

One Body, Many Parts

I Corinthians 12: 12-13, 27-30

New
Testament
Reading

“As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.... Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

Have you ever tried to eat without your mouth? Or smell without your nose? Or see without your eyes? Have you tried to hold things without using your hands?



It’s not easy to do those things is it? God has made our bodies in exactly the right way and given us all the senses and body parts necessary to do all that we need to do.

The Lord has also done this with the people who make up His Church. Another name for the Church is the Body of Christ. Just like our own human bodies, every part of the Body of Christ is important!



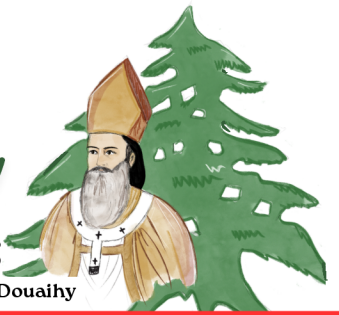
Each and every person in the Church has been given different gifts and abilities to use to help grow God’s Kingdom and strengthen the Church.

Do you like meeting new people? You should welcome visitors at Mass! Do you enjoy singing? Join the choir! Do you enjoy teaching? Help with Religious Education classes! There is something for each and every person with all of their unique gifts and talents. Ask the Lord to help you know how to use yours!

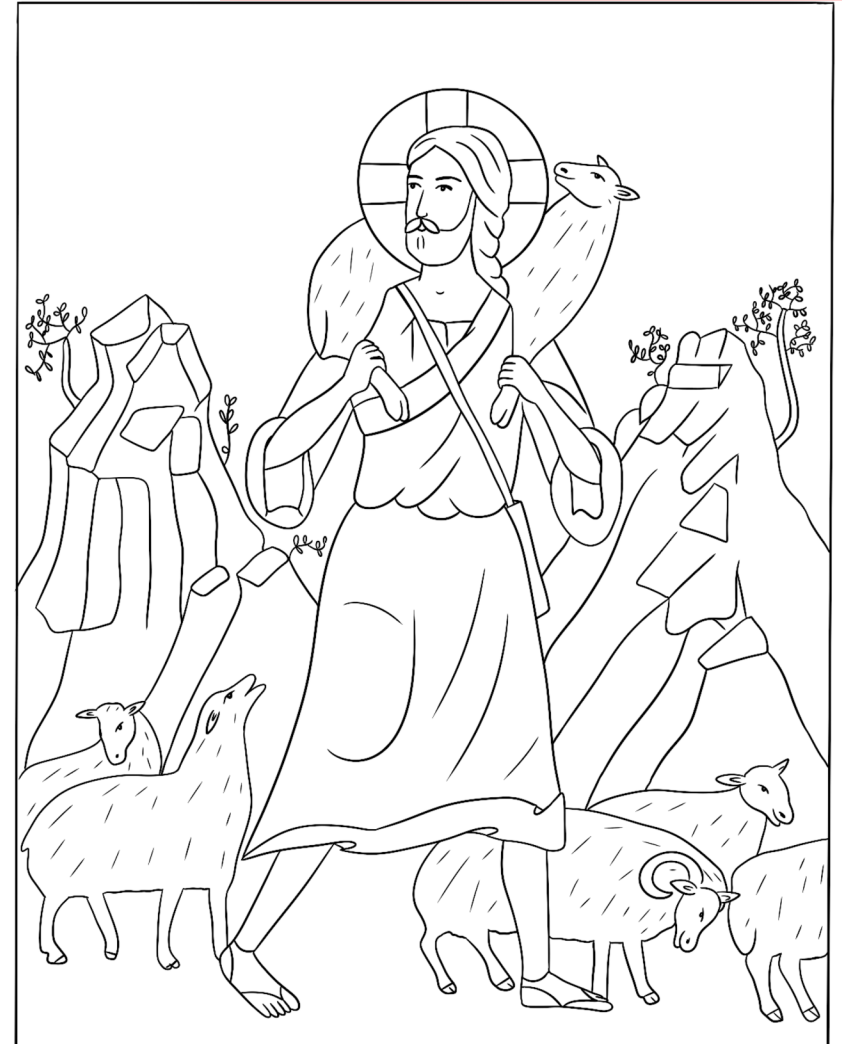


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**“You will be hated by all because of my name,
but whoever endures to the end
will be saved.”**

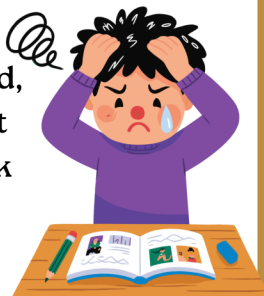




Gospel Corner

Matthew
10:16-25

Have you ever been in a competition and half-way through you got tired, or frustrated, or hungry, and you thought - "I can't make it to the end"? Or maybe you found some work at school too difficult and challenging and wanted to give up? In life we all face many tough situations and challenges, and we often feel the urge to just walk away or to quit.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that following him and living out our Christian faith will not always be easy. He told his disciples they were going out like sheep among wolves. Now sheep are very simple animals with nothing really to defend themselves - they don't have sharp nails, or strong sharp teeth. So, Jesus warned them to go into the world with caution as they worked to accomplish their task, recognizing there are dangers they must protect themselves against.

Similarly, we are all certain to face challenges and difficulties in our lives. No matter what the challenges we may face, though, we don't need to be scared about it. First, God gives us all different gifts and talents to navigate life, and we all have an intellect in order to learn to use good judgment. Second, Jesus is always with us, and we always have the Holy Spirit in our lives to help guide us, to give us the right words to say, and to give us strength to persevere in challenging times. In the end, our goal in life should always be to live with Jesus in the joy of our Father in heaven one day, and the Holy Spirit will help us on this journey.



Did you know?

VIRTUE of PERSEVERANCE

The virtue of perseverance is the steady, unshakeable habit of continuing to do good despite difficulties, fatigue, or temptations. Rooted in the cardinal virtue of fortitude, it is essential for completing the Christian journey and attaining salvation.

What you can do

Hello!



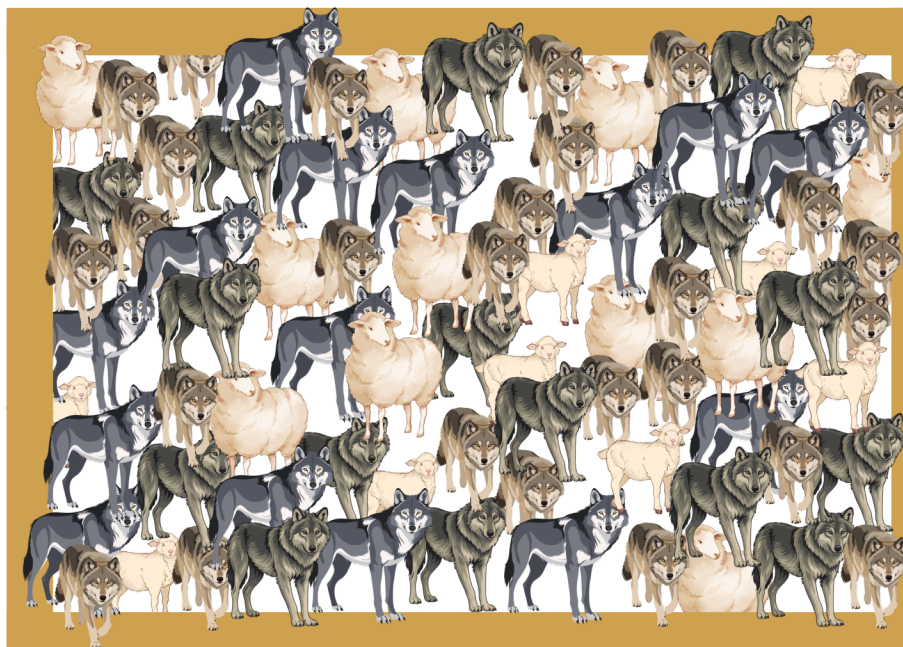
Ask the Lord to show you how you can use your talents and interests to help at Divine Liturgy or within your Parish.

Make sure visitors feel welcome at your parish by saying "hello" and introducing yourself to them!



How Many?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus said He was sending His disciples out as sheep among the wolves. How many sheep can you count amongst wolves below?



Number of Sheep: _____