

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Readings: 1) Proverbs 9:1-6

2) Ephesians 5:15-20

3) John 6:51-58

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that we learn Jesus Christ is the living bread that came down from heaven.

In the first reading,

true wisdom that comes from God is personified in the feminine, like a hostess who sets her abundant table before her guests and invites them to enjoy her bounty.

The reading from Ephesians reminds us of the importance of striving to do God's will and serving him with grateful hearts.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he is the living bread come down from heaven.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With confidence and trust,

let us bring our prayers and petitions before the eternal Father.

**For all those in ministry in the Church,
may they model Mary's obedience to God's will
as they proclaim the Good News to the world.**

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

**For all people of the world,
may our hearts be open to God's ways
and allow the Holy Spirit to inspire us
to seek reconciliation in times of strife.**

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

For those who struggling physically or mentally.

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

For the faithful departed.

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

**For members of this faith community,
may we grow in our love and devotion to Mary,
the mother of our Savior,**

and may she inspire us to draw closer to her son, Jesus.

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:

**Almighty and eternal God,
our salvation comes from you alone.**

**As you watch over the lives of your people,
hear the prayers we offer**

and in your mercy grant what we truly need.

We offer our prayer through Christ our Lord.