

BIDDING PRAYERS: 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Priest:** As disciples gathered around Jesus, let us offer to the Lord our intercessions for all God's children
- Reader:** For all those called to be shepherds to the Lord's flock, especially Francis our Pope, John our Bishop and the priests of our parishes; may the Lord grant them grace and courage so that they may attend with compassion to the needs of all.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For those newly elected to govern our country: that they may serve with integrity and wisdom and that their every decision may be directed towards the common good.
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- Reader:** For those whom society has abandoned: may Christians extend to them the compassion of Christ the Shepherd.
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- Reader:** For those who are suffering from fatigue; may they find time for rest and recreation in their lives, especially during this holiday season and may they know that the Lord will help to renew them in body and soul, especially in the Eucharist.
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- Reader:** For all those coming to the end of the school year; may they look back with gratitude and forward with hope and may all our young people and teachers be blessed with a good vacation.
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- Reader:** We pray for those intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend; also, all the faithful departed, especially Margaret Cross, Bernard Smith, Edna Cartwright, Rosemary Foster, Cherylyn Emery, Margaret Maguire, John Molyneaux and all those who have died recently, may they be raised up on the last day.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to intercede on our behalf: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Father, in your gracious mercy, accept the prayers we offer and renew us by our celebration of this Holy Mass. We make our prayer through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.