

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30 pm

OLG, Spanish

Sunday

7:25 am

SNDA

9:30 am

OLG, English

11:30 am

OLG, English

Monday & Tuesday

6:00 pm

Wed., Thurs., & Fri.

12:05 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday

after 6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSION

Saturday

4:00-5:00 pm, or by appointment

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To honor the Lord as Servants of Christ and Stewards of the mysteries of God by spreading his message of Love, Hope, Faith and Respect. In trusting his message, our diverse community will always remain united and be guided by the Holy Spirit, to encourage and support the development of the Sacramental Life and by being a community open to others that are coming in search of Christ's love and teachings.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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. 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.

He is saying only a select few will be saved. But He's not locking the door; He's urging us to take our discipleship seriously. The "narrow door" is narrow not because God is stingy with salvation, but because it requires humility, self-denial, and real effort to follow Jesus. We can't squeeze through carrying pride, resentment, or a double life. It's a door of transformation—not just affiliation or appearance.

Familiarity Is Not Enough. Jesus warns that some will say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets," but still be turned away. That's a sobering reminder that knowing about Jesus isn't the same as knowing Him.

God's Mercy Is Wide, But Time Is Finite. There is urgency in Jesus' words. The door won't be open forever. It's not meant to scare us, but to awaken us. The time to respond to God's call is now, in our homes, jobs, relationships, and decisions.

"People will come from east and west..." The Gospel ends with a hopeful vision: people from all over will enter the Kingdom. Those who seemed far off may be the first in line, while those who presumed they were "in" may be last. God's grace is expansive, but it requires our response.

Questions for Reflection:

- Am I striving daily to follow Jesus, or am I coasting?
- What in my life needs to be left behind to fit through the "narrow door"?
- Do I rely on my spiritual routines, or do I truly seek a deeper relationship with Christ?

August 24, 2025
Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Vigilia del Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. In Thanksgiving of 46th Wedding Anniversary of Delicia & Rodrigo Rodriguez

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Isnael Rodriguez, Sr. (B-day Rem.)
† Cecilio B. Gonzalez
† Danny Morantes
† Pablo Perez, Sr.

11:30a.m. † Gilberto Escobar (B-day Rem.)
† Juanita Silva-Perez
† Laura V. Vera
† Andres Aaron Canas

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:00p.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Saint Monica

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Friday, August 29, 2025

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Vigilia del Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Raul Villagran (9th Ann.)
† Margarita E. Cardona (1st Ann.)
† Ruben R. Gonzalez
† Fulgencio Zepeda
† Valentin Chapá, Jr. (11th Ann.)

11:30a.m. † Juanita Silva-Perez
† Juan O. Sanchez, Sr. (40th Ann.)
† Alejandro Antonio "Tony" Balboa

August 10, 2025

OLG

Envelope Collections	\$2,383.67
Loose Collections	1,510.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	00.00
Total	\$ 3,893.67

Second Collections:	
AC Replacement Fund	200.00
Bishop's Sharing Appeal	00.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 200.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	\$ 115.00
Loose Collections	372.00
Total Deposit	\$ 487.00

II Collections

August 24th - Teen Ministry (AC Fund)

September 7th - Catholic University

September 14th - Charitable Works

September 21st - Disaster Relief Collection

September 28th - Faith Formation

October 5th - Respect Life

October 12th - All Souls Novena

October 19th - Mission Sunday

October 26th - All Souls Day Flowers

November 2nd - All Souls/All Saints

November 9th - DOCC - Archdiocese for Military Services

As you know, our large AC unit in the church is very old, and many of its components have stopped working. Due to the difficulty and cost of replacing the church AC unit, we plan to take up four second collections to help cover the expense.

- August 24 – envelope originally for Teen Ministry

These envelopes will now be designated for the AC Replacement Fund. I sincerely thank you for your support and generosity.

Fr James

*This week's flowers at the Altar
are given in Thanksgiving of*

*46th Wedding Anniversary of
Rodrigo & Delicia Rodriguez*

