

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Readings: 1) Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 2) Romans 8:26-27 3) Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today’s Mass is that The Holy Spirit brings life and peace.

In the Book of Wisdom, we hear that God is both mighty and lenient.

The second reading reminds us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, and intercedes for us according to God’s will.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches about God’s kingdom, and offers parables of grain and weeds to explain it.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Let us bring our petitions to the Father,
who hears and answers all of our prayers.**

**For Pope Francis, our bishops, priests and deacons,
may the example of their lives continue to give
witness to God’s mercy and love,**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those in public office, may they be open to God’s grace,
and work to protect the weak and vulnerable in their midst,**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

5 p.m. & 9 a.m **for those Baptized this weekend.**
11 am **for those Baptized today.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who are experiencing physical, mental or spiritual illness;
may they know of God’s unfailing presence in their lives,**
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 all of us here today,
may we find joy in serving others as Jesus did,**
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:

**Father, hear our prayers and grant us
the grace needed to lead lives which are
holy and pleasing to you.
We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**