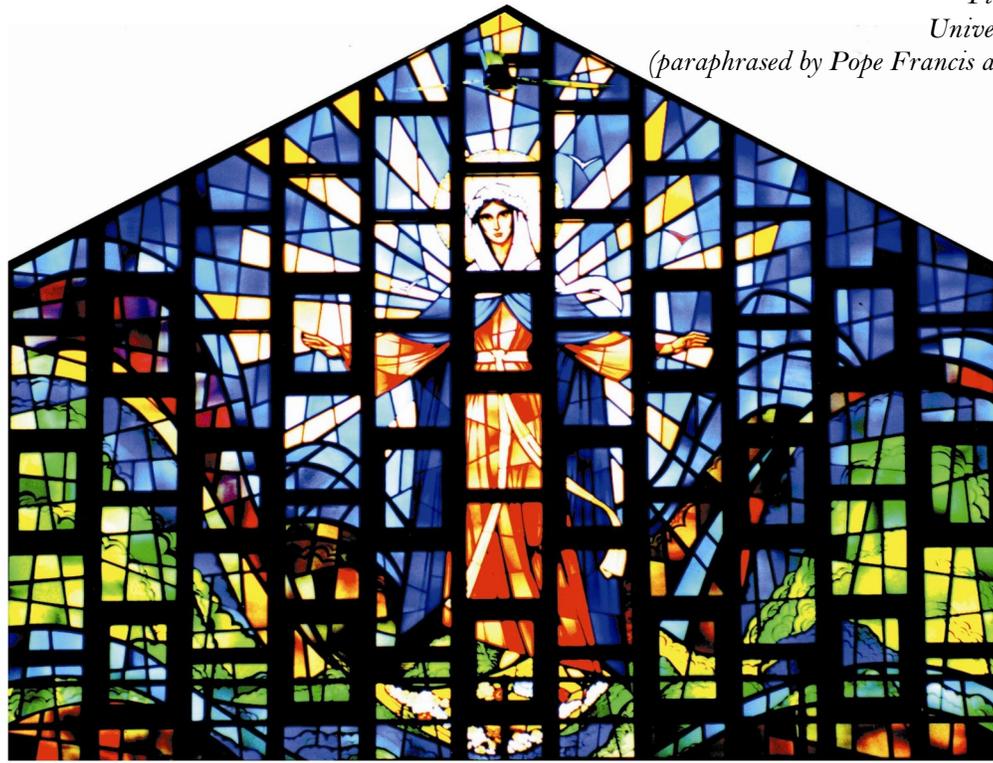
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*Timothy M. Matovina
University of Notre Dame*

(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)



Schedule of Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

All Masses are now Livestreamed

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 pm. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 12:00 p.m. in Church
or by appointment

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments

Please call the Parish Office

Remember Our Lady of the Valley Church in Your Will

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 26	9:00am	For the People
Tuesday, April 27	9:00am	Daniel Fierro, Jr. Edward Weishuff
Wednesday, April 28	9:00am	Nancy Clarcken Frank & Kathy Krause <i>59th Wedding Anniversary</i> Bart Di Paola
Thursday, April 29	9:00am	Marian Czarny
Friday, April 30	9:00am	For the People
Saturday, May 1	5:00pm	Jane Iannelli Evangeline Pino Megan Schulman Joan Stockinger Theresa Toscani
Sunday, May 2	8:00am	Edward Barbieri Vincenzo Catania Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro
	12:00pm	Lou Barresi Nancy Clarcken Cavallo Betty & Raymond Van Kerschaver Barbara Zborowska

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of May 1-2:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm	Father Wells
8:00am	Father Duberney
12:00 Noon	Father Duberney

Holy Cross

10:00am	Father Wells
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ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Attendance April 17/18

In-Person (People): 364
Livestreaming (Households): 1,083

Stewardship totals are not available.
We prayerfully request considering WeShare during this time or mailing envelopes into the office.

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.
(1 Peter 4:8-10)*



CRS RICE BOWLS

Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl with the weekly collection or mail to the Parish Office as soon as possible. You can also donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next Confirmation I and Confirmation II classes are scheduled for Sunday, May 16.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration is necessary for all individual persons and families who worship with us on Sundays and who intend to participate in the life of our parish with their time, talent and treasures

For more information, please contact the Parish Office or log onto our website. Registration is necessary to celebrate Marriage and Baptism here, as well as for receiving Sponsor Certificates.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 25, 2021

PARISH SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

*After his resurrection he told his disciples:
"Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
(Rite of Baptism, Blessing of Water)*

**We congratulate and welcome those who
were baptized last weekend:**

*Reese Elizabeth Linder
Jonathan Armand Valdes*

*"Is anyone among you suffering? They should pray...Is anyone among
you sick? They should summon the presbyters of the church,
and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil
in the name of the Lord."
(James 5:13,14)*

Pray for the Sick:

<i>Barry Koerber</i>	<i>Donald Boman</i>
<i>Jenny Moskal</i>	<i>Joe DeFalco</i>
<i>Debbie Sleeman</i>	<i>Rita Rugel</i>
<i>Gary VanSteyn</i>	<i>Amy Avitio</i>
<i>Pat VanSteyn</i>	<i>Carmen Maratta</i>
<i>Michael Waldinger</i>	<i>Al Mendillo</i>
<i>Roger Rigolli</i>	<i>Angel Mendillo</i>
<i>Gloria Dykstra</i>	

UPDATED NOTE: In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request a person's name be added. The current names will remain on the list until July.

*Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed, not ended,
and when this early dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.
(Roman Missal, Preface I for the Dead)*

Pray for the Dead:

*Elizabeth DeNichilo
Alexander Partyka, Jr.
Alanna Randazzo*



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE

This week the Sanctuary Lamp which burns as a reminder of the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the bread and wine offered at the Altar, which become the Body and Blood of Christ, are given in honor of:

Deacon Philip Salerno, Jr.

From his Loving Sister, Kathy Krause

FLOCKNOTES IS HERE!

We hope you received this week's weekly message and enjoyed the new look of our weekly message. As Father mentioned in the video, many of you received a "welcome" email and this was for joining Flocknotes not the parish as the note suggested.

If you did not receive Father's weekly message, please check your spam folder. If it's not there, we may not have your email address so you can call us to add you or you can register for Flocknotes directly.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, in the fullness of time, you sent your Son,
born of the Virgin Mary to be our Savior.

He preached the good news of our salvation,
healed the sick and cast out evil.

Now as crucified and risen Lord,
he pours out on us the Holy Spirit of adoption,
making us your sons and daughters.

Through the Church, he calls us to accept the gospel
and to share in your own divine life.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life for all people.

In your mercy, you do not abandon us.

In every age, you raise up men and women to offer their lives
for the sake of the gospel and the work of the Church.

We beg you, therefore, grant to this local Church of Paterson
an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Give us courageous and faithful men to serve
as worthy priests and deacons.

Bless us with generous and zealous men and women
willing to seek holiness in consecrated life.

May we rejoice in an abundance of vocations from our families
so that we may yield a rich harvest of good works
for your honor and glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen

+Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop Emeritus

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH, BY POPE FRANCIS

In Honor of Earth Day - 22 April 2021

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace. AMEN.



SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Is Greed a Virtue?

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus compares the good shepherd to a mere hired hand. A good shepherd cares about his sheep. The hired one cares about his salary and maybe when he gets off work.

What is wrong with working for hire, and doing your job even if you do not like the sheep you are tending? I imagine that a lot of us are like this about our jobs, out of necessity. We ask, why can't we work simply for gain?

Look at it this way.* Imagine that there are "handles" on things, poetically speaking. Everything I own—honors that come to me, possessions, etc.—all of this has "handles" that someone could grab in order to wrestle it away. Home, car, looks, reputation, career, money saved up for the children's education, respect from others. Pleasure, youth, you name it.

We want to keep what we have.

We grab the handles tight. Who can blame us? But an ominous power comes into play at that point. The forces of greed and evil tell our hearts that everything in the whole world is there just to be grabbed for myself and kept. "Greed is a virtue," these forces say, in fact the only true virtue. The first decades of this century presented an economic crisis that seemed a perfect result of this way of thinking.

But there is an alternate way of life. It has to do with love, the kind that the good shepherd shows us. Love says, "the real value in life is to receive, not to grab and possess." All that you have and all that you are is a gift from God. You can open your hands and let God pour into them whatever you really need. And if you keep those hands open, you can easily let what you have pass on to others, those who are in need.

Two ways of life: on one side, "Grab and Keep." On the other, "Receive and Let Go." The hired hand says the first, the good shepherd the second.

Do you understand, thus far? Good, because the story continues.

There comes an epic battle between these two ways of life. It is waged on the cross. Evil applies its weapons: it seizes and tears away from Jesus everything with "handles" on it—friends, followers, career, respect, relation to God, ordinary comfort, slaking of thirst, the ability to breathe, and then life itself.

It takes everything. Evil wins.

Except.

There is a fatal flaw in the grab-and-keep philosophy. Since this viewpoint thinks that everything whatsoever has handles on it, there is an important reality that it cannot recognize at all.

Love.

Love lets go, receiving humbly, giving humbly. The devil has no way to perceive love since there are no handles on unselfishness. *The devil has to misinterpret what he sees*, as just another form of self-interest.

So he burrows down to the innermost sanctum of Jesus' soul, greedy to seize the ultimate prize itself, the reality of God. Salivating for it, ravenous, unable to hold back, he throws open the tabernacle doors of Jesus' soul.

He finds that this sacred space is empty. Completely empty! Present are the quiet stillness of receiving gratefully and lightly letting go, but they are without handles. The devil gives up and goes on his way, confident that everything is now his.

But it isn't.

Love wins because it has given everything away.

Shall we try it this Easter season?

With help from the Good Shepherd?

John Foley, SJ

*I learned this simple poetic explanation from Rosemary Haughton. It helped me understand the contrast. This is one of my favorite insights so I have tried to boil it down and present it to you in this whole reflection. I make no promises about whether I succeeded. Haughton's book is *The Passionate God* (New York: Paulist Press, 1981), especially pp. 112 ff.



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