

August 21, 2016

Ordinary Time
Twenty-first Sunday



The Narrow Gate

Today's liturgy is the last in the sequence of the 18th to 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time unit. It acts as a kind of conclusion to a set of instructions given by Jesus on salvation, indicating the type of life one should lead, and the choices required to gain salvation. In fact, it leads us here and now to the threshold of the banquet hall in the Kingdom of God. The gate is narrow and will not be left open indefinitely. When it is closed, some who thought they had a right to enter will find themselves locked outside. Yet the call to the banquet has been made far and wide "from east to west, north to south." What are you doing about this invitation now?

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, August 27
2:00 p.m. Koncaba-Grahmann Wedding
4:30 p.m. Delphin Janecka
Sunday, August 28
8:00 a.m. Anton Stryk

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Responsorial Psalm: 68
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14



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Orientation

The 22nd – 24th Sundays in Ordinary Time

Already the tone of the scriptures is beginning to change. For weeks we have been hearing parables of the Kingdom, the cost of discipleship, meaning of the coming of the Messiah, and of his dying. Now the scriptures are starting to turn toward the second half of the Ordinary Time season. As Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem, his destination, the questions arise, as in the readings for today: Who will be saved? Who will be first in the Kingdom? By what will we be saved? The scriptures contend that God's plan, known from the beginning of time, continues to unfold.

In the space of these three Sundays, we read a significant portion of Chapter 14 and all of Chapter 15 of Luke. The Gospel for the 22nd Sunday contains a parable that is set in the context of a meal. The Gospel of the 24th Sunday ends with a parable that speaks of another feast: that prepared by a father to celebrate his younger son's homecoming.

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REFLECTION

Will All People Be Saved?

Today's gospel passage brings up the question "Will all people be saved?" Jesus' answer appears to be "no." It is true that the good news is announced to all. All have the opportunity to respond, but here we learn that entering God's Kingdom is not automatic. On the other side of the narrow door is the householder who has the power and authority to open and close at will. There may well be a long line of expectant people. Whether or not they get in is entirely at the discretion of the householder.

In the Kingdom of God, places are set for those who respond in faith. So Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel will be there along with all whose hearts are changed by the gospel's proclamation. At the Lord's table they will feast with God as the Scriptures promise. In God's judgment, human expectations can be shockingly reversed, unlikely people will get through the narrow door and even latecomers to salvation may take precedence over those who presume themselves to be worthy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 21 – Kimberlyn Michalec
 August 23 – Doris Kalina
 August 24 – Marilyn Cerny, Joyce Kubecka
 August 25 – Nathan Vrazel
 August 26 – John Decker, Sr.
 August 27 – Anna Fishbeck, Kathleen Svatek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 26 – Esther & Edward Brautigam

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