

Saturday 21 August 2021

**Saint Pius X, Pope  
on Saturday of week 20 in Ordinary Time**

**Collect**

O God, who to safeguard the Catholic faith  
and to restore all things in Christ,  
filled Pope Saint Pius the Tenth  
with heavenly wisdom and apostolic fortitude,  
graciously grant  
that, following his teaching and example,  
we may gain an eternal prize.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**First reading**

1 Thessalonians 2:2-8

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives*

It was our God who gave us the courage to proclaim his Good News to you in the face of great opposition. We have not taken to preaching because we are deluded, or immoral, or trying to deceive anyone; it was God who decided that we were fit to be entrusted with the Good News, and when we are speaking, we are not trying to please men but God, who can read our inmost thoughts. You know very well, and we can swear it before God, that never at any time have our speeches been simply flattery, or a cover for trying to get money; nor have we ever looked for any special honour from men, either from you or anybody else, when we could have imposed ourselves on you with full weight, as apostles of Christ.

Instead, we were unassuming. Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 88(89):2-5,21-22,25,27

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

'I have found David my servant  
and with my holy oil anointed him.  
My hand shall always be with him  
and my arm shall make him strong.

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

'My truth and my love shall be with him;  
by my name his might shall be exalted.  
He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Jn10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

John 21:15-17

*Feed my lambs, feed my sheep*

Jesus showed himself to his disciples, and after they had eaten he said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Receive with kindness our oblations  
and grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, following the teachings of Pope Saint Pius,  
we may celebrate these divine mysteries with sincere reverence  
and receive them in a spirit of faith.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrating the Memorial of Pope Saint Pius,  
we pray, O Lord our God,  
that by the power of this heavenly table  
we may be made constant in the faith  
and be of one accord in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.