



Our Mission Statement: *'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'*

**Reflection:**

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Unfortunately, we have other shepherds apart from him; the things or persons we turn to when we are stressed. The reality is that the shepherds we listen to do not lead us to life. When we conform to them, we experience a lack of fulfillment because the goal keeps on shifting. We are challenged to remember the privilege of having Jesus as our shepherd and to conform to him.

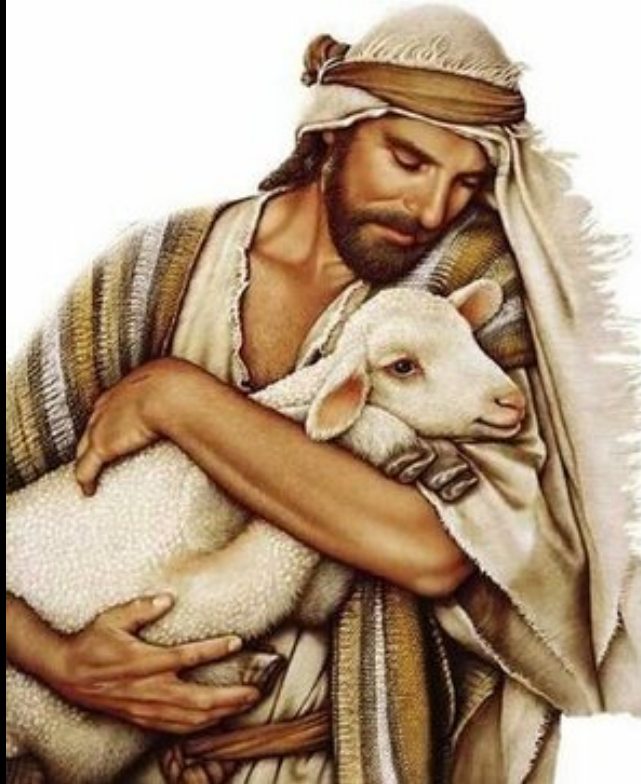


**Quote:**

“...there are many other voices, voices that are loud, full of promises and very seductive. Those same voices are not unfamiliar to me. They are always there and, always, they reach into those inner places where I question my own goodness and doubt my self-worth. They suggest that I am not going to be loved without my having earned it through determined efforts and hard work. They want me to prove to myself and others that I am worth being loved, and they keep pushing me to do everything possible to gain acceptance. They deny loudly that love is a totally free gift. I leave home every time I lose faith in the voice that calls me the Beloved and follow the voices that offer a great variety of ways to win the love I so much desire.” - Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*

**The Assignments:**

- Choose an image in your home or from the internet in which Jesus is portrayed as a shepherd. Spend time reflecting on the image. Conclude with your own prayer to Jesus, your shepherd.
- Be conscious of your role as a shepherd. Reflect on your responsibilities to others and pray for the grace to be faithful to people placed in your life.



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