

INTRODUCTION:

One of the most beautiful truths of our faith is that God loves us not because we are perfect, but because His love is unconditional. Even in our weakness, failures, and sins, He continues to call us closer to Himself and invites us to become instruments of His goodness. The readings today remind us that every Christian has a mission. We are called to reflect God's compassion and care in everyday life. Yet we know that at times we may have been self-absorbed and indifferent to the struggles of others. Let us therefore pause to acknowledge our failings and ask the Lord for mercy and renewal that we may be worthy to celebrate these sacred mysteries.

READINGS:

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5
Second Reading: Romans 5: 6-11
Gospel: Mathew 9:36 – 10:8

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Trusting in the compassion of our loving Father who cares for His people and never abandons them, we bring before Him our petitions, confident of His providence.

Response: *In Your compassion, hear us O Lord*

- We pray for Pope Leo, our Bishops, Priests and Religious: that they may continue Christ's mission with courage and compassion, bringing healing, hope, and the light of the Gospel to all people. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for leaders of nations: that they may govern with wisdom, justice and concern for the poor, the suffering, and those without a voice. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for a bountiful monsoon: that our providential Creator may grant us sufficient rain; so that being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for our parish community: that we may recognize our call to be missionary disciples, sharing God's love through acts of kindness, service, and forgiveness, even as we go about our daily lives. We pray to the Lord.
- In the silence of our hearts, we place our personal intentions before the Lord, (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Eternal Father, you know the needs of Your people even before we ask. In Your mercy, hear these prayers and help us to become faithful witnesses of Your compassion in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen