

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus IS The Abundant Life!

There has been a lot of debate about the relationship between preaching the Gospel and material wealth. The saying goes "Why should celebrities, athletes and other superstars be the only ones who get to live the glamorous life?"

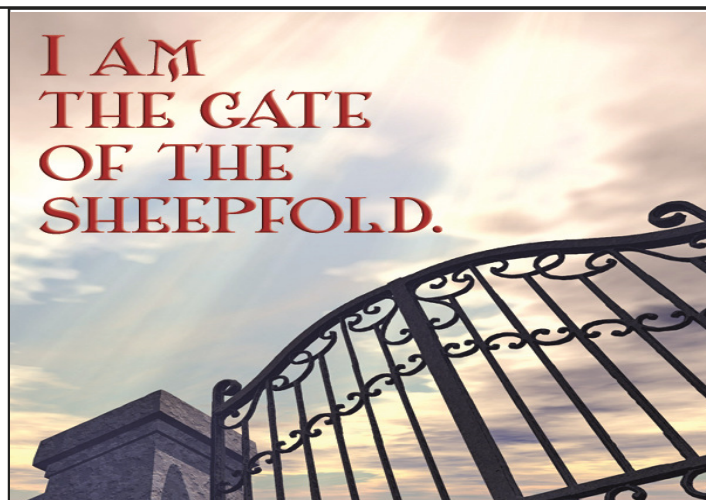
My question is: Why would any believer in the Jesus Christ want to settle for the so-called "glamorous life"? Why aim so low when the life Jesus invites you to promises so much more? Jesus promises the Abundant Life! Jesus is the Shepherd who leads his flock to green pastures that don't fade, dry up, or change with the seasons. When we pursue the life that promises many THINGS and every amenity and physical luxury that we can imagine the very BEST that one could hope for is succeeding...and then discovering that it's not nearly enough! Those who have "made it" cannot escape their flaws, their weaknesses, their health challenges, their relationship challenges, their emotional needs, their deeper longings, their mortality or the mortality of those they love the most. The glamorous life promises more than it can deliver. Jesus delivers more than we hope for: Eternal Life!

It is not by accident that Jesus distinguishes the shepherd from the hired hand. In this context, the hired hand is the one who talks about the eternal things but doesn't really believe in them which explains why they strive after and pursue the things of this world with such earnest just like the next person. The hired hand serves to make a living for himself and the shepherd serves to see that YOU have the life that God offers. Jesus doesn't just show the way but offers himself as the very substance of the abundant life we desire. Belief in him is the ticket to the life of meaning, purpose, fulfillment and joy for which our hearts long. Today Jesus invites you to accept the invitation to a new and fulfilling life. He won't force you; love never does! But here's a word of advice: Don't let the lie of the "glamorous life" rob you of the Abundant Life that comes from knowing, loving and serving Jesus Christ!

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Sunday, May 7, 2017

Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Jn 10: 1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6: 1-7

1 Peter 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	May 8	Mary Leonard	- Living
Tues	May 9	Samuel Han	- Deceased
Wed	May 10	Carolyn Fouch	- Deceased
Thurs	May 11	Marie Dunston	- Deceased
Fri	May 12	Royal Robinson	- Living

Attendance 821

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.



CONGRATULATIONS Rev. Raymond B. Kemp

On the 50th anniversary of your ordination to priesthood!

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