

**The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

Readings: 1) Isaiah 66:18-21 2) Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 3) Luke 13:22-30

**Sunday Liturgy**

The Focus for today's Mass is: *Strive to enter through the narrow gate.*

Today we are given fair warning by Jesus that we should strive earnestly to enter the kingdom of God, and not simply assume a place will be reserved for us. So let's make an effort, as we travel the path of discipleship, to travel lightly, unencumbered by unnecessary attachments to the things of this world.

In the first reading, God proclaims that he comes to gather all nations. The second reading exhorts the Christian community not to disdain discipline, as it originates from God's love. In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus tells his followers to strive for salvation through the narrow gate.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

With confidence and trust,  
let us bring our prayers and petitions before our heavenly Father.

For the Church,  
may God hear the prayers we offer for strength,  
unity and faithfulness in troubled times.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For all who work for peace among nations, may the Holy Spirit guide their efforts.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For all those who are sick in mind, body and spirit,  
may the love of Christ and His Church bring them healing and relief.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For our loved ones who have died, may they enter into the rest and joy of heaven.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For married couples in our faith community,  
may God's presence in their relationship offer them strength and serenity.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)  
We Pray to the Lord.

**PRIEST:**

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.

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