

## This Week's Readings

### First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6.

God will gather the remnant of his people and raise up those who will unite them and care for them.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 13-18.

Christ is the means of reconciliation for all men.

### Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34.

Jesus puts the needs of the crowds, who seek him, before rest or food.



## Points for Reflection

1. In the Old Testament, the prophets denounced the false and callous shepherds who failed in their task of leading the people. They were convinced that God would intervene one day: *"I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble"*, said Jeremiah, speaking for God (**First Reading**).
  2. The time came when God appointed a Shepherd, who did truly care for the people: his Son Jesus. He had compassion on the people because *"they were like sheep without a shepherd"* (**today's Gospel**). And his care was not only for Israel, it extended to the whole of mankind.
  3. Today we, disciples of Jesus the Good Shepherd, have the task of continuing his pastoral work. We have the mission of bringing his care and compassion to others. We share with our bishops and priests the pastoral responsibility of revealing Christ and his compassionate love to all people, near and far off, especially to those who are still looking for Someone who can give true meaning to their lives.
- Jesus tells us: "If all the human shepherds have shown you that they do not care for you, you would be wasting your time listening to them. Perhaps it really is time for you to put your trust in me, in my words, in my lifestyle, in my love and concern for you".
  - And he expects only one response from us: "Jesus, we want you to be our Shepherd. We all need you, your truth, your guidance, and your love. Help us to follow you, to love you and bring your truth, your care and compassion to all the people we meet, especially to those who are still waiting for a message that may make their lives meaningful for them and the whole of mankind".

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<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Thursdays: 2.30 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month: 8.00 pm	

### Kids' Corner

*Colour the picture below based on today's Gospel reading.*

