

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2025 (C)

Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21
Responsorial Psalm: 117:1,2
Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: making his way to Jerusalem, will only a few be saved, narrow gate, strong enough, last who will be first

To the point: Entering the narrow gate to salvation is not guaranteed by privilege or tradition (those who perceive themselves to be first), but guaranteed by openness to the in-breaking of the Messiah (those who perceive themselves to be last). The gate is narrow because the way is difficult—journeying with Jesus leads to Jerusalem and the cross. The strength needed to persist on this journey comes from reclining “at [his] table in the kingdom of God.” It comes from eating and drinking the messianic Food with the Messiah.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** Isaiah prophesies that salvation is offered to all peoples (“from all the nations”). The gospel makes clear a condition for salvation: those who desire salvation must journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and accept all this entails.

... **to experience:** Our society tends to declare, “numero uno!” We tend to want to be first, to find things easy, to have everything handed to us on a silver platter. This gospel says exactly the opposite. We are not first—Christ is. Things will not be easy—the road to salvation is narrow, difficult, demanding. Every-thing will not be handed to us—rather, we are asked to hand ourselves over.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 24, 2025
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12:00 p.m. (Noon) + **Norma Padilla**
req by Family

+ **Geoff Sequerth**
req by Family

Monday, August 25 - Friday, August 29, 2025
MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 31, 2025
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + **Derek Genesky**
req by St. Vincent de Paul Society

+ **All Souls**



**Please join us for the Rosary
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
in Ascension Church.**

St. Jerome Reunion

Friday, August 29, 2025 from 5-9 p.m. at T. F. Brown's. Buffet serving pulled pork on slider or large rolls, scalloped potatoes, mac and cheese, salad, coffee, tea, soda and cookies for \$26.00 including tax and gratuity. Payment needed with reservation by August 22, 2025. Please make your check payable to “Michael Rimmer, Sr.” and mail to him at 15 Hart St., Batavia, NY 14020. For more information, call Mike at 585-356-5922 or Ann Arent at 585-344-0481.

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Mass Time:

Sunday, August 24, 2025 ~ 12:00 Noon

Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, St. Joseph Site

Contact information:

Office Phone: 585.343.1796

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It's Time to Register for Faith Formation!



Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year. The first Class is Sunday, September 14, 2025 at the St. Joseph's Worship Site. The Opening Mass at 10:00 a.m. will be followed by Family Faith Formation and Sacramental Meetings gathering in the School.

Please visit: www.ascensionrcc.com to sign up. Click on the LLFF Faith Formation icon to get started. Parent information and the schedule are available on the web-site.

If you have any questions, please give the church office a call at 585-343-1796.



Family Picnic at DeWitt Park

You are cordially invited to a picnic with our Family of Parishes on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at DeWitt Recreation Area.

The picnic begins at 1:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass, your own drinks and a chair. The plates and settings have been donated and The Knights of Columbus have donated the hot dogs. Please RSVP to the office if you plan on attending.

Pray for Pope Leo XIV.

May God grant him wisdom!

August 17, 2025

Includes online deposits

Weekly Offering	\$2,623.28
Assumption	225.00
Miscellaneous	60.00
TOTAL	\$2,908.28



Sonya Alwardt, Rita Amend, Jeanette Attardi, Eleanor Bakos, Heidi Banser, Jodi Battistella, Bea Becker, Carl Becker, Donald Becker, Dave Beedham, Sue Berardini, Randy Bow, Anne Marie Boyce, Alexandria Bush, Abby Campbell, Christopher Chilano, Hailey Coniber, Carrie Cory, Joe Corcimiglia, Sue Crimes, Joan Czaja, Steve Deleo, Lindsey Dibble, Dolly Di-Filippo, Jonny Dixon, Marge Dombroski, Gerald and Dolores Donaghue, Lucille Dora, Sundae Duyssen, Joe Fiannaca, Elizabeth Finnin, Kathy Fisher, Carrie Ford, Bill Friday, Gail & Mother, Michelle Gaylord, Pauline Gormley, Anthony Grasso, Cooper Green, Sharon Greene, Carol Griswold, Bernard Hayward, Nancy Hoag, Cody Hodge, Donna Horton, Dana Howe, Rodger Hudson, Kathryn Huff, Steve Huff, Anne Ireland, Anna Joyner, Vicky Joyner, Judy Kedzierski, Mya Kershenski, Janet Kirsch, Paul Kirsch, Mary Klein, Hannah Koepsell, Mary Konarski, John Konarski, John Konieczny, Stella Kwiatkowski, Lathan Lang, Dawn MacDonald, Julia Nagy, Rosie Smith, Francis Marchese, Joan Mastrella, Carmelina McAuley, Richard Miller, Wendy Mitchell, Curtis Mooney, Charles Morse, Jr., Fran Mruzczek, Herb Neal, Christa Oderkirk, Bea Ortiz, Adrian Overfield, Norma Padilla, Diane Palaszynski, Joe Palmer, Maria Palmiero-Casper, Olivia Parmenter, Lena Pellegrino, Margaret Phillips, Leona Polk, Gary Radamaker, Grace Renzo, Caz Rodriguez, James Rowcliffe, Antonette Salvador, Kathy Schaal, Jared Schlaggel, Joseph Schlossel, Diane Schultz, Lynn Sellick, Dorothy Shafer, Terry Simpson, Lynette Siverling, Daniel Slubecky, Donna Stephenson, Teresa Tamfer, Dorothy Taylor, Bev Terol, Bob Terol, Carrie Thornley, Nancy Tomaselli, John Trigilio, Marie Tundo, J. T. Turnbull, Luca Vassallo, Roberta Walker, Beth Walsh, Katie Walsh, Sue Webster, Jeff Wilber, Carol Corona Wiley, Amos Williams, Mary Ann Woods, Norb Wloch, Terry Yates.

If you or a loved one would like to be added to this list, please call the parish office at 343-1796.



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“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,” Jesus says. Today’s narrowest gate is definitely the priesthood. Do you feel called to knock on that gate and enter? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



School Supplies

It's well known that teachers need many things throughout the year that get purchased out of pocket. To help the teachers at St. Joseph Regional School, we are asking you to

consider donating. This way teachers can purchase exactly what is needed. Amazon gift cards, Mastercard/Visa gift cards or monetary donations are the way to donate. You can use your own envelope marked "St. Joseph Regional School" and drop it in the collection baskets during Mass. The envelopes go directly to Mrs. Green, Principal, to be used during the school year. This is the only Catholic School in Orleans, Genesee, and Wyoming counties. Let's show our support!

Ascension Parish Bingo

The Queen is still hiding! Find the Queen of Hearts and win big! The Queen will be worth approximately \$15,000 this week!



Come play Bingo in air-conditioned comfort.

**Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Play begins at 7:00 p.m.**

