

COMMENTATOR TEXT

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28th & 29th

Good morning (good evening).....

“Gathered from the nations to give thanks to God’s holy name” - for “eucharist” means “thanksgiving” - we come together at the table of God’s Word and the altar of Jesus’ sacrifice to hear him teach with authority the message by which we find fullness of life, and to experience, in this community and our own hearts, the spiritual healing he gladly imparts to all who come before him in faith.

[Pause...] [Please announce today’s Mass Intention for this Mass only]

Today’s Mass Intention is for:

04:30 Viviane Goot (†)
07:30 Manuel & Lucille Peters (†)
09:00 Richard Quarry (†)
10:45 Melanio Castro Sr. (†)
01:00 People of St. Joseph (SI)

[Pause...]

Please stand... **[pause...]** and prepare to receive our Lord in Word and Sacrament...

[Pause twice as long...] then move to place *Parish Petition Book* underneath the ambo, and the cantor/music ministers assume responsibility for beginning the “gathering song.” *pause here, so that the noise of standing would subside, then continue...*

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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PRIEST: As we come into God's presence with thanksgiving, let us also intercede for the needs of all in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy One of God, as we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

† Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI; our Bishop Jaime Soto; and all the leaders of the Church may teach YOUR truth with an authority born of faithful witness and loving service... Let us pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

† Lord, Jesus, we pray that YOUR teaching may rebuke the unclean spirits that torment our world, violence and terrorism, oppression and despair... Let us pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

† We pray that those committed to the celibacy for the sake of the gospel may grow in holiness and joy through their service to YOU and to others... Let us pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

† Good and generous God, we pray that those burdened by emotional anguish or mental illness may receive the care they need, the healing they seek, and the love they deserve... Let us pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

† We pray that, hearing today YOUR voice teaching us in this assembly, we may harden not our hearts, but spread YOUR fame by faithful witness and holy living ... Let us pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

† We pray for the concerns of our communities of St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul, for all those whose names are in our petition book; and for all those who are recently ill, especially, **Henry Girón, Walter Hernandez, Mike Reese, and Drexel Wesleder**, and for all who have recently passed away, especially: **Mike Matthews, María Orozco, Rev. Lawrence A. Ryan, and Bill Vaughan, father of Rev. Michael Vaughn**, that they may be lifted up with all the angels and saints who shine in your light... Let us pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PRIEST: O God, in Jesus, your Holy One, you impart to your people a new teaching with authority. Release our spirits from all anxieties, that with single-hearted resolve and unhindered devotion, we may devote all our energy and zeal to the work of your kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.