

Sunday, September 6, 2020

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: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Our readings today work together to teach us about the real obligations of the law, which include gently correcting one another so that our communities may be in harmony. Paul explains how we must do this, and do all things, with love. And Jesus promises to remain with us always.

In the first reading, the Lord tells Ezekiel that he will be held responsible for the death of the wicked one if he does *not speak out to dissuade [him] from his way*. In the Letter to the Romans, Paul writes that *the one who loves another has fulfilled the law*. In the Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for correcting another, gives authority to bind and loose, and promises *where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them*.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

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

For the Church,

may the Lord graciously preserve and protect her as a sign of his Truth to the world.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For all nations,

**may their leaders be governed by the power of the Holy Spirit
in love of and service to one another.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

**For all who are sick in mind, body and spirit,
may the Lord be their strength.**

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 faith community,

may the Holy Spirit help us to bear great fruit as co-workers in God's vineyard.

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:

Heavenly Father, we entrust our prayers to you, through your Son, Christ our Lord.