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People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south. (Luke 13:29)

Going to a Catholic church in another country can be a real eye-opener. The language or accent might be different. The liturgy might have a different flair. And the people in the pews might not look like your fellow parishioners. That's part of the beauty of the Church!

In today's Gospel, when someone asks Jesus whether only a few will be saved, Jesus is quick to broaden his perspective. The heavenly banquet table is very large, he says! Yes, the gate is narrow, and it takes effort to enter. But that doesn't mean heaven will be empty. History tells us that many, many people have been more than willing to enter through that narrow gate. The result? All the great saints and heroes of the faith will be reclining at table with a multitude of people: men, women, and children from every race and nation, from every cultural and economic background. The Lord is not stingy when it comes to drawing people to himself. In fact, the more the merrier!

The key is entry through the narrow gate. That's the action of faith that unites us. Whether you're from the north, south, east, or west, a prince or a peasant, it doesn't matter. If you've entered through that narrow door—if you've turned to the Lord in faith and Baptism—you belong in God's kingdom. You have a place reserved for you at the banquet table of the Lord.

Now, just as you are a part of the people of God, so are the people in your community, everyone who serves side-by-side with you at your parish. But so are people who speak a different language or whose culture or economic status is very unlike your own. So are people in prison cells and in homeless shelters. So is the annoying neighbor down the street whose faith is known to God alone. In God's eyes, everyone is equally deserving of his love. Because God wants everyone in his kingdom. So let's make space next to ourselves at the Lord's banquet table.

"Lord, help me to welcome anyone who comes to you in faith."

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Prayer Support for Our Pastor and Parish
 Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00 pm. God's grace always remains with us.

Aug 25 - Sep 1, 2019
Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 25 9:00am-Mass
 Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
 Lk 13:22-30
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, August 26 4:30pm-Communion Service
 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 27 10:00am-Communion Service
 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 28 4:30pm-Mass
 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Mass intention for Lloyd & Ron Chance

Thursday, August 29 9:00am-Communion Service
 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29

Friday, August 30 9:30am-Communion Service
 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 31 4:30pm-Mass
 6:30pm-Spanish Mass
 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Mass Intention for Luther Smith

Sunday, September 1 9:00am-Mass
 Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Fr. Frank Rossi, Elaine Schriver, Cecil Schriver, Henry Rossi; Dana LeJune, Billie Matthews, Claudia Smith, Dianne Necessary, Madeline Arnett, Nelda Leathem, Kim Butler, Joe Ventrello, Ava Smith, Joan Gremillion, Misa Craig, Joseph Cook, Kirk Daigle, Steven Smith; Bob Byrne, Judy Pena, Willie Frazier, Jeff Holland, Alicia Scoggins, David Marold, Lauren Scoggan, Billy Angel, Randy Griffith

Repose of the soul: Pam Swylock, Helen Bast, Rhonda Dore, Pat Byrne, Pat Rabb, Joe Robertson, Brayden Craigen

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

Weekly Stewardship

August 17&18 Weekly Offering \$ 3,748.93
Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00
Excess/Deficit \$ 596.93

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| Sun. Aug 25 <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | Mon. Aug 26 | Tues. Aug 27 | Wed. Aug 28 | Thurs. Aug 29 | Fri. Aug 30 | Sat. Aug 31 |
| 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i> | 4:30pm—Communion Service | 10:00am—Communion Service | 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE | 8:30am—Communion Service 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet | 9:30am—Communion Service | 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass Helping Hands Project |
| Sun. Sep 1 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | Mon. Sep 2 | Tues. Sep 3 | Wed. Sep 4 | Thurs. Sep 5 | Fri. Sep 6 | Sat. Sep 7 |
| 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i> | 4:30pm—Communion Service | 10:00am—Mass 10:30am—Senior Social 12:00pm—Lunch 1:00pm—Altar Society 7:00pm—Parish Council/Finance Committee | 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE | 8:30am—Communion Service 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet | 9:30am—Communion Service | 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass Helping Hands Project |

CCE

First Day of class
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
 6:00pm—Supper
 6:30-7:30pm— CLASS

Anyone that would like to provide dinner for the children is welcome to participate. It is really enjoyable to come and serve the meal.

Donations are also accepted. Contact Twyla Darder, 409-384-0819, to sign up or make a donation.





Peter Peltier won the Msgr. Richard DeStefano Faithful Steward Award!



We are once again taking donations of new, unopened packages of underwear, t-shirts and socks for the children of Tyler County. The box is located at the entrance of the church.

All sizes. **Helping Hands**



Questions for Family Discussions

Adults: When has your taking a strong stand on a moral issue created division rather than healing in the short term?

Children: Is it important to do the right thing even if others are angry as a result? Why or Why not?

Upcoming Events

September 3: Senior Citizens Fun Day, OLOP Family Center, following 10:00am Mass

September 3: Altar Society Meeting, 1:00pm

September 3: Parish Council/Finance Committee Meeting OLOP Family Center, 7:00pm

September 8: Family Day/Ministry Fair, after Mass, OLOP Family Center, (last day to bring Helping Hands donations)

FAMILY DAY & MINISTRY FAIR

September 8, 2019
 after Mass

Bring a dish, come and gather for lunch and fellowship.

Afterward, browse the ministry tables to learn more about opportunities for participation at Our Lady of the Pines.

Desserts will be provided at the Ministry tables.