

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Readings: 1) Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b 2) Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 3) John 6:60-69

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that following God requires commitment.

In Today's Liturgy of the Word, we hear about the action we must take.

In the first reading,

when Joshua asks the tribes to renew their commitment to God, they respond, *We will serve the Lord.*

In Ephesians,

where Paul is speaking of how marriage is like Christ and the Church, he says, *And the two shall become one flesh.*

In John's Gospel,

the disciples react to Jesus' teaching about the Eucharist, and some leave.

Peter, however, proclaims that Jesus is the Christ.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Knowing that we are called to be in unity with God, let us turn to him with our prayers and petitions.

For the Church

may she continue to show the world that following Christ is worth the risk.

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

For world leaders,

that their hearts will be moved

to act with honesty, temperance and compassion.

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

For those baptized this weekend.

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

For those who suffer from illness or injury.

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

For those who have died.

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

For all married couples in this faith community

as they continue their commitment

to love and sacrifice for each other and Christ.

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:

Heavenly Father, we ask you to hear our prayers as we struggle to be ever more faithful to you, following the model of your Son. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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