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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m.; Sunday — 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

Monday and Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

Tuesday and Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

Wednesday — 6:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph

First Saturday — 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. and one-half hour before all weekday Masses, or by appointment during office hours.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If possible please conduct parish business by phone or email.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel is open. The Main Church is also accessible from this entrance for your convenience.

FUNERALS

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Please contact the Church Office to make arrangements for your child's Baptism.

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Please contact the Church Office six months prior to the desired date of marriage. No dates for marriage are reserved until after the first marriage interview with clergy.

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Please contact the Church Office to set up an appointment.



By Your help, we beseech You, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, Your Son handed Himself over to death.

Please pray for our Priests, Seminarians and Deacons

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special men. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

April 28	Rev. Michael Keith Landry/Cole Zaunbrecher Dcn. David Chambers
April 29	Rev. Oneil Landry/Matthew Authement Dcn. Ronald Chauvin
April 30	Rev. Charles Langlois/Bennett Bodin Dcn. Jerome Collins, Sr.
May 1	Pope Francis/ Rev. Blake Dubroc, Dir. of Seminarians and Vocations Dcn. Adam Conque
May 2	Most Rev. J. Douglas Deshotel, DD/ Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors Dcn. Frank Cormier
May 3	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell/Reid Bourgeois Dcn. Michael Crain
May 4	Rev. Msgr. H.A. Larroque, JCD/Nicholas Broussard Dcn. Harry Darce

MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
May 4 4:00 p.m.	Roberta Degeyter	Sandra Boudreaux	Volunteers
May 5 7:00 a.m.	Jackie Schexnayder	Samuel Schexnayder	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Betty Guidry	Monica Delahoussaye	Volunteers



Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Wayne LeBlanc, Melvin Broussard, June Clements, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Granger, Max Borres, Vivian LeBlanc, Beckie Willey Poirrier, Butch White, Patricia Freyou, LeBaron, Patricia Sorrell, David Dupuy, Ava Rose and Olivia James Dworaczyk, Ray Broussard, Shyla Romero, Bart Doucet, Ellenor Hebert, Jory L. Bernard, Annette Dugas, Kayla Barras Veronie, Jamie Ransonet, Robert LeBlanc, Sr., Randy Dugas, Rudy Delcambre, Ted Habetz, Clarence Theriot, Junelle Jefferies, Robin Neuville, Fred Thibodeaux, Lucy Bernard, Leif Melancon, Charlie Berard, Brad and James Clifton, Holly LeBlanc, Judy Theriot, Carl LeBlanc, Sophie Bonin Reese, Robin Wisdom, Mike Shield, Bernard Hebert, Jillian Faye Boudreaux, Marty LeBlanc, Bill Gonsoulin, Mark Ruly, Kaylee Landry.

April 21, 2024

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,377.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 2,930.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,307.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Difference	-\$ 78.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 132,233.61
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 1,335.00
Insurance Balance 2023-2024	\$ 33,368.00
Insurance Collection	\$ 15.00

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for

For the Community

The Vocation Chalice is in The Adoration Chapel

Please pray for vocations. If you would like to have the vocation chalice in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for: Vance Breaux Sr., Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Chad Romero, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Steve and Donna Berard Special Intention, Domingue Family, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Ancestors and Descendants.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. StJo — Walter and Doris M. Judice, Elaine Villermin, Anna Mae Broussard, Menard Vincent, Virginia Anne Adcock Hebert, Robert Judice, Sr., Judice and Laviolette Families, Dr. James Russell Romero, Gaylord Theriot, Elton “Red” Boutte, Russell “Heavy” Derise, Herman and Pliny Walet, Dr. John Rellus Hebert, Perry J. Judice, Loraine Breaux Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Howard Richard, Irene Richard, Rachel Ransonet Romero, Jimmy Clifton, Brad and James Clifton (Rec.), John Howard Valls, John Valls, Sr., Elaine Hernandez Valls, Antoine “Boy” LeBlanc Family, Johnny and Rose Albert, Sidney Breaux Family, Craig Breaux, Pauline Guidry, John Vedia and Barbara Ann Ozenne Perez, Joe Escagne, Leed and Mable Gondron, Carl Wayne Judice, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Ronald Albert, Ossie Romero, Jr., Daisy and Perlice Armentor, Billy Degeyer, Chester “Butch” Gonsoulin and Parents, Mutchie Ransonet, Sady and Daisy Ransonet, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Nola Champagne, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Paul Crochet Family, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Vance Breaux Sr., Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Sam and Glo Delcambre, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Lloyd and Anne Broussard, Simon and Felicie Granger, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Kim Decuir, Carl Wayne Judice, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Allen Gondron, Shirley Hernandez, Jordan Prince, Deanna Gondron, Orford Breaux Family, Lynn Delcambre Family, Lenwood Delcambre Fly, Ancestors and Descendants, Bobby Holtzclaw, Virginia Anne Adcock Hebert, Shelton Joseph Freyou, Ella Desormeaux Freyou, Beaux Martin, Arceneaux and Mestayer Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Lovell Romero, Henry and Renella and Josh Pelafigue, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, John Michael Steiner, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests,

Religious, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Tommy Breaux, Jennings Fournet, Mr. and Mrs. John Prados, Maude Granger and John and Doris Prados, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Tim Edler, Richard and Edler families, Rickie Oubre, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam and Velma Gondron Family, Doris Roslie LeJeune Family, John Lacour Family, Special Intention, Larry Crochet, Matthew Thibeaux, Edmond Lancon Family, Louis Thibeaux Family, Keri Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Clyde Dressel, Judy Judice, Beauregard Judice, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Wayne Guillory and Mathilde Romero, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Angelle Family, Wade & Lou Dupre, Gus Dupre, Barbara Sonnier, Steve Michel, Aline Smith, Derrick Taylor, Nellie Hebert Arceneaux, Sara Escamilla, Trenace Songe, Myra Starr, Brian Robichaux, Jane Watkins, Claire Landry, Lee Villarrubia, Milton Martinez, Bishop Warren Boudreaux, Bishop Joseph Latino, Msgr. John Newfield, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Fr. Varin Slacke OFM, Deacon Mel Marts, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Clotilde Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Francis Crochet.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. StJo — *Pro Populo* Saint Joseph & Our Lady of Victory

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Elaine Villermin, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants.

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Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants.

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First Saturday 8:00 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Donna and Steve Berard, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants.

Obligation, Responsibility, and Guilt

by John M. Grondelski

Elementarz etyczny (“The Ethics Primer”) is an underappreciated part of Karol Wojtyła’s pre-papal corpus. Which is unfortunate, because it says much that’s quite important for us to hear today. It’s a collection of twenty essays — really columns — he wrote in 1957-58 for the Kraków Catholic newspaper, *Tygodnik Powszechny*. They deal with a range of philosophical questions, from the source of morality to the role of struggle in social ethics, from asceticism to the compatibility of Christian ethics with authentic humanism. Many of the essays are Christian jabs at the postulates of Marxism, though no small number also criticize Kant, whose ethics were then taken quite seriously in various European quarters.

Philosophical assumptions guide a culture, and Wojtyła examined several that were regularly served up in Communist-occupied Poland. But Wojtyła also identified the deeper truth that philosophy can lead (or mislead) a culture. And so — unlike superficial American dismissals of “philosophizing” as an abstract waste of time — he showed that philosophy, real philosophy, is worth the time and effort.

Several of the essays probe a basic human experience: the experience of obligation. We all feel “obliged” at some point in life to someone or something. What significance, what meaning, does that experience have?

Wojtyła observes that we all experience that there are things we should do and things we should not. He adds another thing we all experience: some of the things we should do we don’t, while those we shouldn’t we do.

His point is to insist that man is not the author, the auto-creator of moral norms. If that were true, Wojtyła argues, man could waive his self-imposed rules. But we all also have the experience that our sense of obligation endures even when we engage in (vain) self-dispensation. That suggests we are not the source of those moral norms or the sense of obligation flowing from them.

Wojtyła was writing in a particular context; his immediate opponent was the oxymoronic “socialist morality.” But his observations are still very pertinent to our current condition in the free societies of the West. Let me offer three relevant contemporary applications.

First, the sense of obligation of which Wojtyła speaks is not a time-and-culture-conditioned phenomenon unique to some people behind the Iron Curtain a decade or so after World War II. Any person honest with himself must admit that the experience Wojtyła analyzes is a universal one: all human beings at some point in their lives experience “I ought to do that,” even when they really don’t want to. Even when they confess that they cannot circumvent its demand.

But that experience stands in direct opposition to the many variants of “self-autonomy” Western societies worship. The sense of an obligation not of my authorship challenges all claims of “rights” to “define meaning, the universe, and human life.” It therefore calls into question every project built on assumptions of self-made morality, “autonomous ethics,” “self-definition,” or a subjective vision of moral norms that are neither grounded in nor needing any objective anchor.

A deeper reckoning with the truth of that insight would save us, not just from a lot of superficial sloganeering but especially from the disastrous policies masquerading as deep “thought” — the laws and cultural expectations that flow as a result from those shibboleths. And that reckoning does not require a profound and learned ethical analysis. It just requires us to examine a basic and common experience: “I ought.”

Second, the nagging persistence of the sense of “obligation,” despite our attempts to talk ourselves out of it, or our “autonomous”



Deacon John Dugas

Priesthood Ordination

Saturday, 8 June 2024

10:00 a.m.

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will trying to dispense with it, leads to another experience: *responsibility*. If in good faith I find I really can’t rationalize that obligation away and still feel accountable to its demands, it means I have a *responsibility* towards it. It’s a responsibility not of my making because — as with obligation — if it really was just my own doing, I could dismiss it. But I can’t.

I sense that responsibility comes not from *me* but from the *obligation*, and that it holds *me* — perhaps even against my will — to account.

Responsibility, then, is not just a self-assumed yoke, the mark of the morally “mature” (but autonomous) actor. Even when I don’t embrace them out of principle, I recognize there are “shoulds” that hold me to account. Responsibility, then, is not just a matter of my choice.

That leads us to a third insight, especially valuable for our times: the value of *guilt*. Contrary to current assumptions: “guilt can be good.” That’s not to say it’s good if it’s paralyzing or obsessive, but it *is* to say that not every manifestation of guilt is paralyzing, much less obsessive.

Guilt is not always pathological, something to suppress or flee. Humans sense obligation — a “should” — towards which they are responsible. They also have the experience of not being responsible, of not having done what they “should” or done what they “shouldn’t.” That non-self-imposed responsibility then assumes a new form: guilt. I failed my responsibility by betraying my obligation. That experience is not simply bad, because it reveals an accountability to the good, independent of my will.

In traditional Catholic terms, it recognizes conscience. Conscience is a source of moral guidance before we act and of judgment after we act. Conscience is a healthy sense of recognition that not all my acts comport with what I “should” do, failings for which I bear obligation. It is healthy because it acknowledges that first principles lie outside my sovereign will: “good is to be done and evil avoided.”

Wojtyła’s analysis of obligation certainly aligned with an older Catholic understanding of conscience, but it broke fresh ground in forcing everyone to reckon with the implications of primordial and universal human experiences — that we have obligations for which we are responsible towards which we can fail — which leads to a state of affairs that requires fixing. As a common human experience, it grounds objective morality independently of particular religious commitments.

Isn’t that a very relevant need of the contemporary West?

John Grondelski (Ph.D., Fordham) is a former associate dean of the School of Theology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey.





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