

Saint Mark
26 April



About Pope Saint Pius V (1504 – 1572)

Saint Pius V was born near the Italian town of Alexandria, on the Adriatic, and joined the Dominican friars. He became a bishop and fought to reform the moral laxity of the clergy that was present in his day and age. He was elected Pope in 1566. His main task as Pope was to implement the reforms of the Council of Trent which had concluded in 1563. During his reign as Pope, seminaries were reformed, a new missal was published and promulgated, and the Catechism and Breviary were revised. Pius kept his white Dominican habit when he became pope and since his election popes have worn a white soutane. Until Pius V's election popes wore red.

What can we learn from Pope Saint Pius V's life?

Pope Saint Pius V was kept busy implementing reforms that were needed and that responded to Church's situation. Many of those reforms are with us to this day. Just as Pius proclaimed the Gospel of Christ by making reforms, so too we need to look at our lives both personally and as members of a faith community, examining aspects that we need to change so that the Gospel will be heard by a far-reaching audience.

He was also conscious that the lives of some of the clergy were not consistent with being followers of Christ. We all need to do our best to make sure our lives are consistent with what Christ asks of us and teaches.

Collect

O God, who in your providence
raised up Pope Saint Pius the Fifth in your Church
that the faith might be safeguarded
and more fitting worship be offered to you,
grant, through his intercession,
that we may participate in your mysteries
with lively faith and fruitful charity.
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. Amen.

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Gospel Reading John 21:15-17

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.'

Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has laid down his life
for his sheep, alleluia.

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A Hymn for Memorial of Saint Pius V

O Saint Pius, as the Pontiff
you implemented reform
of the Holy Church of Jesus,
making worship uniform.

As a bishop you decided
the clergy should change their ways,
so that they would be example
to the faithful in those days.

You understood that the council
for the Church opened new ways
and you implemented reforms
in the Church's daily praise.

Now we live after another
Council that called for reform.
We are guided by the Spirit
to work the Church to transform.

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