

Membership Is Not Enough

Just 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?

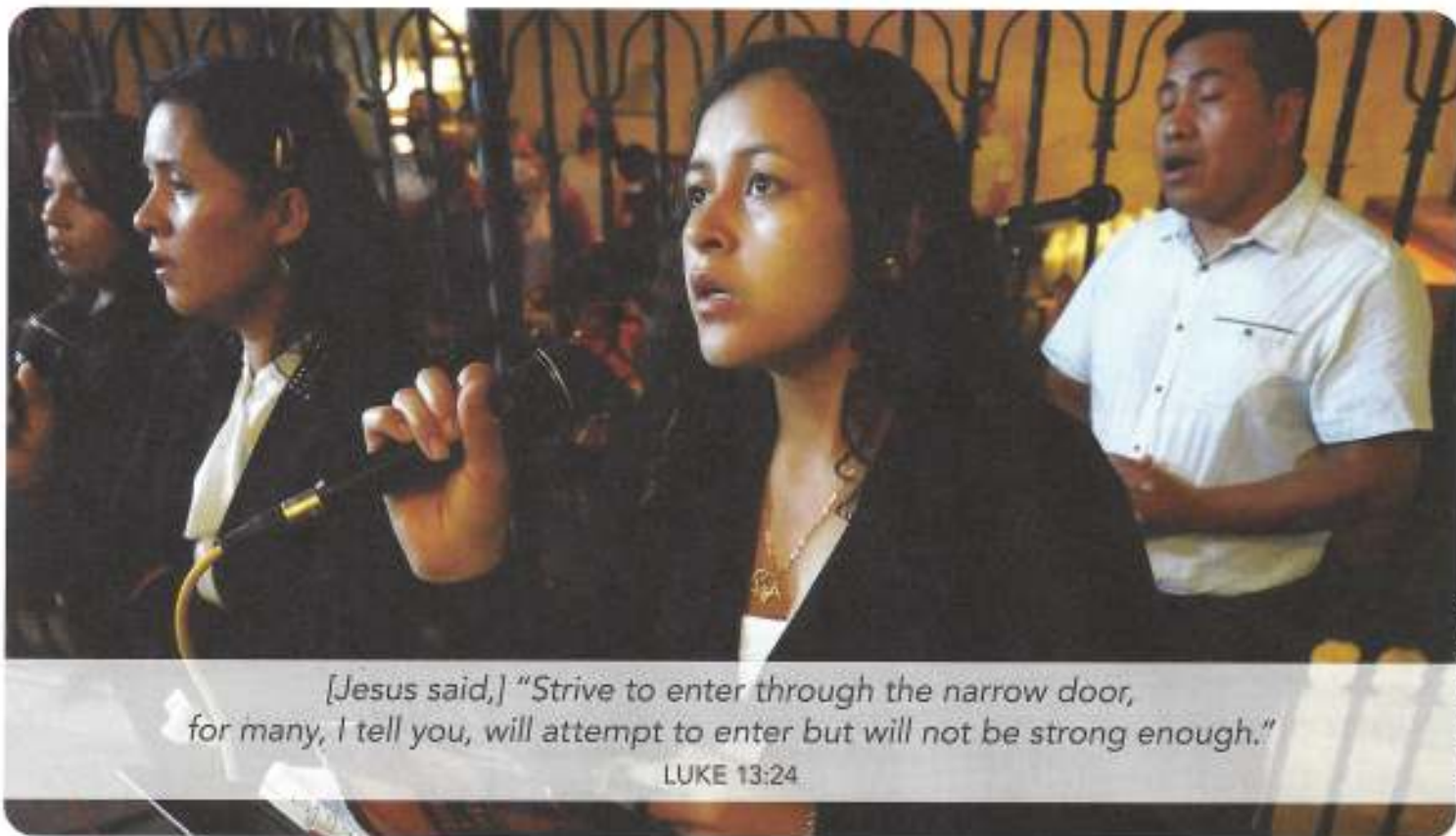
Returning to tennis, it is not enough to join a club

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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Events at St Thomas More
Rav Group taking orders now. Orders
will start being filled in September.
Call 815-252-2215 to place an order



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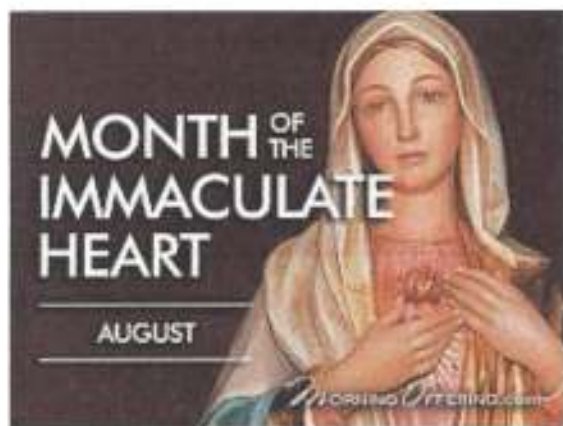
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Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of August 21, 2022

Monday	8/22			† No Mass
Tuesday	8/23	8:00 am	STM	† Larry Wenzel
Wednesday	8/24	5:30 pm	HT (Rosary before mass)	† Leroy & Lucille Pinter
Thursday	8/25	9:00 am	HT	† Catherine Hunter
Friday	8/26	8:00 am	STM	† Olivero Families

Mass Intentions for the weekend of August 27-28, 2022

Saturday	8/27	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† June Wiltse
Sunday	8/28	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Joyce Gillan
		10:30 am	St. Patrick	† John Kenny
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† For the Parishioners



The Immaculate Heart of Mary signifies, first of all, the great purity and love of the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary for God. This purity is manifested in her "Yes" to the Father at the Incarnation, Her love for, and cooperation with, the Incarnate Son in His redemptive mission, and her docility to the Holy Spirit, enabling her to remain free of the stain of personal sin throughout her life. Mary's Immaculate Heart, therefore, points us to her profound interior life, where she experienced both joys and sorrows, yet remained faithful, as we, too, are called to do.

CCD Meeting for Teachers & Helpers on Thurs, Aug 25th at 6:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

**IMPORTANT
CCD Meeting**

We invite those who are interested in helping with the upcoming program to attend. We will be giving online training information, looking at resources available and receiving workbooks for lesson planning.

We are still in need of a couple more teachers to be able to start the program in September. Let us know if you or someone you know would like to teach a class.

Classes are alternating Sundays 9:30 am-10:30 am

SAVE THE DATE...

St Thomas More is having a Chicken and Spaghetti Fundraiser on Sept 11th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Adults \$12 Children 10 & under \$6. Carry-outs of baked or fried chicken available.

Limited amount of Ravioli/Tortellini will be available to purchase.



LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND AUG 14TH

HT- \$1399.00
SP- \$385.00
STM- \$1153.00

Please contact the church office whenever a member or yourself become sick, hospitalized or is in the nursing home. Fr. Thaddeus can visit. Also let us know if you would like a bulletin mailed.



Confessions

The next confessions will be
Sat, Aug. 27th 10:30-11:15
St. Thomas More in the hall

Dear Padre,

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

The 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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