

Sunday, August 02, 2020

Readings: 1) Isaiah 55:1-3 2) Romans 8:35, 37-39 3) Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that Christ gives us all we need to feed those he calls us to serve.

Today's readings call us, like the disciples, to feed others – but only after having been nourished ourselves. We are invited to delight in rich fare, feasting on the love of God that is stronger than death. In responding to God's call, we can trust that Christ will give us all we need to carry out his commands.

The Lord speaks through Isaiah, exhorting his people to come to the water and be renewed by the *everlasting covenant*. Paul tells the Romans that nothing can separate them from the love of Christ. In the Gospel, after hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus heals the sick and feeds the 5,000 abundantly.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With trust in God's loving will, let us make our requests known to him.

For the Church,

may Christ continue to bless her with all she needs to bring his love to the world.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For those in positions of authority, may the Holy Spirit give them a servant's heart

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For all who are sick in mind, body and spirit,

may the Lord bring them healing and hope.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For this parish community, may we grow in faith and respect for all believers.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

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

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Almighty and ever-loving God,

hear the prayers we bring before you today. We ask through Christ our Lord