

Fr. Dennis will be purchasing a few new altar items / cloths in his travels, for our parish; anyone willing to donate specifically for that, please mark envelope donations IN BIG PRINT and Thank You !

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NEW ROSARY LISTS are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Also NEW MINISTRIES LISTS are ready. Anyone who would do any ministries please contact Rita Walters 642-4398; 640-7463; 642-3361 at work. Thank you!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARISH MINISTRIES

Please prayerfully consider helping out with the ministries in our parish. All ministries are necessary and important to the faith life of our parish.

We need more volunteers for: Altar serving; Readers; Communion Ministers; Greeters; Children's Liturgy; Music ministry

Please contact Rita Walters (Readers, Communion Ministers, Greeters) 640-7463; Lynn Rogers (Altar serving, Children's Liturgy) 642-7803; Monique Vickery (Children's Liturgy) 640-7178; Carol Marit 640-7761 or Gail Delorme 640-5111 (Music Ministry) OR Father Dennis 306-434-0332 or 306-642-4439.

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Pastoral Reflection: 21st Sunday The Price of Salvation

We like convenience. In a busier world, if something can be done easier and faster, then so much the better. An Asian businessman has become wealthy by inventing the instant meal. Take out the seal, pour in hot water and you have instant noodles. Fast food joints and rolling restaurants are making brisk business. No need to cook. If one can have instant coffee, why not instant salvation?

In today's gospel reading (Lk. 13:22-30), Jesus was asked, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" The one asking seems to be saying also, "Why make salvation so difficult? Couldn't discipleship be made

easier?" Jesus' answer was clear, "Go in through the narrow door." Discipleship is not easy, Salvation is not easy.

We cannot claim discipleship by mere affiliation, "We ate and drank with you.; you taught in our town." A contemporary claim might be, "I am a baptized Christian; I belong to a religious organization." We might get the surprise of our life when people we least expect will be sitting at the Lord's table and the "last will be first and the first will be last."

I imagine myself asking the angel-waiter, "Excuse me, why is that guy here? I seldom see him in our church activities." The angel-waiter answers, "Oh, that's because he was taking care of his sickly neighbor. The Lord considers him a close friend. Whatsoever you do to the least, you do to me, said the Boss." Then I might see a publicly known sinner, "What about her, why is she invited?" The angel whispers, "She cries every night for her sins and she washed the Lord's feet with her tears."

It is a banquet of interesting people. I see a mother who raised her five children alone. There is also the vendor who spread cheers as he sold his wares. There is a man who quietly sponsored some scholars through college. There is one talkative person who can't seem to talk of anything else but the Lord's goodness. One person endured his illness without much complaint. I also see a well-known activist who disappeared without a trace. He always talks of justice for the poor with the politician who was shot dead for fighting tyranny. A fascinating band of brothers and sisters.

Wouldn't we like to join this group? The church bestowed some titles to those disciples who have joined the heavenly banquet. Some are confessors, martyrs, doctors, virgins, pastors, and benefactors. We also call them saints. They have lived their lives in many different ways. The door to salvation might be narrow but there are many of these narrow doors.

Salvation is not easy. It comes with a price. It comes with the Cross.

Church Finances

Sunday Collection AUG 11 - \$ 925.00

Sunday Collection AUG 18 - \$ 1478.00

Maintenance Fund – \$ 125.00

Thank You !

THEME : The door to the kingdom is narrow, but only for those who are too “bundled up.”

The door to the kingdom is narrow not because God deliberately made it so, but because we ourselves make it so.

We tend to get so wrapped up in material possessions and concerns and in what others might think or say of us that we cannot pass through it. We may stand in front of the door, frustrated and mad.

As a result, many people who began last, end up first. And many of us who began first end up last.

This is the message of today’s gospel. This is the message that Jesus speaks to us in today’s liturgy.

It is a message that challenges us to ask ourselves, How willing are we to shed whatever is necessary to pass through the door to Jesus?

The door is open. It is wide enough to pass though – but only for those who value Jesus more than anything else, including their possessions and what other people think.

Sunday Ministries

Sunday, SEPT 1	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Yvette Wojcik Jackie Simard
Rosary Leaders	Irene Clermont Rita Walters
Readers	Carla Leduc Ben Pasloski
Communion Ministers	Janice Erfle Rene Chabot Lynn Rogers
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer
Collection Counters	RENE / KEN / BRIAN
Sunday, SEPT 8	
Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Baillie St. Jacques Maureen Beauchesne
Rosary Leaders	Paulette Lapaire Yolande Therrien
Readers	Gail Delorme Gerald Delorme
Communion Ministers	Anette Pryce Rita Walters Carla Leduc
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer
Collection Counters	IRENE / MAUREEN