

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Readings: 1) Isaiah 5:1-7 2) Philippians 4:6-9 3) Matthew 21:33-43

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today’s Mass is that the God of peace is with us.

In today’s first reading Isaiah uses the beautiful image of the vineyard in describing the people of Israel.

It takes work to have a good harvest, just as it takes work to remain faithful to the Lord.

In the second reading, Saint Paul encourages us to turn our anxieties over to the God of peace.

In the Gospel, Jesus also uses the image of the vineyard, saying that the vineyard – the kingdom of God – is for those who will produce its fruit.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

**Let our hearts be still as we place our needs before our heavenly Father.**

**For Pope Francis and all Church leaders,  
may they guide us in living honorable and just lives.**

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

**For civil authorities,  
may they govern with noble purpose and selfless hearts.**

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

**For those who are sick in mind and body;  
may they be cared for with compassion and love.**

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

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

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

**For our faith community, may we experience the  
fruits of the rosary as a powerful form of 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:**

**God of peace,  
hear our prayers of petition this day  
and ease the world’s anxiousness and anger,  
that we may know calmness of heart.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**