

February 22, 2008
Friday of the Second Week of Lent
Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

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

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

1 Peter 5:1-4

Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6

Matthew 16:13-19

"But who do you say that I am?"

This question has been popping up for me frequently in the past few months. It seems to be the catalysis for my changing relationship with Jesus. As I read the scriptures, I hear Jesus ask me who I think that he is. And I hear the invitation to get to know him on a deeper level, just as I my relationships in life call me to get to know others in a deeper way. What motivates him? What helped him to get through the difficult times? How did he deal with the betrayal of Peter? He obviously forgave or Peter would not have been given he responsibility for carrying on the work of the church. But what was his internal struggle in forgiving. I want to know Jesus in this way for it helps me to handle the difficulties, pain, and trials of my life. But most of all, it reveals to me the love that God has for each of us and the love we are to have for one another.

"Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and as difficult as that."

~Michael Leuning