

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Readings: 1 Exodus 17:8-13 2) 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2 3) Luke 18:1-8

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today’s Mass is that trusting in and relying upon God gives us strength to persevere during trials, and live as more faithful disciples of Jesus.

In the reading from Exodus, the Israelites, led by Joshua, defeat Amalek in battle with the help of Moses. The Second Letter of Timothy reminds us to study sacred Scripture so that we may be *equipped for every good work*. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow, helping us to see that God gives us what we need when we place our trust in him.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**With confidence and trust,
let us join in offering our prayers and petitions to God the almighty Father.**

For Pope Francis may he continue to be blessed in his efforts to lead the Church on its mission to spread the Gospel to all,

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

For leaders of nations may they work to find peaceful solutions to the problems they face within and outside their borders,

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 comforted and healed through the grace of God.**

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

**For all who have died
may they be gathered into the arms of God.**

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

For all members of this parish, may we seek the Lord’s guidance in our efforts to evangelize and share the Good News with those around us,

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:

**Gracious God, we ask that you look with favor on our petitions.
We offer them to you in the name of Jesus, your son.**