

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Readings: 1) Acts 2:14a, 36-41 2) 1 Peter 2:20b-25 3) John 10:1-10

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that Christ is the very center of our faith. He is our shepherd and we listen to his voice; through him we enter into fullness of life. The first reading from Acts tells of Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaiming the risen Christ and calling all to repentance and baptism. The second reading exhorts the early Christians to imitate Christ: they are to be patient as Christ was patient in the face of his suffering. Our Gospel reminds us that we are to follow Christ as the sheep follow the shepherd: for as the shepherd cares for his sheep, so Christ cares for each of us.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

The Good Shepherd does not allow the sheep to wander in harm's way.

Knowing we are heard, let us pray with confidence:

For the Lord's flock and for its pastors,
may they always reflect the Lord's deep love.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the people of every nation,
may they live their lives with courage and find true peace.
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**
may they find strength and courage for the trials of daily life.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the those who have died and faithfully carried their crosses through life,
may they share in the victory won by Jesus in heaven.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those called to religious vocations and
for those called to minister in the world as lay people,
may they respond with generous hearts to the Lord's voice.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the members of this assembly,
may we and all those we love shepherd one another well.
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:

**Generous God, you know us each by name.
Hear our prayers and let your Holy Spirit fill our hearts.
We ask this in the name of your loving shepherd, Christ our Lord.**