

The Fifth Sunday of Lent**Year C**

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Readings: 1) Isaiah 43:16-21

2) Philippians 3:8-14

3) John 8:1-11

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that our dignity and worth as individuals do not come from our own merits, but from God's free gift of grace.

The first reading tells of God's promise to bring deliverance, restoration and salvation to the people of Israel. The second reading reminds us of Paul's acceptance of the loss of all things so that he might gain Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus refuses to let anyone condemn the woman caught in adultery, and tells her to sin no more.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

**Remembering that God is a loving Father,
always eager to help his children,
let us approach him with our petitions.**

**For Pope Francis, all bishops and priests,
and all members of the Church,
may they continue to grow in faith and trust in Jesus,**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For people of all nations that do not know Christ,
may they have a deep encounter with him and his endless love and mercy,**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind and body,
may they find comfort in our prayers.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who have died,
may they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom,**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For members of our faith community,
may we open ourselves to God's mercy through
the grace of the sacrament of reconciliation,**
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:

**Loving Father, trusting that you always listen to your children
when we call out to you, we ask you to grant our petitions through your son,
Jesus Christ.**