

Sunday, July 9, 2017

**Readings: 1) Zechariah 9:9-10 2) Romans 8:9, 11-13 3) Matthew 11:25-30**

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today’s Mass is that true peace comes from following the ways of our humble Saviour.

In the first reading, Zechariah prophesies about the king who is to come – just, meek and riding on a humble donkey.

He will bring peace to the nations and have dominion from sea to sea.

The second reading reminds us to not live according to the flesh, but to live according to the Spirit.

In the Gospel, Jesus invites all who labour and who are burdened to find rest in him.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

**With humble hearts,  
we come before God to speak for our needs and those of the world.**

**For all members of the church,  
may they be filled with the Spirit and  
recommit themselves as good stewards.**

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

**For the leaders and people of this great country,  
may we provide adequate care for those injured in its service.**

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

**For those who are sick in mind and body;  
may they know the peace of Christ and the comfort of family and friends.**

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

**For the faithful departed,  
may they come to enjoy perfect happiness and peace in heaven.**

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

**For travelers and summer vacationers,  
may they make time for Sunday Mass and daily prayer.**

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:**

**Loving Father, your dominion is over all the earth.  
By the power of your Spirit, answer the prayers that we make  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**