

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages,
teaching as he went and making his way
to Jerusalem.

Someone asked him,

“Lord, will only a few people be saved?”

He answered them,

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter
but will not be strong enough.

After the master of the house has arisen
and locked the door,
then will you stand outside knocking
and saying,

‘Lord, open the door for us.’

He will say to you in reply,

‘I do not know where you are from.’

And you will say,

‘We ate and drank in your company and
you taught in our streets.’

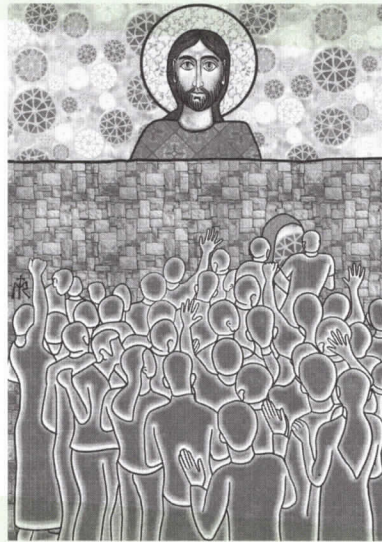
Then he will say to you,

‘I do not know where you are from.

Depart from me, all you evildoers!’

And there will be wailing and grinding of
teeth

when you see Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob



and all the prophets in the kingdom of
God

and you yourselves cast out.

And people will come from the east and
the west

and from the north and the south
and will recline at table in the kingdom
of God.

For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.”

Readings for the week:

21st Sunday in Ord. Time

Isa 66:18-21
Ps 117:1, 2
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

Monday

2 Thess 1:1-5,
11-12
Ps 96:1-2a,
2b-3, 4-5
Matt 23:13-22

Tuesday

2 Thess 2:1-3a,
14-17
Ps 96:10,
11-12, 13
Matt 23:23-26

Wednesday

**St. Bartholomew,
Apostle**
Rev 21:9b-14
Ps 145:10-11,
12-13, 17-18
John 1:45-51

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9
Ps 145:2-3,
4-5, 6-7
Matt 24:42-51

Friday

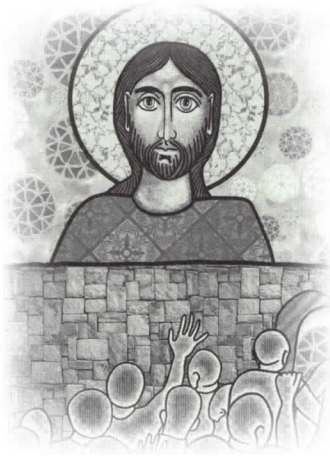
1 Cor 1:17-25
Ps 33:1-2,
4-5, 10-11
Matt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31
Ps 33:12-13,
18-19, 20-21
Matt 25:14-30

22nd Sunday in Ord. Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20,
28-29
Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19,
22-24a
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Opening Prayer

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Today's gospel opens with a reminder that Jesus is still journeying to Jerusalem, answering questions and telling stories along the way to explain what is expected of a disciple. "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" asks someone—no doubt with the unspoken hope "along with me!" The anonymity of the questioner drags us all into both the question and Jesus's reply. This reply is not a direct answer, but a parable about the effort needed to be saved. Central to the parable is the image of the narrow door. It is not a locked door, but one that requires disciples to give up self-indulgent ways and go into a spiritual training program that will slim us down and enable us to pass through this door into the kingdom. The media is full of stories about the demanding regime athletes have to follow in their training. To squeeze into an elite sports team is a cause for celebration; to be citizens who squeeze into the kingdom of God is an eternal joy beyond compare. It is in Jerusalem, where Jesus is heading to suffer, that the narrow door of salvation will be forced sufficiently wide for us by his crucified and risen body.

The second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, maintains that for the spiritual olympiad, suffering is part of our training. Flagging disciples must never lose sight of Jesus and his endurance of the cross if they, too, are to endure in the face of hostility from without and lack of commitment from within themselves and their community. In an era when we are made privy to all the details of an injured sport hero's physical therapy routine ("punishing," as it is often described!), we need to reflect on our own routines for enduring the kingdom race as we strive to reach heaven.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. May we keep our sight on you alone and strive to enter the narrow gate. Knowing the last and least will be first in your kingdom, may we practice humility as we remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- How do you feel about Jesus's statement, "Strive to enter the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough"?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Announcements
08/20/22 to 08/21/22

Financials: 08/08/22 – 08/14/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$2511.00 Over \$111.00	
In Church	\$	1431.00
Mail In	\$	50.00
OnLine Giving	\$	1030.00

This weekend, Second Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii. Serving Hawaii since 1947. Catholic Charities serves all people, especially those with the greatest need, regardless of their faith or culture. Mahalo for your generosity.

Bread Report from Kathy Texeira ~

With the help of 14 volunteers, we baked 377 loaves of sweet bread. Our expenses were \$570.29. Our Net Profit including miscellaneous donations: \$1963.71.

Thank you everyone for your help and dedication to this monthly fundraising event!

Our next Bread Day is Tuesday, September 20. All are welcome to join us! Mahalo!

Saturday, August 27th- St. Ann Rummage Sale, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Have a Blessed Week!