

**BIDDING PRAYERS:  
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**Priest:** As we gather at the altar of God, let us offer intercession for the needs of all in the name of Jesus, who feeds us with his body and blood.

**Reader:** For Pope Leo and all the leaders of the Church; may they bear witness to the compassion of Christ for the multitude, never sending anyone away, but gladly offering to all the word of God and the bread of life.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** For a culture which promotes and support life; in the shadow of the parliamentary votes on the unborn and the dying this week, may we always seek ways to show society that human life is sacred and to be cherished.  
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**Reader:** For our government and all those who are elected to serve our communities; may they pay heed to Our Lord's invocation to unity and seek ways to serve the common good.  
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**Reader:** For those who are hungry and homeless; that those who are starved of daily bread or human dignity, may find in the disciples of Christ, generous stewards of God's bountiful gifts.  
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**Reader:** We pray for our children who receive their First Holy Communion about this time; may the Lord bless them and their families with the gift of faith.  
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**Reader:** Let us remember all the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.  
Also, all those who have died recently, including, Eunice Gough, Eddie Lloyd and Pauline Sharples.  
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**Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, your Son displayed your love and mercy in feeding the 5000. We ask that you hear and grant these needs which we present today. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.