

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: 1 Tim 3:1-13

Beloved, this saying is trustworthy:

whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task.  
Therefore, a bishop must be irreproachable,  
married only once, temperate, self-controlled,  
decent, hospitable, able to teach,  
not a drunkard, not aggressive, but gentle,  
not contentious, not a lover of money.  
He must manage his own household well,  
keeping his children under control with perfect dignity;  
for if a man does not know how to manage his own household,  
how can he take care of the Church of God?  
He should not be a recent convert,  
so that he may not become conceited  
and thus incur the Devil's punishment.  
He must also have a good reputation among outsiders,  
  
so that he may not fall into disgrace, the Devil's trap.

Similarly, deacons must be dignified, not deceitful,  
not addicted to drink, not greedy for sordid gain,  
holding fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.  
Moreover, they should be tested first;  
then, if there is nothing against them,  
let them serve as deacons.  
Women, similarly, should be dignified, not slanderers,  
but temperate and faithful in everything.  
Deacons may be married only once  
and must manage their children and their households well.  
Thus those who serve well as deacons gain good standing  
  
and much confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus.

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## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6

**R/ I will walk with blameless heart.**

Of mercy and judgment I will sing;  
to you, O LORD, I will sing praise.  
I will persevere in the way of integrity;  
when will you come to me?

**R/ I will walk with blameless heart.**

I will walk with blameless heart,  
within my house;  
I will not set before my eyes  
any base thing.

**R/ I will walk with blameless heart.**

Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret,  
him will I destroy.  
The man of haughty eyes and puffed-up heart  
I will not endure.

**R/ I will walk with blameless heart.**

My eyes are upon the faithful of the land,  
that they may dwell with me.  
He who walks in the way of integrity  
shall be in my service.

**R/ I will walk with blameless heart.**

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## Gospel Reading: Lk 7:11-17

A little later Jesus went to a town called Naim and many of his disciples went with him—a great number of people. As he reached the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out. He was the only son of his mother and she was a widow; there followed a large crowd of townspeople.

On seeing her, the Lord had pity on her and said, "Don't cry." Then he came up and touched the stretcher and the men who carried it stopped. Jesus then said, "Young man, awake, I tell you." And the dead man got up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. A holy fear came over them all and they praised

God saying, "A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people." This news spread out in the Jewish country and the surrounding places.

