

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Readings: 1) Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 2) 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 3) Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: **We are called to use the unique gifts and talents that God has given us to further the work and mission of the Church.**

The first reading tells of how those Israelites who returned from exile in Babylon to live in Jerusalem joined together in renewing their commitment to be faithful to God and his commandments. The second reading reminds us that we are parts and members of the one body of Christ. Today's Gospel recalls the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

Gathered as many parts and formed into one body in Christ by the Spirit, we offer our prayers to the Lord.

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

For the Church and for all Christians during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, may we continue to engage in dialogue and work together.

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

For people of all nations, may they respect life in every form as God's precious gift.

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

For those who are sick in mind and body; may they be healed and strengthened.

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

For the faithful departed, may they find rest and eternal life in heaven.

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

For members of our parish community, may we prayerfully consider sharing our gifts and talents by volunteering for a ministry.

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:

O God, hear our prayers today and give us the grace to further your mission as the body of Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.