ARCHDIOCESE OF BOMBAY

28 April 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - B



Introduction:

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to bear fruit in plenty as we draw nourishment for our lives by being attached to Jesus the true vine.

Readings:

First Reading: Ac 9: 26-31

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22: 26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32

Second Reading: 1Jn 3: 18-24 **Gospel:** Jn 15: 1-8

Prayer of the Faithful

Celebrant:

God is greater than our heart and He knows everything. Let us surrender our needs to Him as we pray: **HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD**

For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests, Religious and the lay faithful; that we may always abide in Jesus the true vine and be pruned to bear fruit in plenty in the vineyard of the Lord... we pray...

For all our secular leaders; that they may serve with honesty and always seek the well-being of the financially challenged, the elders, the displaced and the vulnerable of society... we pray...

For each one of us; that we may reflect our belief in Jesus through our acts of love and respect especially towards those who do not treat us well and are difficult to live with...we pray...

For our children and youth; that they may be drawn to Jesus as a faithful friend especially during these times of distractions and meaningless pursuits... we pray...

For the prayers we make with faith; that God may listen to our petitions with mercy and compassion... (*Pause for 7 seconds*)... we pray...

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank You listening to the prayers we make through Your Son Jesus who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

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