

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter      Year C**

**Sunday, April 28, 2013**

**Readings:**      1) Acts 14:21-27      2) Revelation 21:1-5a      3) John 13:31-33a, 34-35

**The focus for today's Mass is:**

**Let us become visible to the entire world as charitable Disciples of Christ.**

**In today's reading:**

**Peril and grace lined the mission path of Paul and Barnabas. Their zeal to preach the Good News stood strong in the face of aggressive opposition. John's dream foretells the triumph of Christ when all things will be new. Jesus, at the Last Supper, proclaimed that the core of discipleship is charitable love. He gave the new commandment to love one another.**

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

**Let us gather this day to express to our heavenly Father not only our needs but also the greater needs of others.**

**For the Church,**  
**may we be examples of Christ's charitable love by providing for the needs of others,**  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For Catholic missionaries,**  
**that they may be supported spiritually and financially**  
**as they work to tell of the *saving power of God to all the ends of the earth,***  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who have died,**  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who are ill;**  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those Baptized this weekend,**  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our parish community,**  
**may we always model the gospel message by standing firm on social justice issues**  
**that are contrary to God's law,**  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions..... (very long pause)**  
 We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST: Eternal Father, just as you were pleased with your Son, be kind and merciful to the prayers we offer to you. We ask this of you, Father, through Christ our Lord.**