

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Prsider: We know that God cares deeply for us. So we come now before God, confident that our prayers, humbly offered, will be heard.

- ☺ For our holy father Pope Francis, successor of St. Peter, whose call to discipleship we heard in today's Gospel, we pray;
▶ **God, lead us in your ways of love.**
- ☺ For our nation, as we remember the life and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that we may more closely realize his dream of freedom and equality for all, we pray;
▶ **God, lead us in your ways of love.**
- ☺ For those entrusted in positions of leadership, that Samuel's eager response to the Lord may provide an example for them, we pray;
▶ **God, lead us in your ways of love.**
- ☺ For all those searching for meaning and hope in life, that they may be open to the revelation of God in unexpected places, we pray;
▶ **God, lead us in your ways of love.**
- ☺ For those who are homeless, as they try to find warmth during painfully freezing days and nights, we pray;
▶ **God, lead us in your ways of love.**
- ☺ For those who have died, especially Sadie Behm, Dolores Mansavage and Amanda Virsniaks-Rutkowski, that they will be embraced by the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph as they behold Christ face to face, we pray;
▶ **God, lead us in your ways of love.**
- ☺ That we voice the intentions of our baskets, the Living & Deceased Members of the Alois & Esther Shulfer Family, the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes, the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the continued success of our Renovation projects, we pray;
▶ **God, lead us in your ways of love.**

(Pause for silent intentions to be offered from the heart.)

Prsider: God of all goodness, we trust in the care you show toward your people. Turn an ear to our prayers and grant them, we pray, in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 13-14, 2018

Mass Intentions:

The Living & Deceased Members of the
Alois & Esther Shulfer Family

The Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes



Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you are the Lord of life and of love:

Lord have mercy.

.....**Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Messiah, the holy one who
brings us truth and grace:

Christ have mercy.

....**Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who takes away
the sins of the world:

Lord have mercy.

.....**Lord have mercy.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer: you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was. The Lord called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the Lord called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet. The Lord called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the Lord was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the Lord came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#25, Gather - Psalm 33
Your Mercy Be On Us

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that you bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that you body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" - which translated means Teacher - "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" - which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" - which is translated Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.