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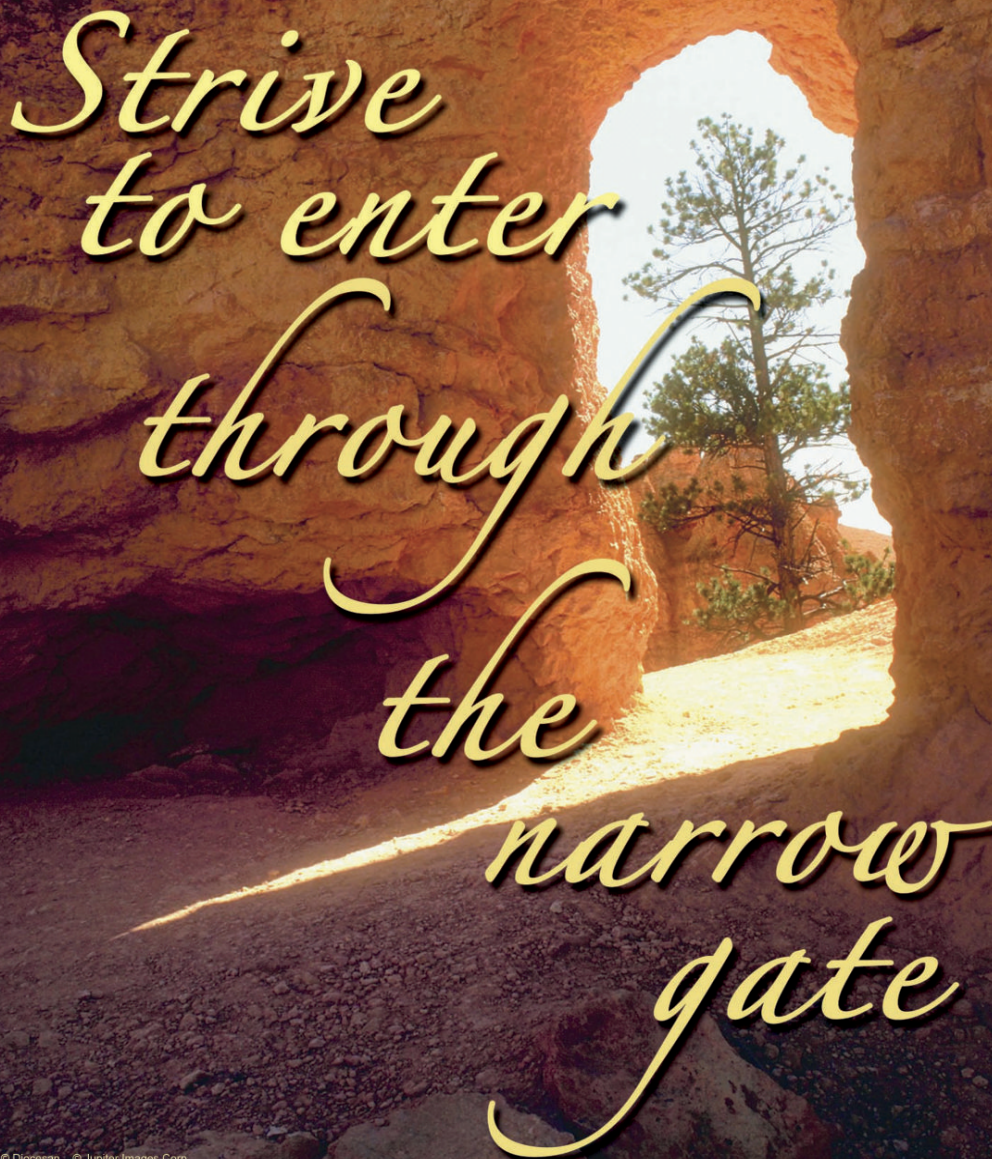
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Louise Frederick, Parish Catechetical Leader

August 24, 2025



*Strive
to enter
through
the
narrow
gate*

SUNDAY MASSES:

SAINT MARTHA

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

SAINT MARTHA

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:00 a.m.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Weekday Services are

Suspended until further
notice

ADORATION HOURS

SAINT MARTHA

First Friday of month,

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Weekend Masses Anytime
by Appointment

SACRAMENTS OF

**BAPTISM, MARRIAGE,
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**ST. MARTHA PARISH
SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

RESUMES SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

WESTBANK HIGH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

AUGUST 23, 2025

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

8:30 & 10:30 MASS

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins or the Saints* beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no New Orleans teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we follow our consciences or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

Tom Schmidt

*(Edited to add local interest)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MONICA (332-387)

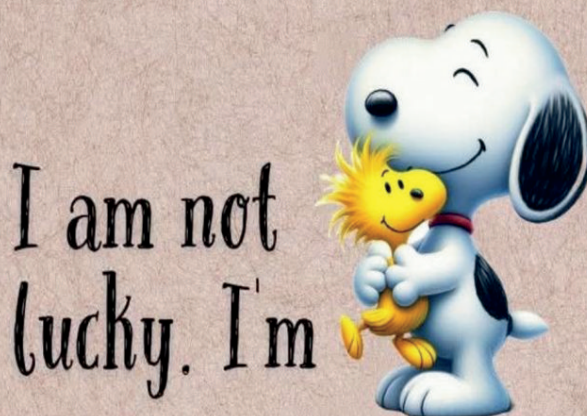
August 27

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

—Peter Scagnelli

Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



Blessed.

Everything I have is
because of

GOD'S GRACE! ♥

AMEN

Made With Love, Jessica

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. August 23 4:00 Infant Jesus**
B. J. LeBlanc, Doris Corcoran, Roy Allain, Tony Granier, Henry Ball, M. J. Perkins, Millard L. Perkins, Jr., Dr. Earl Madere, Bob & Rose Mire, Charles Waguespack, Ray & Jules Vegas, Glenn Morvant, Earl J. Geiling, Jr. & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Sat. August 23 5:30 St. Martha**
Ann Bairnsfather, Joseph Tuan Tran, Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Rosalinda Lee Santiago, Michael Claudel, Dominick Caronna, Sr., Hermana Mahusay, Gerardo Mahusay, Vilma Hernandez, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Sun. August 24 8:30 St. Martha**
Mark Middleton, Barbara Lauland, Evelyn Keller, Maria Soi La, Maria Nheim Tran, Joseph Dong Nguyen, Maria Luong, Estonia Stevens, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Sun. August 24 10:00 Infant Jesus**
All Parishioners, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Sun. August 24 10:30 St. Martha**
Joseph Le Van Lac, Jim Martin, Martha Fau Thi Nguyen, Theresa Nguyen Luu Minh, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Tues. August 26 8:00 St. Martha**
All Parishioners
- Wed. August 27 8:00 St. Martha**
Holy Souls
- Thurs. Aug. 28 8:00 St. Martha**
World Peace
- Fri. August 29 8:00 St. Martha**
All Parishioners
- Sat. August 30 4:00 Infant Jesus**
B.J. LeBlanc, Doris Corcoran, Roy Allain, Tony Granier, Glenn Morvant, Ray & Jules Vegas, Millard L. Perkins, Jr., Dr. Earl Madere, Bob & Rose Mire, Louis Coleman Sr., & Jr., Henry Ball, M. J. Perkins, Earl J. Geiling, Jr. & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Sat. August 30 5:30 St. Martha**
Preston Manuel, Wilson Manuel, Lou Anna McGee, Ann Bairnsfather, Joseph Tuan Tran, Michael Claudel, Rosalinda Lee Santiago, Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Dominick Caronna, Sr., Maria Cordes, Rosalia Mata, Luzviminda Tiguman & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Sun. August 31 8:30 St. Martha**
All Parishioners, Mark Middleton, Maria Nheim Tran, Joseph Dong Nguyen, Maria Ly Nguyen, Maria Soi La, Barbara Lauland, Evelyn Keller, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Sun. August 31 10:00 Infant Jesus**
All Parishioners & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Sun. August 31 10:30 St. Martha**
Theresa Nguyen Luu Minh, Joseph Le Van Lac, Martha Fau Thi Nguyen, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, Express Carcare
- Tues. Sept. 2 8:00 St. Martha**
Joseph Sinh Van Vu
- Wed. Sept. 3 8:00 St. Martha**
All Parishioners
- Thurs. Sept. 4 8:00 St. Martha**
Joseph Sinh Van Vu, Henry Sullivan, Jr.
- Fri. Sept. 5 8:00 St. Martha**
World Peace

SANCTUARY LIGHT

St. Martha

The Sanctuary Light will burn the weeks of August 24th and August 31st in memory of **Ann Bairnsfather**.

Infant Jesus

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of August 23rd in memory of **Louis Coleman, Sr. & Jr.**



FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar for the week of August 24th were donated in memory of **John & Helen Murphy's anniversary**. The flowers at the altar for the week of August 31st were donated in memory of **Warren Murphy**.

SAVE THE DATE

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation
"Confession" will be offered in all parishes
in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 5:00
p.m. –6:30 p.m. (Father Lich is also available for
confession before all weekend masses.)**

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

*Our Father in Heaven,
through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt
Succor, spare us during this hurricane season
from all harm. Protect us and our homes
from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
hasten to help us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart."
Hebrews 10:22 

