

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Readings:1) Sirach 15:15-20 2) 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 3) Matthew 5:17-37or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Sunday Liturgy:

The focus for today's Mass is that God gave us commandments because he loves and cares for his people.

The first reading exhorts us to freely choose to keep God's commandments, for they help keep our feet planted on the path to life. The second reading reminds us of the importance of seeking true wisdom from God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he has come to fulfill the law – not to abolish it. He came to show us how to live and love.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Grateful for the goodness of our loving Father,
we offer him these prayers of petition.**

**For leaders of the Church,
may they be blessed with the grace needed to continue teaching us
by word and example how to follow God's laws.**

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

**For love and compassion among Christians,
may our example bring conversion to the world.**

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 those who are sick in mind and body;

**Especially for: Billie Paul, Margaret-Rose Best and Pat Senger
may they find care and comfort in Christian communities.**

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

For the faithful departed,

**Especially for: Carol Downey and Maria Thibodeau
may they come to perpetual peace and joy in heaven.**

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

For all gathered around this table, may we reflect the face of Christ;

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:

**Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers and
grant us the grace needed to live in gratitude.**

We pray through your son, Jesus Christ.