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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

7th Sunday of Easter



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL



Pray,
hope, and
don't worry.
Worry is
useless.
- St. Padre Pio

Having been immersed in the waters of baptism, we are cleansed of our old lives and rise with Christ into a new one. We no longer live for ourselves, but also for God and for others. In other words, we are called out of selfishness, and into a life of *selflessness*. My brothers and sisters, we are part of a larger community. We are part of the universal church. We are Catholic.

As Catholics, we take upon ourselves a great task – to die to ourselves for the sake of our salvation, and the salvation of our brothers and sisters. While it is truly “great” in nature, some may consider it a burden, or simply a troublesome way to live. Let us be reminded that we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves (Mt 22:39) - the second commandment Jesus taught to be *equal to the first*. Our Lord is firm in His teachings. But ultimately, we do have a choice – to live selfishly for selfishness sake, or to live according to His will.



Scripture of the Day:

Acts 1, 12-14

Ps 26, 1. 4. 7-8

1 Pt 4, 13-16

Jn 17, 1-11

“The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you” (Jn 14: 26). The road is difficult, but **we can trust in our Lord** that we are not alone on this journey. Each challenge we face in our lives has the potential to form us to be more like Christ. Let us bring to mind the disciples, who, until the descent of the Holy Spirit, lived in fear. These same individuals were then empowered by the Holy Spirit to move out of their fear, and to live for the glory of God. And so, as we embrace our identity as Christians, let us rise with Christ out of the staleness of mediocrity, into a life that is lived with passion – a passion that springs forth from the love we have for our saviour.

Truly, we are alive because Christ lives in us. †

Weekly
WORD
We Can trust
in the Lord

MONTHLY THEME: LIFE TO THE FULL

FROM SELFISHNESS TO SELFLESSNESS

The immeasurable love of the Father, salvific work of the Son, and outpouring of grace from the Holy Spirit. The truths of the Holy Trinity deepen and come alive to us Christians, as we continue to mature in our faith.