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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME: LIFE TO THE FULL

Let Him Lead Us to Pasture



How many of us these days can claim that we are living the “fullness of life”? Some of us may equate a full life as being filled with material richness, achieving human accomplishments or acquiring human knowledge.

We must often feel weary and tired yet God brings us through all these things.

– St. Mary MacKillop



Scripture of the Day:

- Acts 2: 36 - 41
- Ps 22, 1. 3-6
- 1 Pt 2, 20-25
- John 10:1-10

We may even believe that all our problems and hardships may only be solved with money, material things or human intelligence and enterprise.

In this Sunday’s Gospel passage, Jesus promises “life to the full” (Jn 10:10). However, it requires Christian maturity to understand His words. Our Christian faith asks us to put on the “lens” of Christ, in order to see that “life to the full” means to live in total and humble dependence on God, with Jesus as our model of one who has lived life in this way. Living “life to the full” is about becoming the person God wants us to be. It is about becoming an authentic disciple of Christ.

This invitation to be dependent on Him, to be His disciple, and to sit at His table, is essentially an opportunity to be bound to Him. It is this union that allows us to live life to the full! Let us trust Him to lead us to a valley of peace. Let us enter through His gate, so that we may find pasture (Jn 10:9). Unlike the riches of this world, **He will bring us true fulfilment**, and true peace as we progress through life’s journey.

Jesus promises us that as the gate of the sheepfold, “...anyone who enters through [Him] will be safe.” (Jn 10:9). His words assure us that although we may stray from Him like lost sheep, Jesus, our Shepherd, is constantly calling us by name. He continues to invite us into the shelter of His arms, and fullness of life.

Are we responding to His invitation? †

