

**Proclaimers please speak in a louder than normal voice! Thank you!!!**

**The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time      Year A**

- ☐ 5:00 p.m., Saturday, July 9, 2011
- ☐ 9:00 a.m. Sunday, July 10, 2011
- ☐ 11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 10, 2011

Readings: 1) Isaiah 55:10-11      2) Romans 8:18-23      3) Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**The focus for today's Mass is that** our faith grows from the seeds of God's love in our hearts.

**In Today's Liturgy of the Word,**

Isaiah speaks of God's words as being fruitful and fertile.

Paul speaks of the faithful as being given the *first fruits* of the Spirit.

In the Gospel, Jesus compares people's openness to faith in terms of seeds falling on various soils.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

With trust in God's love, let us voice our needs, assured that he will hear and answer them.

**For the leaders of the Church, the Body of Christ,**

**As they strive to inspire us to carry Christ's message of love to others.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For families torn apart by discord.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have loved ones in distant lands.**

**as they search for ways to feel close to one another.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the sick,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have died,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all of us here,**

**as we encourage each other**

**to remain faithful to the calling**

**we each have received from God.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause),**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Almighty and eternal God, we ask you to hear our prayers and to draw us ever-closer to you.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

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