

General Intercessions  
THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 30, 2011

1. For the men and women who dedicate their lives to the service of the Church, that they may find joy in their efforts to spread the Gospel, we pray to the Lord: R/. *Lord, hear our prayer.*
  
2. For civic leaders throughout the world, that they may grow in their awareness of the sacredness and dignity of human life, we pray to the Lord: R/. *Lord, hear our prayer.*
  
3. For those facing financial strife, that they may continue to draw on their faith to help them persevere in their time of difficulty, we pray to the Lord: R/. *Lord, hear our prayer.*
  
4. For the sick and the suffering of our parish, that our outreach may help them experience the love of Christ, we pray to the Lord: R/. *Lord, hear our prayer.*
  
5. For the confirmation candidates of St. Mary and St. Joseph parishes as they embark upon their retreat this weekend, that they remain open to the Holy Spirit as they prepare for this important Sacrament, we pray to the Lord: R/. *Lord, hear our prayer.*
  
6. For each of us, that through our religious practices, others may be inspired and put forth a deeper commitment to their faith, we pray to the Lord: R/. *Lord, hear our prayer.*
  
7. For those who have died, including Estella Reinhart, that they may be embraced in the arms of our Heavenly Father; for all the intentions of this mass and for those found in our parish prayer request book; for all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts (*pause*). We pray to the Lord: R/. *Lord, hear our prayer.*