

12 JANUARY

**SAINT ANTHONY MARY PUCCI
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Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Isaiah 49, 13

Sing out, O heavens and rejoice, O earth!
Break forth into song, you mountains for the Lord comforts his people
and shows mercy to his afflicted.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord God,
you made Saint Anthony Mary
an outstanding Servant of Mary
and pastor of your people.
Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
may we dedicate our lives
to extend the Reign of Christ Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34, 11-16, 31

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

I myself will look after and tend my sheep

For 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.
You, my sheep, you are the sheep of my pasture,
and I am your God, says the Lord God.

This is the Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22 (23), 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R/. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall
I dwell for ever and ever.

R/. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

Second Reading (Optional)

I John 4: 14-21

The second reading is used in priories, churches, towns and places where the Feast of Saint Anthony Pucci is observed as a patronal feast or solemnity.

A Reading from the First Letter of John

Whoever loves God must also love others

Moreover, we have seen and testify
that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.

Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God remains in him and he in God.
We have come to know and to believe
in the love God has for us.
God is love, and whoever remains in love
remains in God and God in him.
In this is love brought to perfection among us,
that we have confidence on the day of judgment
because as he is, so are we in this world.
There is no fear in love,
but perfect love drives out fear
because fear has to do with punishment,
and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love.
We love because he first loved us.
If anyone says, "I love God,"
but hates his brother, he is a liar;
for whoever does not love a brother
whom he has seen cannot love God
whom he has not seen.
This is the commandment we have from him:
whoever loves God must also love his brother.

This is the Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation I Corinthians 9:22b

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 10: 11-16

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,

and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay

and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,

and I know mine and mine know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,

and there will be one flock, one shepherd."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Gifts

Transform our gifts, O Lord,
by the power of your spirit.
Just as you made Saint Anthony Mary
resplendent with love for his brothers and sisters,
may we too reflect that same love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface

With ardent charity he loved the sheep given to his care

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You gave Christ to your Church as high priest
and good shepherd.
Following in the Lord's footsteps,
Saint Anthony Pucci, servant of the Blessed Virgin,
knew each of the sheep given to his care
and he loved them with sincere affection.
He comforted the afflicted with tender care;
led back the lost to the pasture of truth;
taught them with words of faith
and fed them with the sacraments of everlasting life.

And so with all the saints and angels
we praise you forever, as we say: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Isaiah 40, 11

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers his lambs.

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
may the divine nourishment
of your sacrament strengthen us.
Like Saint Anthony Mary,
may we always respond with works of mercy
to the physical and spiritual needs
of our brothers and sisters.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Note: Some biblical texts are taken from: The New American Bible <http://www.vatican.va/archives/>