



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**

**Office of Sacred Worship**

**Lectio Divina**

**Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr**

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- The third reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*Where does the content of this reading touch my life today?*"  
Notice what thoughts, feelings, and reflections arise within you. Let the words resound in your heart. What might God be asking of you through the scripture? In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.
- The fourth reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*I believe that God wants me to . . . . . today/this week.*"  
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### **First Reading**

*1 Pt 5:1-4*

Beloved,

I exhort the presbyters among you, as a fellow presbyter and witness to the sufferings of Christ and one who has a share in the glory to be revealed. Tend the flock of God in your midst, [overseeing] not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10*

***R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

I wait for the LORD; who bends down to me and hears my cry, And puts a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

***R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

Sacrifice and offering you do not want; you opened my ears. Holocaust and sin-offering you do not request; so I said, "See; I come."

***R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

"With an inscribed scroll written upon me. I delight to do your will, my God; your law is in my inner being!"

***R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

When I sing of your righteousness in a great assembly, See, I do not restrain my lips; as you, LORD, know.



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**Alleluia**

*Jn 10:14*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

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**Gospel**

*Jn 21:15-17*

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to 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."