



**02 JULY 2023**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**INTRODUCTION:** An attitude of generous hospitality is a powerful form of evangelization shown by a true disciple of Jesus. The example of the Shunamite woman, and the words of Jesus invite us to reach out to anyone who comes to our doorstep, and is in need. This Eucharist is an invitation to encounter Christ and put his words into practice.

**READINGS:**

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| <b>First Reading:</b>      | 2 Kgs 4: 8 -11, 14-16a     |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> | Ps 89: 2-3, 16 - 17, 18-19 |
| <b>Second Reading:</b>     | Rom 6: 3- 4, 8-11          |
| <b>Gospel:</b>             | Mt 10: 37- 42              |

**CELEBRANT:**

As we prepare ourselves to receive Jesus, we recognise our need for the graces he brings for us, from the Heavenly Father, and so we pray,

Response: LORD GRANT US YOUR SPIRIT OF LOVE

That Pope Francis, Bishops, clergy, religious and lay faithful; may always continue to be shining examples, of selfless service to everyone who approaches them, seeking spiritual and material assistance, we pray...**R/**

That each of us, who by Baptism are children of God; may respond with all our hearts, without counting the cost; and follow the example of Jesus' boundless and generous self-giving to all in need, we pray... **R/**

That we as members of this parish and this nation; may be mindful of our sisters and brothers of Manipur; as we pray that violence will soon end, and they can enjoy comfort and restoration of their rights and property, we pray.... **R/**

That all our youth and children, who have begun their new academic year in colleges and schools; may pursue their education undisturbed by any distractions and disturbances, we pray...**R/**

That the Lord of creation; may grant us abundant rainfall this monsoon, to meet the needs of farmers, and all the people in towns and villages; while we ourselves strive to protect the environment and not waste resources, we pray... **R/**

We pray for our personal needs and intentions, [pause] we pray... **R/**

**CELEBRANT:**

Father, grant us the grace to grow in spiritual wisdom, and to walk in a manner that pleases you, as we strive to be ever more generous and hospitable towards those who approach us in need. Through Christ Our Lord. AMEN