

## **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, May 9, 2016

Readings: 1) Acts 7:55-60 2) Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 3) John 17:20-26

### **Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass is that the Holy Spirit will strengthen us with courage in times of trouble.

The first reading from Acts recalls the martyrdom of Stephen.

As he dies, he sees Jesus in heaven with God.

Stephen asks forgiveness for his murderers.

The second reading gives us hope that the day of the Lord's return is near.

In the Gospel, Jesus prays that all people may be united with him and with God the Father.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

#### **PRIEST:**

**Because we are assured that God loves us in good times and in times of trial, we offer these prayers for our needs, and the needs of the Church and our world.**

**For all members of the Church,  
as Christian love and forgiveness fills our hearts, even in times of difficulty and trial.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For mothers throughout the world,  
as they instill moral values that promote peace among neighbors and nations.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who suffer losses in employment and homelessness  
Especially those being evacuated from Fort McMurray  
and other areas in Northern Alberta.**  
**We ask that God's love give them strength and hope.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who are ill in mind or body.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have died,  
may they experience the light and peace of heaven.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For this faith community, as we strive to nurture strong family life  
and foster the spiritual development of our children.**  
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:**

**Lord God, hear the prayers of your people and help us recognize your love in all the events of our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your son.**