

August 20, 2008
Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

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Memorial of Saint Bernard

Ezekiel 34:1-11

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,

Matthew 20:1-16

*Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.*

This gospel takes me directly to the unconditional love of God for each and every one of us. I believe that no one is beyond redemption and this gospel assures me that Jesus believes it as well. In fact, I believe it because of the life Jesus lived. Jesus' every act taught us that we are all valuable and valued in the eyes of God. It is a natural part of our incomplete nature to want to grab onto the first fruits, the acclaim, and the special place. Yet, none of it matters to God, Jesus teaches us. We are all valued and loved the same. Being a parent and grandparent helps me to understand how this is true. It also helps me to relax a bit and let go, relax in the assurance of Jesus that the only thing that matters is that I finally say yes to the invitation to discipleship.

Tell me whom you love and I will tell you who you are. ☐
Houssaye