

**Monday**  
AUGUST 22  
*Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12  
Mt 23:13–22

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 23  
*Weekday*  
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17  
Mt 23:23–26

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 24  
*St. Bartholomew,  
Apostle*  
Rv 21:9b–14  
Jn 1:45–51

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 25  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 1:1–9  
Mt 24:42–51

**Friday**  
AUGUST 26  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 1:17–25  
Mt 25:1–13

**Saturday**  
AUGUST 27  
*St. Monica*  
1 Cor 1:26–31  
Mt 25:14–30

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 28  
*Twenty-second  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 3:17–18, 20,  
28–29  
Heb 12:18–19,  
22–24a  
Lk 14:1, 7–14



Several years ago, a mother dropped her son off at the university's Catholic Center with the words, "Don't forget where you come from." I remember thinking how profound those words were. They spoke not only of a place but also of an experience of family. She was reminding him of his roots.

In the first years of college, students can easily lose their way. They experiment with different behaviors and identities. They strive to figure out how to manage their responsibilities. Their religious practice may lapse or change. With a strong foundation, however, most will settle down to the business of becoming Catholic and Christian adults, which happens in small and large steps.

The people in today's parable had changed so much that the master didn't even recognize them: "I do not know where you are from." Maybe they had forgotten themselves or had rejected the promises that the master (who is God) had given them. In any case, Jesus gives them a glimpse of what's behind the narrow gate of salvation—as well as the alternative—and urges them to "strive to enter" it. Our baptism is a personal invitation to this narrow gate. The path of discipleship requires God's grace and a desire to serve. If our lives don't reflect this call, we run the risk of forgetting who we are, where we are from, and what we are promised. Reflect today on your identity as a child of God and hear God say to your heart, "Don't forget where you come from."

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**A Word From Pope Francis**

*"When we say 'home' we mean a place of hospitality, a dwelling, a pleasant human environment where one stays readily, finds oneself, feels inserted into a territory, in a community."*

—Address at the Homeless Shelter "Dono di Maria" with the Missionaries of Charity, May 21, 2013



# Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

*August 21, 2016*



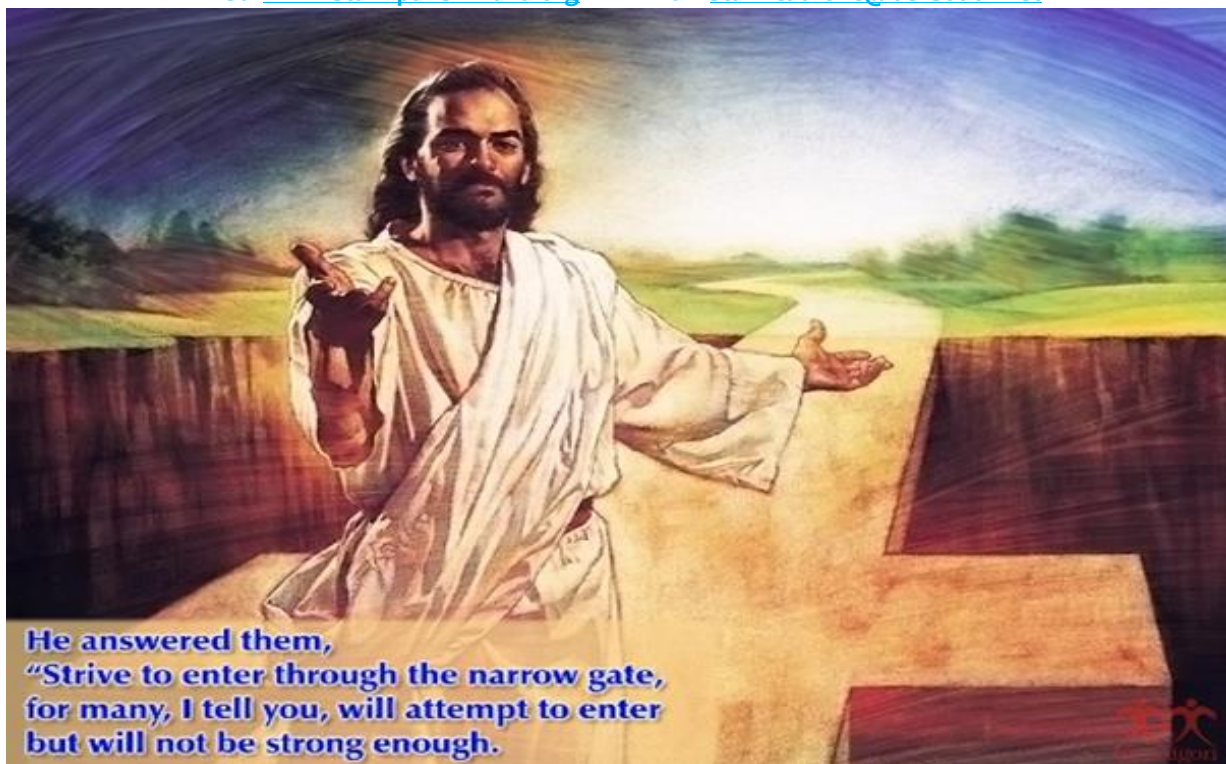
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**He answered them,  
"Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough."**

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.  
to 9:30 a.m

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

## *Mass Schedule for this Week*

### Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 5:00 pm +Edgar Dapremont, Sr.

Sun 9am +Dale Babin

Mon 8 am +Dale Babin

Tue 8 am +George Brignac

Wed 6pm +Edgar Dapremont, Sr.

Thu 8am + George Brignac

Fri 8am +Dale Babin

## **From Father Khoa's Desk...**

***Dear Parishioners and Friends,***

The readings for this Sunday invite us to reflect on how we are called to become disciples in the kingdom and how we are to deal with suffering and obstacles which come our way because we say "Yes" to God. It is similar to the centuries old question about why does God allow bad things to happen to the good people, especially to those God calls to serve. One of the priest experienced great physical and mental suffering in his life from practically the beginning of his first pastoral assignment. A few months before he died, he wrote, "Unwarranted suffering, undeserved crosses have, I'm sure, been laid on the shoulders of every human being in one way or another. Physical disease or handicaps, mental or emotional suffering, anxiety, loneliness, boredom ... always bring with them the question, 'Why?'" He pointed out that early on in the Old Testament some thought that hardship in life was sent as a punishment, either for one's own sins or for those of one's family. Later the authors of Sacred Scripture began to stress the notion that God sends suffering as a way to test the faith and loyalty of his people. We encounter this teaching in our second reading for today's liturgy that comes from the Letter to the Hebrews. The following advice is given, "Endure your trials as discipline. At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it."

Today's Gospel account describes this insight in terms of entering God's kingdom by the "narrow gate." Demands will be made on all of us who hope for a place in the kingdom. These demands may prove very burdensome

and may require of us much patience, perseverance, and humility. Jesus does not promise to remove these demands from our lives, only that he will walk with us in our trials. He teaches us that if discipline is to have meaning for us and be redemptive, it must become something we embrace for the sake of the kingdom. It must become self-discipline. The priest concluded his reflections by stating, "Suffering is never explained by asking, 'Where does it come from?' or 'Why me?' Rather it is explained by asking, 'What do I do with it?'" Let us pray that the Lord will teach us to carry our cross through the narrow gate into the company of our heavenly Father.

*May God bless all of us!*

**...Fr. Khoa**

***This weekend, the second collection is for recent Flood Victim. Thank you for your generosity.***

### **ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\***

**70**Identifiable: **\$1,364.00**; Loose: **\$1,259.00**;  
Total: **\$2,652.00**; Children: **\$20.00**;  
Assumption: **\$15.00**

### **OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

Identifiable: **\$241.00**; Loose: **\$144.00**; Total: **\$385.00**.

**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Parish Council: meets **this Sat Aug 20.****

**Church Cleaning:** Thank you Julie and Keshia for cleaning the church on Aug 14 & 21. Doug and Sharon Ladner will clean the church on Aug 28 and Sept 4.0Thank you.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat Aug 20 5pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Rita Acosta , Mike Mays , Diane Mays	Austin Scarengoas	Doug August	Helen O'Neal & Gloria Armand
Aug 21 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Aug 21 9am	Kim Wood	Marlow Ladner , Carolyn Brewer , Derek Trosclair	Conner Will	Robert David	David Crabtree Family
Sat Aug 27 5pm	Henrietta	Doris Snowden , Richard Dunlap , Kay Van Pelt	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Kermit	The Van Pelts
Aug 28 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Aug 28 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Marlow Ladner , Carolyn Brewer , Kim Wood	Nick Carson	Robert David	Mike & Pati Papania

## **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

**RCIA:** RCIA classes will begin On **Sept 14**.

**Catholic Students** of our parish to receive subsidy are: Sarah Thomas, Kennedy + Car + Keegan Leverette, Jacob Estrada, Tucker + Ella Enroth, C. + C. + L Broom, Austin Scarengoas, Will Dreher, L & V Jeanfreau, and Nick Quintini. Please contact me this week if your children/grandchildren are not on the list.

### **Donations during the summer**

During the summer, please remember that the Parish operates year round including summer time. Please don't forget that your weekly offering is always very important to keep normal operations steady. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**Bible Study:** We study **Memory**.. Please join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

**Garage Sale:** will be on **October 2 and 9**. Please contact **Beverly and Loretta**. Thank you.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**  
*Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding.* Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

**CCD:** CCD will start on **September 11**. Please contact Robert Lizana the DRE.

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**  
Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Elizabeth Necaise, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, and Greg West.