

Sunday, July 17, 2016

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1) Genesis 18:1-10a 2) Colossians 1:24-28 3) Luke 10:38-42

The focus for today's Mass is that we must hear God's word in our hearts before we can share it through our service.

As followers of Christ, we are called to hear God's word first, and before all things. Only then can we share it with others, and incorporate his word into our acts of service. As we live and share God's word, we will face trials, but this suffering unites us with Christ. We do this for the sanctification of the world and our own purification.

The first reading tells of Abraham encountering God in the messengers who promise him a son.

The second reading reminds us of the importance of joining our sufferings to Christ's for the salvation of the world.

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus entering a village and visiting with the two sisters, Martha and Mary.

INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With confidence and trust, let us join in offering our prayers for our needs, and those of the world, to God the almighty Father

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

That all members of the Church may receive the grace and strength needed to share the Gospel message with others.

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That war-torn countries plagued by ethnic conflict may work to foster reconciliation and forgiveness among their people.

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That those who suffer from isolation and loneliness will know they are loved by Jesus, demonstrated by committed and compassionate Christians reaching out to them.

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That each of us will join our sufferings to those of Christ for the salvation of the world.

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That those who have died, especially those with no one to pray for them, will know the joy of heaven.

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For our own personal intentions, (long pause).

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PRIEST:

Father, in your goodness and love, hear our prayers and grant us the grace needed to continue to grow in faith and holiness of life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.