

August 21, 2022

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 66:18–21

Heb 12:5–7, 11–13

Lk 13:22–30

## Membership Is Not Enough

**J**ust because you belong to a tennis club does not mean you can play tennis. This might sound like a ridiculous statement. Still, it is important to acknowledge that joining a group and paying dues does not mean that you are an active member. Something similar unfolds in the story that Jesus tells in today's Gospel passage. The people who have been locked out claim to be known by the householder: "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets" (Luke 13:26). That may have been true, but evidently it was not enough. As he tells this story, Jesus is making a point for the sake of his listeners: "Enjoying my company and listening to me is not enough." Then what is enough?

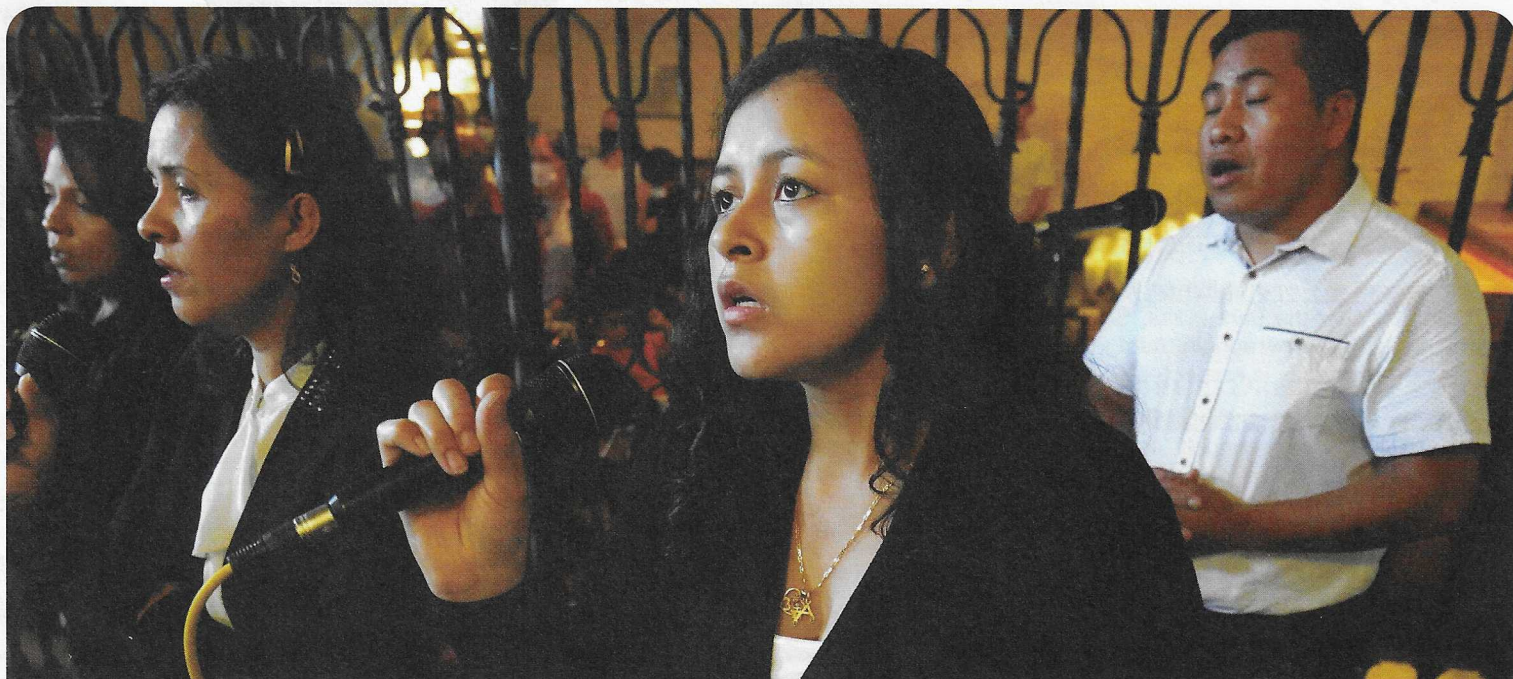
Returning to tennis, it is not enough to join a club

or even to read a book about tennis. You must play it. For many of us, this would mean a lifelong attempt at trying to learn and perfect your game. But then, that is why one joins a tennis club. Christianity is a way of life; you must live it. This is not to say that doctrines and rituals are unimportant. They are very important, but they are important because they inform and then celebrate the Christian life we live. Here too it might take a lifetime to learn being a Christian. But then that is why one is a member of the Church—an *active* member.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Find out about parish resources that can help you to live a more fully Christian life.
- ★ Spend a few minutes reflecting on today's responsorial Psalm 117:1, 2.



*[Jesus said,] "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."*

LUKE 13:24



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## PARISH STAFF:

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## MASS TIMES

### Daily Masses:

**Monday, Thursday, Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: 9am**

**Wednesday: 6pm**

**\*30 minutes before Every Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary**

### Weekend Masses:

**Saturday: 4pm**

**Sunday: 9am**

### Confessions:

**Saturday: 3pm**

**\*1<sup>st</sup> Friday & 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: After the Holy Mass, or  
-by appointment**

## SACRAMENTS: ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered the First Friday and First Saturday after the 9am Mass, Saturdays at 3pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is strongly encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** is a wonderful commitment of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

## PARISH MINISTRIES:

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### Altar /Flower Decorations

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## NEW PARISHIONERS:

*Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors.*



## The Week Ahead

**Sat / August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**4 pm Vigil Mass:** *Healing for Our Country* by Bill & Aggie Budewig

**3-3:45 pm:** Confessions, in the library

**Second Collection:** Catholic Home Missions

**Sun / August 21<sup>st</sup> Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 am Mass:** *Dan Speir* † by Joyce Speir

**Second Collection:** Catholic Home Missions

**Coffee & Donuts** after Mass, in the Parish Hall

**Mon / August 22<sup>nd</sup> The Queenship of the BVM**

**9 am Mass:** *Marie Curry* † Matt & Mary Winston

**Tue / August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**No Mass**

**Wed / August 24<sup>th</sup> Saint Bartholomew**

**6 pm Mass:** *Joe and Margaret Farley* † by Joe and Martha Decoster

**Thu / August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am Mass:** *For Our Dec. Family* † by Bill & Aggie Budewig

**6 pm B--I--N--G--O,** in the Parish Hall

**Fri / August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am Mass:** *Anne Kootz (SI)* by **Buddy Kootz**

**Sat / August 27<sup>th</sup> Saint Monica**

**4 pm Vigil Mass:** *Joseph Kocz* † by **Mary Kocz**

**3-3:45 pm:** Confessions, in the Library

**Anointing of the Sick** after Mass, in the Church

**Sun / August 28<sup>th</sup> Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 am Mass:** *E.F. Verdel* † B. Edmonds

**Anointing of the Sick** after Mass, in the Church

**Coffee & Donuts** after Mass, in the Parish Hall

**Altar Flowers** *last week* are compliments of:

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**Tabernacle Roses** *last week* are compliments of:

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**Coffee & Donuts** *next week*, August 21<sup>st</sup>, will be served by Michael Burton & Group # 4.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Narrow Is The Path to Life  
Broad Is The Way To Destruction

▲ *Wishing you a blessed week!* ▲

## August 13-14, 2022 Collection

Regular Collection - \$2,321.00

Maintenance Fund - \$880.00

*Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!*

## Birthdays For the Week: 😊

20<sup>th</sup> Robert Bushey

21<sup>st</sup> Gavina Ramirez

22<sup>nd</sup> Gale Scholz

26<sup>th</sup> Anne Kootz

*Many Blessings on Your Birthday!*

## Anniversary For the Week: ❤️

Tom and Nell Kihm – 23<sup>rd</sup>

*We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!*

## Open Adoration Hours

Friday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm,

Thursday: 6 pm

*If you are interested in one of the above hours*

*(or any hour), call Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne,*

*870-847-1985. Please Note: substitutes are always*

*needed, please call and volunteer.*

## **Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?**

**HURRY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!** This is the last weekend to sign up for CCD and RCIA registration

will take place before and after Masses on

Saturday, and Sunday,

Birth certificates are required for new students.

For more information contact

Lori Templet (870-856-2261) or

by email: ltemplet2507@yahoo.com.

I am looking forward to this new year!



### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

*There will be a training session for altar servers on Saturday, August 27 from 10:00am to 11:45 am at the church. This training is especially for new servers but all current servers are invited. For any questions contact Buddy Kootz at 870-847-0264*

### Pastoral Advisory Committee

We did not hold a election for the Pastoral Advisory Committee Chair, because there were no volunteers, in spite of constant appeal in our Bulletin and also kept a signup sheet in the vestibule for over a month and no one came forward in time. Then we had a need, to assign the position, Buddy Kootz alone, generously came forward to help and to serve us in the time of need.

We thank and appreciate Buddy for his service as a PC Chair

### Prayer Warriors

We appreciate you for generously praying for those who are Home Bound, in the Nursing Home and all the others who are suffering with illness at this time. We ask that you especially pray for

Sharon Williams  
Chuck Wolff  
Richard Wargo

## **YOUR INVITED!!!**

We invite all those interested in singing in the choir to a practice on Thursday evening at 7 pm beginning on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Eric Orwoll for more information at [eric.orwoll@gmail.com](mailto:eric.orwoll@gmail.com)

### The Queenship of Mary

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the **Queenship of Mary**. "The purpose of the Feast is that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb."

~ Pope Pius XII

## **SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS!!**

It is time to start thinking about Shoebox Christmas especially with the school supplies on sale. You can start to pick up items for your boxes. We will be getting the shoeboxes in the near future. Thank you for participating. Last year we did 87 boxes, so let's see if we can beat that number this year. For more information contact Lori Templet at 870-856-2261.

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If anyone has any religious statues that you want to donate, the Knights of Columbus are looking to take them in and refurbish them and place them at nice home.

For more Information Contact: Chuck Wolff at  
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### REMINDER

EVERY LAST SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH, AFTER HOLY MASS,  
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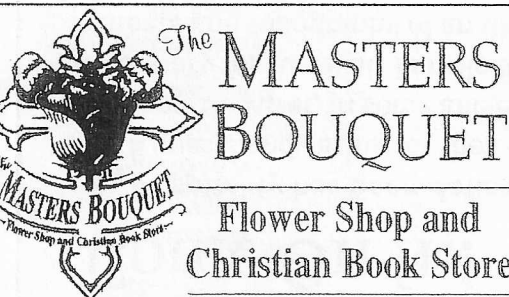
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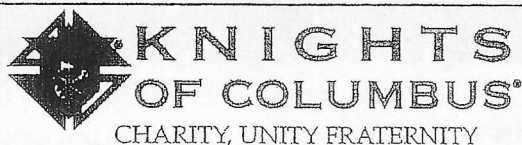
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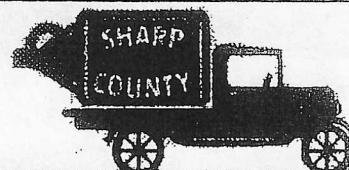
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# Dear Padre,

## I have some views that differ from the Church's stance. Must all my beliefs align with the Church?

**T**he answer to this question is difficult without knowing your specific views. Generally speaking, Catholics affirm a deposit of faith that the Church has received and is bound to preserve. This includes the public revelation of God manifest in the incarnate Word of God (Jesus Christ)



and preserved in the sacred Scriptures and apostolic Tradition. This deposit of faith ended with the death of the last apostle.

The deposit of faith entrusted to the Church is not simply a set of propositional truths, but is bound up in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the fullness of God's revelation

to humanity. Catholics commonly agree on certain teachings central to the deposit of faith and taught by Church authority, including the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the role of the sacraments, and creeds formulated by ancient councils. (Catholics are not required to believe in many of the private revelations and visions that have accumulated over the centuries.)

Since the mid-1800s, theologians and Church leaders have debated the infallible nature of documents issued by popes and the Vatican and the extent to which they're binding on Catholics. All agree, however, that these documents should be given the utmost consideration. Those who disagree with the Church on faith or moral issues should investigate the reasons for specific teachings. When they realize that God's laws and moral teachings begin with the dignity of the person, they may conform their views to God's truth which the Church wishes to convey and uphold.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Let us think now...in silence, of the things that we have inside us which prevent us from entering the [narrow] door: my pride, my arrogance, my sins. Then, let us think of the other door, the one opened wide by the mercy of God who awaits us on the other side to grant us forgiveness.*

ANGELUS, AUGUST 21, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 22  
*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12  
Mt 23:13–22

### Tuesday

AUGUST 23  
*Weekday*  
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17  
Mt 23:23–26

### Wednesday

AUGUST 24  
*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*  
Rv 21:9b–14  
Jn 1:45–51

### Thursday

AUGUST 25  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 1:1–9  
Mt 24:42–51

### Friday

AUGUST 26  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 1:17–25  
Mt 25:1–13

### Saturday

AUGUST 27  
*St. Monica*  
1 Cor 1:26–31  
Mt 25:14–30

### Sunday

AUGUST 28  
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29  
Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a  
Lk 14:1, 7–14



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