

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Let us have no anxiety, but trust in God to hear these prayers that we offer today.

- ☺ For Pope Francis and all Church leaders who show us how to cultivate in the Church a fruitful harvest for the Lord, we pray;
▶ **God in your mercy, hear us.**
- ☺ For an end to all arms sales around the globe, as a means to bring about a peaceful and just world, we pray;
▶ **God in your mercy, hear us.**
- ☺ For a growing respect for the dignity of each and every human life, especially those at life's margins, we pray;
▶ **God in your mercy, hear us.**
- ☺ For those who go hungry every day, especially children in our cities and neighborhoods, we pray;
▶ **God in your mercy, hear us.**
- ☺ For greater awareness of the limitations of our natural resources, and for wisdom to be good stewards of all of nature's bounty, we pray;
▶ **God in your mercy, hear us.**
- ☺ That those who have died, especially, Greg Klish, Sylvester Pliska and Marge Grubba, that they will inherit the kingdom promised to all who put their faith and trust in God, we pray;
▶ **God in your mercy, hear us.**
- ☺ For the intentions of our baskets, the Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph Liebe and Don McCarthy Families, Andy Ziaya, Laura Walashek, Bill & Virginia Harris, the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the continued success of the Renovation projects and the needs of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, we pray;
▶ **God in your mercy, hear us.**

(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)

Presider: O God, you have put us in this vineyard to do your work on earth. Grant us the diligence and grace to work faithfully until the end. Graciously hear all these our prayers through Christ our Lord.

ALL: **AMEN!**

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 7-8, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS:

The Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph Liebe & Don McCarthy Families
†Andy Ziaya

†Laura Walashek
†Bill & Virginia Harris

PENITENTIAL RITE:

We seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you are Lord of the harvest:
Lord have mercy; **.....Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are the way that leads to peace:
Christ have mercy; **.....Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the tireless servant of the Father:
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 book of the prophet Isaiah.

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! For justice, but hark, the outcry!

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#46, Gather - Psalm 103
The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?'" Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

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

I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 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.