

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year B

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Readings: 1) 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 2) Ephesians 2:4-10 3) John 3:14-21

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: God's mercy and love, made clear in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, overcame our sins and transgressions.

God does not love us conditionally, or despite our sins, but rather because he created us, and he is love. His mercy and compassion are that of a loving Father.

In the first reading from Second Chronicles, we hear of the fall of Judah.

In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he reminds us that even when we were dead in our transgressions, God brought us to life through Christ.

In the Gospel, John proclaims that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Father, you love us more than we know.

Hear our prayers that we bring before you this day.

**For the Church,
may she confidently proclaim God's love to the whole world.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For the leaders of nations,
may they be blessed with God's grace as they serve others.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For our beloved dead,
may they experience the joy of salvation made possible through Christ.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For all of us here,
may we be beacons of hope to those in search of true happiness.
We Pray to the Lord.**

**For our own personal intentions, (long pause).
We Pray to the Lord.**

PRIEST:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son.

**Through him, we ask that you hear and answer
these prayers and those intentions in our hearts.**