**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** The Lord keeps faith forever and raises up those who are bowed down. Confident in God’s love, let us turn to the Father in prayer.

1. For the Church: that all the People of God may be the sacrament of God’s mercy, coming to the aid of those whom society has abandoned. **Lord, hear us.**
2. As we mark Catholic Schools Week, we pray for all involved in Catholic education. As Jesus, the Good Teacher taught in the synagogue, may our schools be places of learning, inspired by the Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear us.**
3. As we prepare to celebrate World Day for Consecrated life, we pray for the Religious of our Diocese, those who serve in education, healthcare, parish ministry, and contemplative prayer. May their charisms and ministries further the teaching work of the Church. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration in our Diocese: may we, like the psalmist, “bow and bend low, and kneel before the God who made us in wonder, awe, and reverence. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those who are fragile, stressed, or unwell. Bless them with the strength of your grace, the comfort of your peace, and the hope they will be “free from all worry”. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all married couples, those preparing for marriage, and those whose relationships are struggling. We pray for the work of Accord and those who accompany couples in pre and post marriage care. May they witness to the sacramental grace of marriage. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Heavenly Father, Merciful God, hear the prayers of those whom you have called by name. May our ears always be attentive to your voice and our spirits eager to respond to your call to serve one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**