



SAINT LOUIS ABBEY



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What a joy it must have been for those sinners to eat with Jesus, to know they were accepted by the holy man who worked wonders. What a joy to experience that he enjoyed their company. It was this experience of the loving mercy of Jesus that enabled them to turn from their sin and repent, to become followers of Jesus, and to learn from him how to live like him, to live for others in generous service. The sinner who repents and is forgiven finds himself able to bestow his bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted. He can do all things in the strength of the one who loves him. Repentance is thus the entrance into genuine human living and loving.