



[Jesus said to the crowd,]
“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

The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one's own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God's presence, to life with God. You've heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn't a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It's pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

Reflect

What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?

"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News." Psalm 117

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 23rd: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, August 24th: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass: †Mandy Lercel by her family and friends

Tuesday, August 26th:

8:00am Mass †Patsy Sleva by Dennis Sleva

Wednesday, August 27th: St. Monica

12:00pm Mass †Kate Bingham by Monica & Tim Spencer

12:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, August 28th: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

8:00am Mass

6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, August 29th: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00am Mass

8:30am Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, August 30th:

4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, August 31st: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass: †John, Tom & Rex Vallance

By Monica, Val, Roxanne & Ruth

St. Joseph & St. John of Praga

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**Confession 30 minutes before all Masses or
by appointment**

Ministry Schedule for August 30th and 31st

August 30th: Saturday at 4:00pm

Lector: Diane Bernier

Ushers: Bill Scott and Sue Shively

August 31st: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Sharon Gardner

Ushers: Mary Murray and Barb Zynewicz



Parish Hospitality

WE HAVE a Couple of PARISHIONERS Who will HEAD Up the HOSPITALITY! Now we need the supporting cast!

Fr. Matthew's 50th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, September 20th (App Night)

Sunday, September 21st (Breakfast)

Fr. Joe Graff visiting and

Deacon Mark's Ordination Anniversary

Saturday, September 27th (App Night)

Sunday, September 28th (Breakfast)



**Please call the office if
you or someone you
know should be
included on this list**

Nancy Admunsen
Matt Barnadyn
Braylan Blackwell
Ray Borowiak
Connie Bricker-Shaler
Lee & Barbara Carlisimo
Pat Castaneda
Pat Chapman
Bonnie Courter
Roger & Nancy Danforth
Kendra Davis
Doug Drenth
John Ennest
Myron Ennest
Joe Gaffney
Issac Gardner
Padrick & Eileen Gardner
Douglas Hagedon
Gail Hagedon
Marian Hanson
Samantha Harris
Joyce Hoult
Elaine Hurst
Carol Kerr
Janet (Mumich) Krussell
Bobby Kupovits
Anne LaCross
Ellie Maza

Betty McKinnon
Pat Messink
Barb Mumich
Lilly Nowka
Tony Nessel
Mary O'Connor
Jeremy Palmrose
Steve Paterka
Gretchen Peck
Keith Peters
Bart Petrich
Abigail Ponchart
Lori Ponchart
Daniel Powers
John Powers
Tom & Ruth Repichowski
Gary Roberts
Tom Robison
Susan Shay
Michael Sheridan
Betty Skrocki
Josh Spears
Robbie Startzel
Phyllis (Jeanie) Sumner
Boden Vron dran
Virginia Wabamimkee
Grandvue Staff/ Residents
All Souls in Purgatory

Michigan Catholic Women's Conference Registration open now!

When: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025

Time: 9am - 5pm

Where: Lansing Center- Lansing, MI

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, women will be encouraged and inspired to ignite their spirits and grow their faith by hearing from Catholic speakers, engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops.

Learn more and register today
at <https://michigancwc.org/>



Mass Intentions

All Weekend dates are full. **Weekday Masses are available.** To schedule, stop by, call the parish office or drop information in the collection basket

ONLINE GIVING

Check out our website for the tab at the top of the page or down at the bottom that says, **"Giving"**

The format is simple and easy.
Thank you for all your support to our parish!

We received for July: \$3,909.00

Adult Faith Formation

**Tuesdays starting August 12th:
9:00am and 5:30pm**

Bishop Robert Barron's "The Creed"

This will be an 8 week look into the meaning of the words and history of the Apostles and the Nicene Creeds. **Not always do the words match what we think the meaning is!** These studies are free and the books are provided. Books can be picked up in the parish office. Bring your Bible & your Catechism, but others will be available.

WEEKLY OFFERING

August 16th and 17th

Envelopes.....	\$2,088.00
Loose.....	\$887.00
Building Fund.....	\$26.00
Candles.....	\$5.00
OFFERING TOTAL.....	\$3,006.00

*Thank
You*

St. John Nepomucene Mass

Will be on Saturday, October 4th.

Time will be at 6:00pm. After Mass is a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome. This Church has Mass offered 2 times a year.

Come and enjoy worshiping in its beauty



Rosary at Grandvue Medical Center

The Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00am with about 15 residents in the common room.

The next Rosary is on Tuesday, August 26th.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Traveling Prayer Box

Pray for our diocese and parish by taking home this prayer box filled with devotional books and prayer cards. This statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel represents the patron saint of our diocese. Sign up sheets are in the gathering space.

We need each family to take this prayer box home as we continue our diocese pastoral planning!
Uniting our prayers together for our parish and community!



CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY

August collection items for St. Joseph is
Fresh Produce: Corn, Beans, Tomatoes and
Squash and Peppers.

Additionally from all the churches they are looking for Toiletry Items: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hand Soap, Laundry items, Shampoo and Conditioners.

ST. ANNE GUILD MEETING

Thursday, September 4th at 4:00pm
Upper level of the parish hall



Discussion will be on the Soup and Salad Fundraiser on Thursday, October 2nd, year of the end fiscal report and the replacement of the Mary statue outdoors. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome!

St. Joseph Parish T-shirts and Sweatshirts



Gray or red T-shirts for \$10.00.
Blue Sweatshirts with hoods for \$20.00.
Small to 2XL available.
Supports our Garden Ministry

Dear Padre,

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●



SOULS IN PURGATORY BY LORENZO PERETTI / RENATA SEDMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.”

Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 21, 2022

Monday

August 25

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday

August 26

Weekday

1 Thes 2:1–8

Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mk 6:17–29

Saturday

August 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

Sunday

August 31

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a

Lk 14:1, 7–14