



Catholic Church

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**Thursday, February 22, 2024**  
**Thursday of the**  
**First Week of Lent**



*Good morning!*

We celebrate the Chair of Saint Peter. We read 1 Peter 5:1-4, Psalm 23, and Matthew 16:13-19. We celebrate today the call of Peter to be the Shepherd of the Church and recognize all the successors who have followed our current Pope, Francis. Peter reminds us that presbyters are called to "tend the flock of God" by being examples to them. Jesus tells Peter, "I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven." The papacy is to maintain peace and unity within the Church. We pray today for unity and peace to be maintained by and for our Shepherd, Pope Francis, who leads us by example. The Church is how and by which we build the Kingdom of God on earth.

*Peace,*

*RevKev*

*"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."*

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