

Jesus Good Shepherd
Gospel Reading for May 8, 2017
With Divine Will Truths
John 10: 1-18

Jesus said: 'I AM the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd is One Who lays down His Life for His sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I AM the Good Shepherd; I know My Own and My Own know me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My Life for My sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to My Voice, and there will be only one flock, and One Shepherd.

'The Father Loves Me, because I lay down My Life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from Me; I lay it down of My Own free will, and as it is in My Power to lay it down, so it is in My Power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by My Father.'

Article 9 I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Symbols of the Church

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V6 – March 6, 1904 - *This morning, as I was in my usual state, I found myself over a person who appeared as though clothed like a sheep, and I was carried on his shoulders. But he walked at a slow pace, while in front of him there was something like a car, which was faster; and I said in my interior: "This one is going slowly; I would like to go inside that car for it goes faster." I don't know why, but as soon as I thought of this I found myself there, inside of it, with other people who said to me: "What have you done – you have left the Shepherd? And what a Shepherd! In fact, since His Life is in the fields, all the medicinal herbs, noxious and salutary, are His;*

and by being with him one can be always in good health. And if you see Him clothed like a sheep, it is so that He can make Himself similar to the sheep, allowing them to approach Him with no fear; and even though He walks at a slow pace, He is safer.”

On hearing this, I said in my interior: ‘Since it is so, I would like to be with Him so as to tell Him something about my illness.’ But as I was thinking of this, I found Him near me; and I, all content, drew close to His Ear and said to him: ‘Good Shepherd, if You are so very expert, give me some remedy for my troubles, as I find myself in this state of sufferings.’ And as I wanted to say more, He cut my words inside my mouth, saying to me: “True Resignation, not an imaginary one, does not put things under scrutiny, but adores in silence the Divine Dispositions.” And as He was saying this, it seemed that the sheepskin split, and I could see the face of Our Lord and His Head Crowned with Thorns.

On hearing Him tell me that, I did not know what else to say - I remained in silence, content with being with Him...”

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