

August 21, 2022: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed, there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.” Luke 22:28

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says “gate” then “door,” but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Fr. Jim has tested positive for Covid. There will be no masses this week

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

Bible Study:

Cancelled for summer.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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August 13th - August 14th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1186.55
Building Fund	35.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	No Mass
Wed. 7 pm	No Mass
Thu. 7 pm	No Mass
Fri. 10:00 am	No Mass
Sat. 4:30 pm	No Mass
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 27	
Art Hall	Marie Pennell John Carroll
August 28	
Wayne Dicks	Mona Specker Mike Leonard
Communion to the Sick – John Carroll	

PARISH COUNCIL: Thank you to those who serve on our parish Council. Every year three council members finish their terms in September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election. Mike Leonard, Victoria Murphy, and Brian Sparkes are the three people that finish their term this September. Thank you very much to all who served on the parish council.

MASS REQUESTS: Our current list is almost exhausted. This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

CHURCH ROOF: The parish finance committee has met and has decided to replace the roof at Sacred Heart church with a metal roof. The work will begin in early September. It will take at least one week. Further details will be announced soon. Thank you for all the businesses for the quotes.

A special fundraising effort will have to take place to ensure money is to operate and still adequate.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: The regular collection for the St. Vincent De Paul poor box will be taken up on the weekend of

August 27-28. Your continued generous support will be greatly appreciated.

E-TRANSFER: You always have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is sacredheartcparish@gmail.com. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you."

INSURANCE: We have already received the first part of our bill for insurance. The total bill for the property, contents and liabilities of the church, the house and the priest vehicle will be in excess of \$12,000. We need to have a major contribution towards this bill. As you can see by our weekly bulletin, our weekend collections are lower than past years. We need your generosity to help us with this bill. Any contributions you can make towards the cost will help free up costs for other projects in the parish. Please be generous.

SAINT MONICA: Saint Monica was a woman



of great faith who led many members of her family to Christianity through her prayers and by her example. Her son, Augustine, however, lived a very worldly life and

resisted his mother's requests to be baptized. Saint Monica prayed constantly for Augustine's conversion, and, after many years, her prayers were answered. Augustine was baptized, became a priest and then a bishop, as well as a great teacher of our faith. Saint Monica is the patron saint of wives and abuse victims.

MASS INTENTION FORMS: Now available at the church are mass intention forms and envelopes for your convenience.

QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:



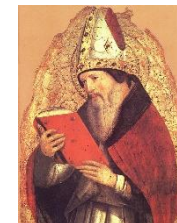
Mary is both a queen and a mother, but she is more mother than queen. Mary's Queenship and "motherhood," or

motherhood, spark to life simultaneously. In the very moment Mary becomes a mother at the Annunciation, she also becomes a queen. The Archangel Gabriel tells Mary that her Son will sit on "the throne of his ancestor David" and that "He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32-33). Since Jesus is a king, and since He is conceived in the womb of Mary, and since in Israel the mother of a king was always a queen, (the daughter not necessarily so), Mary becomes a queen. Some texts from the early centuries of the Church call Mary the "domina," the female of "dominus," Latin for "master" or "Lord."

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For the small businesses - We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving communities.

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO:

Born November 13 354, died August 28, 430, AD, was a Roman African, early Christian theologian and philosopher from Numidia. His writings influenced the development of the Western Church and Western philosophy, and indirectly all of Western Christianity. He was the bishop of Hippo Regius in North Africa and for his writings in the Patristic Period is viewed as one of the most important Church Fathers of the Latin Church. Among his most important works are *The City of God*,



A SUMMER BLESSING:

May you walk with God this summer.
 In whatever you do,
 wherever you go,
 walking with God means...
 walking with honesty and with courage,
 walking with love and respect,
 with concern for the feelings of others
 May you talk to God this summer
 and every day and in every situation.
 Talking with God means...
 Praying words of praise
 for the beauty of creation
 Saying prayers of thanks
 for friends and good times,
 Asking God's help in all your decisions,
 Expressing sorrow when you have failed.
 May you talk and walk with God every day.
 Amen.