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What Is Conscience?

In its fundamental role of judging good or evil — the rightness or wrongness of a person's choices — conscience is perhaps one of the most misunderstood of all the moral teachings of the Church.

And yet, a properly formed conscience is essential to ordering one's life toward the service of God, whose will has been clearly revealed in the Scriptures, the authoritative teachings of His Church, and the objective moral truths knowable to human reason from natural law.

Man is a being with a physical body and a spiritual soul. In his body, man finds himself incorporated into the physical universe. Consequently, he is subject to its inherent order and laws. In his spiritual nature, man reflects the image of God himself. Man mirrors the divine personality in his ability to think and to choose. By virtue of his human reason and free will, man can truly be said to have been "made in the likeness of God" (Jas 3:9).

Conscience exists as a faculty of the human soul. Conscience is fed and nourished, ordered and directed by what is presented to it in the rational ability of man to know objective moral truth — that is, to grasp what is truly good and what is truly evil. It does not exist apart from man's intellect or free will. Contrary to some popular misconceptions, conscience is not the "source" of morality, but rather is its "servant."

Conscience's function

Conscience is ordered to the task of holding to the most fundamental of all moral precepts: do good and avoid evil. Informed by divinely revealed moral truths or by the principles of right and wrong, which are perceptible to the human mind from the natural law, conscience renders a judgment about the goodness or evil of a particular act or choice in the specific circumstances of the moment. Conscience then

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Mass Schedule August 22 — 30

Saturday 08/22: <small>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 08/23: <small>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Eilene Parpart SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †David Wibberg
Thursday 08/27:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †David Wibberg
Friday 08/28:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Saturday 08/29: <small>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 08/30: <small>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †John & Eleanor Kozera SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Donald G. McKeny

Bulletin & Mass Announcements

The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** and for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m.**

Thank you!!



Safe Environment—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

Mass Intentions—In accordance with the guidelines from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Mass stipends are deposited in a separate checking account. **If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Anthony Mass Account.**

The current suggested level of giving is **\$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a daily Mass.** Any offering, however, is most welcome, and, if you do not have funds to offer, you are encouraged to request your Mass intention.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Robin Holly, Mike Layne, Michael Bee, Lorie Collingwood

Our Lady of the Hills—Bert Zodorozny, Margaret Hancock, Violet Edwards, Marilyn Spencer, William Spencer, Katie Caroli, Jeanne Rollins, Steven Spencer, Doug Spencer, Harry Crede, Lorie Collingwood

Please call Father Tijo George at 304-342-2716, ext. 406 if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.

Stewardship Report for August 15 — 16, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,555.05
Feast of the Assumption	1,065.00
Building Fund	50.00
Attendance	Saturday—15 Sunday—36

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 408.00
Building Fund	35.00
Feast of the Assumption	40.00
St. Anne's Outreach	10.00
Attendance	Sunday—20

Thank you for your generosity! Please remember to continue to support your parish during this difficult time. May God bless you!

Healing Prayers Offered for Covid-19 Victims



If you have a family member/friend who has been infected by the Coronavirus, Fr. Tijo would like to pray for the infected person during the private daily Masses and Sunday Masses. A votive candle will also be lit for his/her healing. Please call the parish office or Fr. Tijo to have their names included in his prayers and a votive candle lit.



“When we pray, God expects that we also be mindful of those who do not think as we do, those who have slammed the door in our face, those whom we find it hard to forgive. Only prayer unlocks chains, only prayer paves the way to unity.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 08/13/20

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	The Church's One Foundation (instrumental) — #418
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #860
Offertory:	The Summons — #383
Communion:	I Am the Bread of Life — #327
Recessional:	One Spirit, One Church (instrumental) — #419



St. Anne's Outreach Center

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Hills

Serving families and young expecting single mothers in Big Chimney, Clay, Clendenin, Elkview and Pinch areas.

Children—newborn to 4 yrs.

Visit us or call 304-965-7670

As of July 2020, St. Anne's has served **15 children.**

Balance as of 12/31/19 \$ 3,936.49

Contributions Received 860.00

Less: Expenses (99.96)

Balance as of 07/31/20 \$ 4,696.53

Thank you for your generosity!

Annual Mission Appeal—August 22 & 23: This weekend our Annual Mission Appeal collection is for Food For The Poor. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, Food For The Poor, while needing our support more than ever, will be unable to make an appeal in person. You are asked to view an online video appeal to learn more about Food For The Poor at <http://www.foodforthe poor.org/father-robert-karris.html>. Please remember to make checks payable to your parish and write Food For The Poor on the memo line of the check.

Holy Land Collection—August 29 & 30: The Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land Collection has been rescheduled from April 10th to next weekend due to parish closings during the COVID-19 pandemic. This collection is in support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities. If you have already donated this year to the Holy Land Collection, thank you for your gift. If you have not donated yet, please be generous.

Weekday Mass Schedule—Beginning this week, weekday Masses at St. Anthony will resume on Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Donations—We are accepting donations of hand sanitizer and disinfectant for both St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills. There will be a basket at the church entrances for donations. Thank you!!

Fish Available to Purchase—Due to the ongoing pandemic, St. Anthony has fish available to purchase. If you are interested, please call Moya Doneghy at 304-345-4101 or Katy Layne at 304-380-3260.

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evaluates the choice one has made to determine whether or not the will of God has been observed. In making its judgment, conscience is the application of the principles of morality rather than the source of those moral principles.

For conscience to function properly, it must be well-formed. Conscience must be educated and disciplined in its effort to know the objective moral principles that are available to it either from divinely revealed sources or creation itself.

How is conscience properly formed?

Every person has the moral obligation to see to it that his or her conscience is properly formed. This duty is fulfilled according to the particular circumstances of a person's life. The Christian conscience is formed in the lifelong process of prayerfully and diligently studying the moral lessons contained in the sacred Scriptures and the authoritative teachings of the Church. Because the Christian conscience is formed

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by the knowledge of such objective truths, its moral judgments are both accurate and binding. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the Christian person to read and study the Word of God, to engage diligently in the reading of spiritual books and articles, to listen attentively to the sermons of the Church's sacred pastors and to embrace humbly the moral teachings of the pope and the bishops.

The well-formed Christian conscience is likewise assisted by the practice of both the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity as well as the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. These moral habits not only discipline a person's errant free will but direct choices toward the service of God and those things that truly are helpful for salvation.

Because all men and women suffer the effects of sin, the human intellect is fallible. As a result, it is possible for the judgment of conscience to be in error. Out of ignorance or even faulty reasoning, conscience may not be able to render a judgment that conforms to objective moral truth.

Sometimes this ignorance can be willful or vincible. In such a situation, a person would have had the means available to overcome a lack of knowledge or misunderstanding of a particular moral precept, yet would have rather freely chosen to remain in ignorance. A person acting on the basis of vincible ignorance is morally responsible for the choices that are made.

On the other hand, there are times when a person's lack of awareness or misunderstanding of a particular moral obligation is not voluntary and, therefore, beyond the ability of the person to overcome it. This is termed invincible ignorance. A person acting on the basis of such invincible ignorance is not morally responsible for his actions or choices. Yet, even though he may not be morally responsible for the evil he committed, he and others may be affected by it. Sadly, such situations often have a serious and negative impact upon one's spiritual life, disrupting union with God and others.

A Person's Obligation

Simply put, the most basic principle of Christian moral teaching is the strict obligation a person has to follow the judgment of a well-formed conscience.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the judgment of a properly formed conscience can never contradict the objective moral truth contained in Sacred Scripture or taught by the magisterium of the Church. The Catechism states: "A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator" (No. 1783).

The binding force of conscience does not depend on a person's decision to follow it or not. Rather, a properly formed conscience is binding because it accurately reflects the mind and will of God himself. Again, the Catechism states, "When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking" (No. 1777).

Because this is so, the Church teaches that not only must a person follow the judgment of a well-formed conscience, but his freedom to do so must always be assured and protected. "Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. 'He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters'" (No. 1782).

~Father Joseph Parisi

