

Readings: 1) Acts 6:1-7 2) 1 Peter 2:4-9 3) John 14:1-12

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that we are called to the difficult work of discipleship, to be both hearers and doers of the word.

The reading from Acts tells of the Apostles ordaining seven men as deacons to help ensure the needs of those in the early Church were being served as the Church continued to grow and develop.

The second reading uses Hebrew Scripture to illustrate that Christ is the foundation of the Church, and his followers are *living stones* – a holy people.

In the Gospel, Jesus says that he is *the way and the truth and the life*.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Father of mercy and love,
we present our needs and petitions to you.**

For all members of the Church, may our lives of service and outreach proclaim to all that Jesus is Saviour of the world.

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

**For leaders throughout the world,
may they work to find just and peaceful solutions to problems
and disagreements that arise.**

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;
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,
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 mothers,
may they find grace and blessing in Mary and the Holy Spirit.**

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

**For everyone in this parish community,
may we show forth God's love in word and deed.**

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, hear our prayers and grant us the grace and strength needed to lead lives that are holy and pleasing to you. We ask this, and all things, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.