

11:00 am Sunday, September 10, 2017

Readings: 1) Ezekiel 33:7-9 2) Romans 13:8-10 3) Matthew 18:15-20

**Sunday Liturgy**

The Focus for today’s Mass is that we are to let our lives be rooted in love.

The first reading tells of God appointing Ezekiel as watchman over Israel. Saint Paul tells the people of Rome that loving one another summarizes the many laws they have concerning how to get along with each other.

The second reading reminds us that our lives are to be rooted in love, for love fulfills the law.

More specifically, the more we are able to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, the more we will keep the commandments and experience the blessings God wishes to bestow on us such as peace, joy and fulfillment.

In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a process to be followed when one Christian sins against another brother or sister in the Lord.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST: Seeking to love God with our whole being and love our neighbor as ourselves, let us join in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.**

For Pope Francis, bishops, and priests, may they be blessed with the grace and strength needed to continue tending to the Lord’s flock as good and faithful shepherds.

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

For our civic leaders, may they work to bring opposing points of view around a common table in order to find solutions to the issues before us.

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

For those who are recovering from surgery or a prolonged illness, may they know the compassion of Christ through the work of their caregivers.

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For those in our diocese who are contemplating priesthood or religious life, may they be open to God’s call in their lives, and feel the love and support of this community.

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For those who have died, may they, through God’s grace and mercy, enter the kingdom of heaven.

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For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause),

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

**PRIEST:**

**Lord and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers this day as we strive to follow your laws of love in our daily lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

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