

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

512 N. 93rd Avenue, Tolleson, Arizona 85353

Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"
He answered them, "Strive to enter through the
narrow gate." - Lk 13:23-24a



Alguien le preguntó: "Señor, ¿es verdad que son pocos los que
se salvan?" Jesús le respondió: "Esfuércense por entrar por la
puerta, que es angosta". - Lc 13, 23-24

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Sunday Mass Times/Misas Dominicales

Sunday	8:00 a.m. (Español)
Sunday	10:00 a.m. (English)
Sunday	12:00 p.m. (Español)

Weekday Masses at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Devotions to the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday	8:00 a.m. – Holy Hour
Friday	6:00 p.m. – Adoration

Holy Days of Obligation

Mass times will be announced in bulletin

Confessions

Saturday, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. or by appointment

Marriage

Register at least 9 months in advance to
begin Marriage Preparation.

Baptisms

To baptize in our parish, parents must be
registered parishioners and attend baptism class.
Register at the parish office.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul assists with emergency food boxes.
Call 623-936-1839.

Emergency After Hours Sick Call

Please call only for emergency sick calls: 623-643-9151

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August 21, 2022; Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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21 de Agosto, 2022; Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL

A reminder to all volunteers that are active in any Ministries. It is time to renew your Safe Environment Training.

This is a requirement by the Diocese to be able to continue serving in your Ministry.

RENOVACIÓN DE AMBIENTE SEGURO

Un recordatorio a todos los voluntarios que están activamente sirviendo en algún Ministerio. Es tiempo de renovar su clase de Ambiente Seguro.

Este es un requisito by the Diocese para poder continuar sirviendo en su ministerio.

Gratitude

Question:
How can I practice gratitude in my everyday life?

Answer:
God has given each of us many blessings. Fostering an **“attitude of gratitude”** might be easier than you think. Simple, concrete practices can help us to be more thankful more often. Incorporate it into your dinner with your spouse, or as you tuck the kids into bed at night. **“What are three things you’re thankful for today?”** Make a habit of writing one note a week to someone special in your life, thanking them for how they’ve impacted you. This is also a good practice in the workplace. Consider opening your weekly meetings with a quick round of gratitude sharing. **“I’m grateful John helped me with that last-minute change to my presentation last week. I wouldn’t have finished it in time for the meeting without him.”**

Another way is to designate a few minutes to thank God. This could be the first bit of your daily prayer time or after you receive communion on Sundays. You can also integrate it into your daily routine. How about while brushing your teeth? There’s probably nothing so important it can’t wait two minutes. Brush your teeth, quiet your mind, and thank God from your heart for His blessings throughout the day. Get creative! Any moment is an opportunity to praise and thank God.



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Mass Intentions
Intenciones de la Misa

August 22, 2022 — August 28, 2022

Monday, August 22, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Felix and Tula Salaz (+)

Tuesday, August 23, St. Rose of Lima

8:30 am María A. Soto (+)

Wednesday, August 24, St. Bartholomew

8:30 am Jeanett Orana (+)

Thursday, August 25, St. Louis, St. Joseph Calsanz

8:00 am Holy Hour

Friday, August 26

8:30 am Juanita Gardea (+)

Saturday, August 27, St. Monica

NO MASS

Sunday, August 28

8:00 am Gustavo Hernandez y Gloria Irma Alvarez (+)

10:00 am Benito, Lupe, Carmen and Alberto Gonzalez (+)

12:00 pm Venancio y María Refugio Orozco (+)

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Hay palabras dichas por el propio Jesús en el Evangelio que son difíciles de comprender. Están puestas para sacudirnos de nuestro letargo. No es como recibir un mensajito lindo en el celular, ni como siempre decimos, **“qué bonitas palabras dijo el sacerdote en su homilía”**. No basta, inclusive, el recibir la Eucaristía el domingo que asistimos a Misa. Se necesita permanecer íntimamente con él. Jesús no responde si son pocos o muchos los que se salvan. Sino que habla de una puerta angosta: **“Esfuércense por entrar por la puerta angosta, porque yo les digo que muchos tratarán de entrar y no lo lograrán”** (Lucas 13,24). Y para ayudarnos dice: **“Pues los que ahora son los últimos, serán los primeros, y los que ahora son los primeros, serán los últimos”** (Lucas 13,30). ¿Qué te parece?

Actualmente, el Papa Francisco habla de tres puertas y creo que ilumina mucho las palabras del Evangelio de hoy. **“Orar, celebrar, imitar a Jesús: son las tres puertas que hay que abrir para encontrar el camino, para ir hacia la verdad y la vida”**. Aparentemente fácil, pero difícil de llevarse a cabo a la perfección. Cabe preguntarse lo siguiente: ¿Cómo va mi vida de oración de intimidad con Jesús? ¿Cómo celebro los Sacramentos? ¿De qué forma imito a Jesús? El Papa pide que pensemos en estas tres puertas, que nos harán mucho bien a todos. Sugerencia, abrir el Evangelio y leerlo en familia, es una forma de comenzar a entrar por la puerta angosta.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got **"gentle parenting,"** predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got **"attachment parenting,"** based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got **"free-range parenting,"** where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

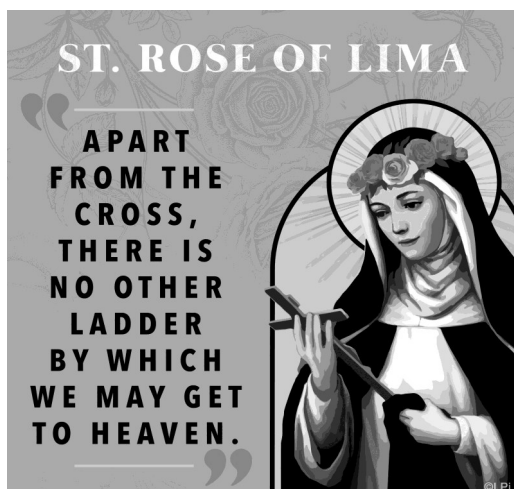
But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting **"expert"** worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth.

And yet we become this way with God. Even the most **"devout"** among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: **"No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."**

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the **"narrow gate,"** sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?



Las Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo: Is 66, 18-21/Sal 116, 1. 2/Heb 12, 5-7. 11-13/Lc 13, 22-30
Lunes: 2 Tes 1, 1-5. 11-12/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5/Mt 23, 13-22
Martes: 2 Tes 2, 1-3. 14-17/Sal 95, 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 23, 23-26
Miércoles: Ap 21, 9-14/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/Jn 1, 45-51
Jueves: 1 Co 1, 1-9/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mt 24, 42-51
Viernes: 1 Co 1, 17-25/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 10-11/Mt 25, 1-13
Sábado: 1 Co 1, 26-31/Sal 32, 12-13. 18-19. 20-21/Mt 25, 14-30
Domingo siguiente: Eclo 3, 17-18. 20. 28-29/Sal 67, 4-5. 6-7. 10-11/Heb 12, 18-19. 22-24/Lc 14, 1. 7-14

Readings for this week

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: 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

Sharing the Gospel

Heaven will be wonderful. People from all over the world will be there to enjoy God's friendship. No matter how small you feel now, you will always be important to God in heaven. Once you accept the gift of love from Jesus, you will want to change your life. You will want to spend time with God, and you will want to show love to other people. Then you can look forward to heaven.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to do all that I can to grow closer to you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself standing next to Jesus in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.