

Prayers of the Faithful  
January 25 - 26, 2020 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Presider:** In the spirit of the apostles who heard and responded to Christ's call to follow him, we offer our prayers and petitions.

**Lector:**

That God will give the grace to all churches and religions to heal their own divisions and put aside their own limited horizons to move beyond the quarrels of the past into a future of creative possibility, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That invited by Pope Francis to celebrate the sacred Scriptures on this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we may "grow in religious and intimate familiarity with them," transcending the letter of Scripture to grasp its Spirit, we pray... **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That our country's leaders will heed Pope Francis's call to provide migrants and those seeking asylum welcome, protection and integration, and that, we become a people, as Cardinal Sean recently reminded us, with a consistent ethic of life from womb to tomb, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That violence, bullying and all forms of injustice based on sexual orientation and gender be banished in our country and our Catholic Church, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That all LGBTQ persons may know that they are welcomed and belong in our Church and parish community, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That the many varied and diverse people that gather to worship at our parish may always hear the call to use their diverse gifts to show forth the power of Christ working among us and in our world, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That as we begin Catholic Schools Week, parochial schools may continue to thrive, providing spiritual, academic, and leadership growth for their students, we pray... **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That the light of God's tender healing dawns on BC student, Ariel Cox, those members of the College of the Holy Cross seriously injured in a van accident of student athletes, those suffering from the effects of the earthquakes in Puerto Rico and fires in Australia, and all those we call to mind know **[Pause]**, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

That the light of Christ will scatter the darkness to lead our beloved dead safely home, among them we remember today Dale Kensinger, Walter Durrane, Miguel Alvir Barretto, Tom & Mary Shields, Anne O'Brien, Anthony Votta, Inga Boris, Mary Dafarra, and Holy Cross student, Grace Rhett, we pray...**Lord, hear our Prayer.**

**Presider:** Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to respond enthusiastically to your call to be fishers of people proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom in and through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**