



### **Sunday, August 21 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 BM Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 DE Tom Myers from Patty Jemaa

12:00 DE Ann and Joseph Macke from Macke Family

### **Monday, August 22**

12:10 Mary Windholtz from Mary Beutler

### **Tuesday, August 23**

12:10 Cynthia Pharo from Family

### **Wednesday, August 24**

12:10 Purgatorial Society

### **Thursday, August 25**

12:10 John Michael Meretta from George and Betsie Molinsky

### **Friday, August 26**

12:10 Charles A. Donovan, Jr. from Kevin Fogarty

### **Saturday, August 27**

12:10 BW Special Intention for Patricia DeSanctis from Judy Thelen

7:00 BW Timothy Johnson from Kay and Bill Russ

### **Sunday, August 28 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 BW Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 BW Bob Ewers from Tom and George Ann Raabe

12:00 AP Mike Meretta from Mary and Barry Smyth

Endure your trials as “discipline”; God treats you as sons. For what “son” is there whom his father does not 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.

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

**This Weekend's Hymns**  
**All hymns can be found**  
**in the Seasonal**  
**Missalette.**  
**Opening: #308**  
**Communion: #198**  
**Closing: #318**

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## **From the Pastor's Desk**

What is the narrow path, and why is it so illusive for so many? I think a real relationship with God begins with the leap in faith that for many is a non-starter, the recognition that there is something in this life that can not be explained or proven a divine power or presence in our world. Here I want to challenge you to come up with your own argument for God's existence (could be fly fishing or music or art or the beauty and order of nature) but an argument from our experience. This is an important aspect of what we believe as Catholics, that we can know God naturally, and that acts as a way of pulling us into relationship and the Divine Revelation of the Triune God.

Once a relationship with God has begun, a personal and communal journey has begun. The narrow path is a life lived in response to Divine

Love. How do I respond to a love that is so far beyond my ability to reciprocate? A life of appreciation and learning to mirror aspects of God's love back to others in our lives is the narrow way. Part of that is going to Mass and being a member of the Church; part of that is deeply individualized, both in balance are necessary. It is a race, as Saint Paul reminds us, a marathon and as long as breathe ebbs and flows from our lungs we are not done running.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

Father Adam

## **HERE AT ST. ROSE**

**Live Streaming [STROSECINNATI.ORG](http://STROSECINNATI.ORG) and**

**click on [WATCH LIVE](#)**

**Nicholas Marcheschi and Gabrielle Kraemer** were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony here at St. Rose Church on August 13.

## **WEDDING COORDINATORS NEEDED**

**If you can help, please call the office or see Father Barry. We will train.**

## **CCD**

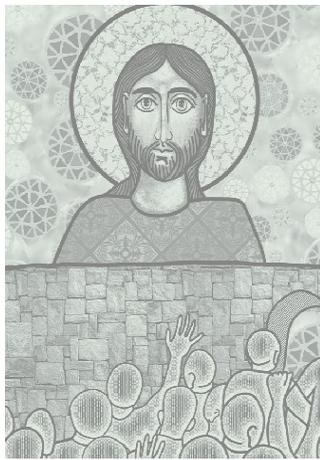
**CCD is looking for a volunteer to teach our 3rd/4th grade class.**

**Please contact Debbie Wesselman @ 513-703-8229 or [wesselmandmma@aol.com](mailto:wesselmandmma@aol.com)**

**Our CCD program will resume classes September 18. Registration is that morning starting at 9:00 a.m., along with class. For more information contact Debbie Wesselman**

*The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people.*

*Daily Catholic Wisdom*



**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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**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.’**

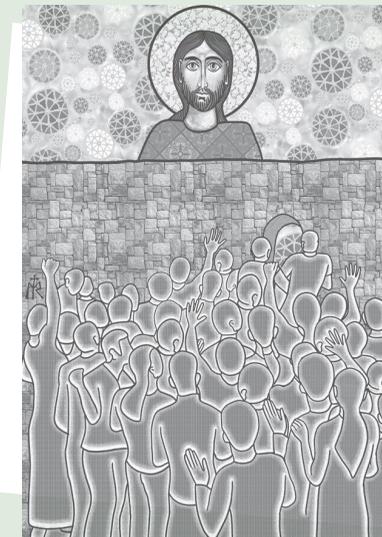
**Then he will say to you,**

**‘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