

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Readings: 1) Isaiah 55:10-11 2) Romans 8:18-23 3) Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that the word of God is fruitful, powerful, and meant to bring us to full union with God in heaven.

The first reading and Gospel show the potency of the word of God. In fertile hearts, the Word can multiply exponentially, and it can bring about God's will in our lives. The Word comes from God to us, in order that we might be brought to God. Can there be any greater gift?

Isaiah describes the word of God as fruitful, not returning to the Lord until his will is accomplished. Paul writes to the Romans, addressing human suffering and looking beyond it to the promise of heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and explains its meaning.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Let us approach the Father with our prayers, confident of his infinite love for us.

**For all bishops, priests, and deacons,
may the grace of God nourish them in mind, body, and spirit as they preach the Gospel.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all nations on earth, may God establish peace and security among them.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind and body;
may God renew in them a hope that brings consolation and peace.**
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all of us here, may the Lord increase in us our trust of the Good Shepherd.
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 our Father,
please hear our prayers and grant them according to your holy will,
through your Son, Jesus Christ.**