

11 October
Saint John XXIII, Pope (*Optional Memorial*)

Common of Pastors: For a Pope

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in Pope Saint John the Twenty-third have given a living example of Christ, the Good Shepherd, to shine throughout the whole world, grant us, we pray, that, through his intercession, we may joyfully pour out an abundance of Christian charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading (*As a shepherd tends his flock, so will I tend my sheep.*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 34:11-16

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the foreign lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places. In good pastures will I pasture them, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground. There they shall lie down on good grazing ground, and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. —The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (*23(22):1-3a, 4, 5, 6*)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (*Ps 23(22):1*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. (*R*)

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. (*R*)

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (*R*)

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. (*R*)

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. (*Jn 10:14*)

R. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel (*Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 21:15-17

After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?'

Simon Peter answered him, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

He then said to Simon Peter a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'

Simon Peter answered him, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

He said to him, 'Tend my sheep'

He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him. 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' —The Gospel of the Lord.

