**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Confident in the Father’s generous love for us we now turn to him with our prayers.

1. For the Church: during this Jubilee Year, may believers rediscover the distribution of gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit in building up the body of Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For political leaders: guide them in their judgement so they may legislate wisely in all things. May they courageously uphold the rights of all citizens from conception to natural death. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For couples preparing for marriage: deepen their love for one another that they will grow to face the joys ad sorrows of life together. **Lord, hear us.**
4. As we begin Catholic Schools Week, may our Catholic schools flourish as exponents of the faith, that they may form and equip students with the skills needed to thrive in the world. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all whose lives have been devastated by war or terrorism, that the world will be generous in helping them to rebuild shattered communities and shattered lives. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation: endow them with the grace of the Holy Spirit, setting their hearts on fire to love and serve others. **Lord, hear us.**
7. Lord, as we gather around your table as your family, help us to see that our bitterness is forgotten, our discord is resolved, and our sins are forgiven. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who have died: may they experience the ‘best wine’ as they take their place at the heavenly banquet. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, as we present our needs to you, fill us with the many gifts of your Spirit, that we may serve you and your people with strength and joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.