

## January 5, 2021 – Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

### Reading I - 1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.  
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:  
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.  
In this is love:  
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

### Responsorial Psalm - PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8

*R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

*R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

The mountains shall yield peace for the people,  
and the hills justice.  
He shall defend the afflicted among the people,  
save the children of the poor.

*R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

*R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

### Alleluia - Lk 4:18

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Lord has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor  
and to proclaim liberty to captives.

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## **Gospel - Mk 6:34-44**

When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them,  
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;

and he began to teach them many things.

By now it was already late and his disciples approached him and said,  
“This is a deserted place and it is already very late.

Dismiss them so that they can go  
to the surrounding farms and villages  
and buy themselves something to eat.”

He said to them in reply,

“Give them some food yourselves.”

But they said to him,

“Are we to buy two hundred days’ wages worth of food  
and give it to them to eat?”

He asked them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”

And when they had found out they said,

“Five loaves and two fish.”

So he gave orders to have them sit down in groups on the green grass.

The people took their places in rows by hundreds and by fifties.

Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven,  
he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples  
to set before the people;

he also divided the two fish among them all.

They all ate and were satisfied.

And they picked up twelve wicker baskets full of fragments  
and what was left of the fish.

Those who ate of the loaves were five thousand men.