

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Readings: 1) Jeremiah 20:7-9 2) Romans 12:1-2 3) Matthew 16:21-27

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is:

We are to take up our cross each day and follow Jesus Christ.

The first reading tells of the inner struggles Jeremiah experienced in being faithful to God's call to serve as a prophet. The second reading exhorts us to lead lives that are holy and pleasing to God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that all who desire to live as one of his disciples must take up their cross and follow him.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Trusting in God's goodness, let us join in offering our prayers
to our generous Father in heaven.**

**For Pope Francis and all bishops and priests
may they challenge the faithful to continue building up the Church
by sharing their unique gifts and talents.**

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

**For those who hold positions of authority,
may they serve others with justice and compassion.**

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

For those who are ill in mind and body.

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

**For our beloved dead,
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 teachers and students returning to school,
may they welcome a new academic year with the love of learning.**

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:

**Merciful 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.**