

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Readings: 1) Isaiah 58:7-10 2) 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 3) Matthew 5:13-16

Sunday Liturgy:

The focus for today's Mass is that we are called to be salt and light for others.

In the first reading, Isaiah reminds us that in showing concern and love for others, we are like a light for all people – a light that radiates the very glory of God.

Saint Paul explains that real faith comes from the power of God and not mere human reason.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses two powerful images to describe true discipleship: salt and light.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With the Holy Spirit stirring in our hearts we bring our prayers and petitions before our eternal Father.

**For Church leaders,
may they continue to be salt and light for those entrusted to their pastoral care.**

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

**For the world,
may it recognize Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.**

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

**For those who are experiencing physical, mental or spiritual illness;
may Jesus, the Divine Physician bring them healing and strength.**

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

**For our beloved dead,
may they find rest and eternal life in heaven.**

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

**For members of our parish community,
may we help the poor, hungry and the sick;
may we find joy and renewal in our ministry.**

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 God,
as you once heard the prayers of your son, Jesus Christ,
hear now our prayers and in your great love answer them.
Let us experience anew your constant help and steadfast mercy.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.**