

*Gentle Jesus, who cured the sick and laid a healing hand upon the lame, the blind and the handicapped, look with compassion upon me in my suffering. If it is not your Will to cure me, then give me strength to bear my burden and offer it up to You. You suffered so much for me. Give me grace to offer my sufferings in union with Your own, in reparation for my sins and those of others, for the needs of this troubled world, and for the release of the souls in purgatory. Mary, compassionate Mother, pray for your weary child. Health of the Sick, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for me. Amen*



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish



AUGUST 25  
2019  
21ST SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME

## Just Come in the Side Door

This fragment is from a church ceiling fresco that crumbled and fell to the ground. It was eventually added to the Vatican collection. A piece of rubble is now a priceless object of art. Viewers look up at the apostle from below as he gazes toward Christ's divine glory.

We also are striving to attain that heavenly vision, and Jesus advises us on how to realize it. We should work to enter the smaller gate, the narrow door. It's not the bigger main entrance that everyone uses. The narrow door is a less-traveled side entrance used by those who are close to the owner and his family. Christ invites us to be so familiar and comfortable with him that we come through the side door.

Many pass the Master's house, know where it is, but have lost the practice of stopping inside. They know about God, even pray occasionally, and don't hurt anyone. No doubt not hurting others is admirable, but there is so much more for someone baptized into Christ. We're not called to merely avoid hurting others but to have a deep, transforming experience of healing love that we then share with others.

Jesus' warning seems to be that when there is a mad rush to enter the front gate, those well-intentioned but out-of-practice souls who "don't know him" might find themselves struggling to squeeze in.

Jesus and the Church don't want that to happen to anyone. He invites us to get familiar, stop in often. He might say, "When you get here, just come in the side door!"

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Head of an Apostle, 1481-83  
Artist: Melozzo da Forlì  
Location: Vatican Museums

### For Reflection

Do I make getting to know our Lord in prayer a priority?

*[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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5:30PM

SUNDAY  
MASS  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

MONDAY  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
8:00AM

TUESDAY  
MASS  
5:30PM

WEDNESDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM

THURSDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM

FRIDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM

### MONTHLY

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MASS  
8AM

FIRST WEEKEND  
ALL MASSES

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HEART OF JESUS

HOLY DAYS & SOLEMNITIES  
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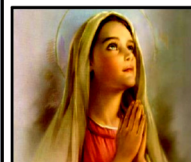
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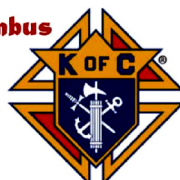
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WOMEN RENEWING FAITH AND FAMILY





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
August 25, 2019

## Remembering One's Roots

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Several years ago, a mother dropped her son off at the university's Catholic Center with the words, "Remember where you come from." I recall thinking how profound those words were. They spoke not only of a place but also of an experience of family. She was reminding him of his roots.

In the first years of college, students can easily lose their way. They experiment with different behaviors and identities. They strive to figure out how to manage their responsibilities. Their religious practice may lapse or change.

With a strong foundation, however, most will settle down to the business of becoming Catholic and Christian adults, which happens in small and large steps.

The people in Sunday's parable had changed so much that the master didn't even recognize them: "I do not know where you are from." Maybe they had forgotten themselves or had rejected the promises that the master (who is God) had given them. In any case, Jesus gives them a glimpse of what's behind the narrow gate of salvation—as well as the alternative—and urges them to "strive to enter" it. Our baptism is a personal invitation to this narrow gate. The path of discipleship requires God's grace and a desire to serve. If our lives don't reflect this call, we run the risk of forgetting who we are, where we are from, and what we are promised. Reflect today on your identity as a child of God and hear God say to your heart, "Remember where you come from." +

## Sunday Readings

**Isaiah 66:18–21**

[Thus says the LORD,] "I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; they shall come and see my glory."

**Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13**

Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

**Luke 13:22–30**

[Jesus said,] "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

*Our baptism  
is a personal invitation  
to enter God's  
narrow gate.*

## A Word from Pope Francis

In the Old Testament, the requirement to be holy, in the image of God who is holy, included the duty to care for the most vulnerable people, such as the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. Jesus brings this Covenant law to fulfillment; he who unites...divinity and humanity, a single mystery of love.

—Angelus, October 26, 2014



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I follow my baptismal call to serve God and my neighbor?
- Do I take time to remember from where I came—from God?

## Three Keys to Forgiveness

By Fr. Paul Boudreau

Forgiveness is hard. The pain of a broken heart, abuse, or betrayal hangs on. Each day we recall that someone we cared about did us wrong. We're supposed to forgive, but where do we start? How can I forgive somebody who cut me so deeply that, years later, I still feel the pain as if it happened yesterday?



blessed her tormentor, the more she was able to really mean it. Not only did it heal her heart, it began to heal the distance between her and Monica.

### Key No. 2: Be Forgiven

If you really want to forgive, start by being forgiven. A quick run to church for the sacrament

of reconciliation does wonders for the soul. It doesn't have to be much: "Father, I'm carrying bitterness toward someone. I need to be forgiven."

When we consider all that God has forgiven in our lives, it adds up. The deeper we search into the darkness of our own sins, the deeper goes the forgiveness. I look at my history and realize I've been forgiven so much. This ocean of forgiveness in me begins to overflow into the lives of others who need my forgiveness.

Forgiveness, like the Sunday liturgy, is an experience in which we are called to participate fully and actively. When asking for forgiveness becomes a living reality in my life, something that's happening to me continually, I'm on my way to experiencing the healing that forgiving others can bring.

### Key No. 3: Profess Forgiveness

Miguel's father was abusive. Growing up, Miguel endured daily onslaughts of

ridicule and humiliation. Once he was older and free from his father, he still carried a load of hurt. His father's words were never far from his thoughts.

Miguel's wife, Lucy, told him that he had to forgive his father. She gave Miguel a pad of sticky notes. On each note she wrote, "I forgive you," and stuck them throughout their house. Miguel took some to work and put them up in his work area.

A thousand times a day, prompted by Lucy's notes, Miguel said, "I forgive you." Over many months, Miguel's harsh feelings for his father began to subside. He never said it directly to his father; the man would not have received it. But Miguel's daily expressions of forgiveness progressed from pretense to reality. In time, he really forgave his father.

It's hard to forgive, but it's harder not to. The toxin of bitterness poisons the heart. Forgiveness heals. From the cross, Jesus forgave his crucifiers. It worked for him. So use these keys and unlock for yourself the healing way of forgiveness. +



*Lord, you came to offer the gift of salvation to all people. Help me embrace all people with a loving and compassionate heart.*

—From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 26–31

**Monday, Weekday:** 1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10 / Mt 23:13–22

**Tuesday, St. Monica:** 1 Thes 2:1–8 / Mt 23:23–26

**Wednesday, St. Augustine:** 1 Thes 2:9–13 / Mt 23:27–32

**Thursday, Passion of St. John the Baptist:** 1 Thes 3:7–13 / Mk 6:17–29

**Friday, Weekday:** 1 Thes 4:1–8 / Mt 25:1–13

**Saturday, Weekday:** 1 Thes 4:9–11 / Mt 25:14–30

Bringing Home the Word  
August 25, 2019

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# Dear Padre,

## Why would God establish laws and feast days for Jews and suddenly change them?

Scripture can explain this. God didn't suddenly change laws and feast days, but followed a consistent plan, with the Old Covenant leading to the New Covenant.

Genesis tells us that Adam and Eve were given life to walk with God in Eden. From eternity it was God's intent to gather humanity into one family in a relationship of love. With Abraham the covenant was extended: "I will make



of you a great nation....All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:2-3). Moses led the tribes from Egypt to Mount Sinai. Here God renewed and strengthened the covenant, giving the Hebrews the Ten Commandments as a guiding light to all. Then, through centuries of hardship, God sent prophets to call people back. These prophets promised God would send a savior in a covenant that would last forever: "I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jeremiah 31:33).

Jesus was the Savior foreseen in Genesis 3:15 who would crush Satan's head. He was the one promised by the prophets, the King in David's line (Luke 1:32-33) who would establish God's New Covenant offering salvation to all.

Jesus wasn't part of a sudden change of plans, but the completion of God's design to invite everyone back into the family love and intimacy first offered to Adam and Eve. The laws and feasts, prophecies and psalms of the Old Covenant foretold Christ.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

**"Forgiveness is a process, not an event. You may have to repeat this process many times for the same offense. But each time you do, you will become more and more free."**

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ  
*Beautiful Mercy*

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### MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 8/31/19 9/1/19

Sat. 8/31 5:30pm

#### Ushers

B. Burton  
L. Thompson

#### Lectors

- 1) S. Washington
- 2) need substitute

#### Extraordinary Ministers

B. Cooper  
A. Cooper  
B. Kenny  
A. Kenny  
G. Peloux  
C. Peloux

Sun. 9/1 8:30am

#### Ushers

L. Loftin  
A. Forward

#### Lectors

- 1) J. Owens
- 2) R. Wells

#### Extraordinary Ministers

J. Moore  
L. Lovvorn  
J. Dickenson  
H. Golemon  
M. Fletcher  
need substitute

Sun. 9/1 11:00am

#### Ushers

L. Lavallais  
L. Lartigue

#### Lectors

- 1) need substitute
- 2) need substitute

#### Extraordinary Ministers

D. Harvey  
P. Thompson  
M. Portella  
E. Lipscomb  
B. Gonzales  
need substitute

quarterly schedule available  
on the church website

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY  
AUGUST 26

8:00 AM  
COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY  
AUGUST 27

8:00 AM  
COMMUNION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 28

8:00 AM  
FATHER'S DAY  
REMEMBRANCES

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 29

8:00 AM  
FATHER'S DAY  
REMEMBRANCES

FRIDAY  
AUGUST 30

8:00 AM  
FATHER'S DAY  
REMEMBRANCES

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 31

5:30PM  
+ EDWARD CARL

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 1

8:30AM  
FOR PARISHIONERS  
11:00 AM  
+FRANCIS & ARTHUR  
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### Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm

Lunch Daily at 1:00pm

### Pastor's Office Hours

By Appointment

## Pray For Our Active Military

Austin Booth  
Army

Dominic French  
Army

Jordan Guidry  
Marines

Austin M. Goodin  
Marines

Fr. Paul A. Halladay  
Major US Army

Matthew Ladnier  
Coast Guard

Kenneth L. McAlman  
1st Lt. US Army

Captain Alex Mileschko  
Army

Corie Demetri Mitchell  
Army

Kevin O'Rourke  
Coast Guard

Sam Schoolfield Jr.  
Marine Reserves

Sam Schoolfield Sr.  
Marines

Jerrick Thompson  
Army Reserves

Quentin  
Porter-Washington  
Air Force Reserves

## Prayer List

Rhonda Adams, Tim Anderson, Dale Andrews, Karen Andrews, Richard Anthony, Margaret Arns, Vivian Bacot, Bob Balzli, Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Dorothy Bertagnoli, Don Bertagnoli, Chloe Beshears, Bodeem Blankenship, Blake Blackston, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Toni Boney, Logan Bowers, Sara Bratt, Kateria Brewer, Jason Brown, Jean Brown, Paul Burch, Sr., Pat Burch, John Buhring, Lorrie Burgess, Conrad Burkhardt, David Burris, Marguerite Burris, McKenzie Butterwick, Boatie Campbell, Wendi Campbell, Frankie Cayton, Ami Cheatham, Mary Myers Clark, Rick Claxton, Theresa Coleman, Garrett Colvin, Evelyn Cooper, Helen Couch, Anita Cowart, Claudia Daniel, Patricia Davis, Susie DeWitt, Teresa Dezenburg, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorrierty, Roberta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, John Dumas, John Edwards, Josh Ellis, George Erickson, Johnny Finch, Lynne Floyes, Raymond Floyes, Betty Foster, Ellyn Fowler, Louise Frontz, Randy Fuller, Janet Gafford, Tim Frontz, Logan Frye, Ron Garrick, Guillermo Gomez, Marilu Gomez, Joyce Goodman, Walter Grimes, Richard Guess, Greg Hampton, Irene Guess, Margaret Guess, Colleen Hill, Kate Hodge, Diana Holifield, Keith Holified, Randy Hooks, Buddy Hulan, Alaina Hulsey, Chrissy Irby, Elyssa Jacobs, Erin Jackson, Henry Johnson, Joshua Johnson, J.S. Johnson, Kaleb Johnson, Ginny Johnston, Mary Ann Keith, Billy Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Marshall Kern, Ed Kimbrough, June King, James King Jr., Philip Larson, Polly Lartigue, Alfred Leonard, Matthew Lewis, Diane Little, Nancy Cowart Little, Beth Ellen Lloyd, John Loden, Fred Lorge, Joan Lorge, Paul Lyle, Amanda McDonald, Charles McDonald, Lisa McDonald, Shirley McDonald, Donna Magaldine, Mary Martin, John Martin, Paul Martin, Trissie Martin, Kamden McKeough, Stephanie Melton, Helen Merchant, Dolores Merren, May Merren, Faye Methaney, Alana Voivedich Mey, Louis Meyers, Alaina Mickel, Priscilla Miller, Jean Morgan, Archie Moore, Margaret Moore, Marcie Morrow, Cindy Mount, Garrett Mount, Ernestine Murrill, Rose Marie Murphy, Blake Myers, Johnathan Myers, Michael Myles, Paul Naylor, Tiffany Neese, Wally Neese, Ella Rose Norris, Kelly North, Mike Nunery, Darlene O'Rourke, Agnes Parker, Summer Patterson, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Barbara Phillips, Randy Phillips, Dana Pickel, Sue Pitt, Lorraine Carol Provost, Tracey Ransom, Rennie Pitt, Jr., Glenda Pose, Elizabeth Purcell, Holley Reese, Serina Reeves, Gerald Resso, Belinda Richard, Terri Richey, Jimmy Robinson, Marlen Rodriguez, Robert Salva, Jun Santiago, Richard Santiago, Michelle Saynor, Laura Lee Seargent, Grayson Scott, Patsy Sealy, Simon Schum, Stevie Shaw, Kay Shaw, Briley Shirah, Dorothy Simon, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Allison Spillman, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Cheryl Stewart, Sally Stokely, Todd Stringfellow, Chuck Sullivan, Ronald Summerlin, Cecilia Taylor, Charles Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Eddie Thomas, Gwen Thomas, Rita Tillman, Robert Todd, Belinda Tomplait, Cecil Tucker, Dede Unger, Tyler Upton, Nita Van Devender, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Frances Ward, Wayne Ward, Gary Warner, Albert Washington, Sallie Washington, Brad Wells, Mark Westbrook, Ralph Wheat, Marlene Whisenant, Leroy Wiese, Stephen Weise, Kenny Wiggins, Buddy Wilder, Heather Willamor, Bubba Williams, Kelly Wilson, Shelly Wilson, Agnes Worley, Ashley Wypick, Carol Ziebert, Christopher Zimmerman.

## 2019 Collections

### Regular & Holy Days Collection

8/18/19 \$2,787.00

2019 Total Regular Collection  
\$133,473.94

Home Missions 8/18/19 \$330.00

The Assumption of Mary 8/15/19 \$709.00

### Parish Project Collection

8/18/19 \$1,575.00

2019 Total Parish Project Collection  
\$22,958.00

## The Cooking Demonstration Announced In Last Weeks Bulletin Has Been Cancelled



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of Holy Communion

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October, November, & December  
by  
September 8th

# August 2019

The Mobile Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women  
Will hold their Fall Quarterly meeting on:  
August 28, 2019  
Please make reservations by August 23, 2019 with: Carlee Russell (251)533-4771 or Betty Robertson (251)423-5138

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	July 29 Communion Service 8am	July 30 Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	July 31 Mass 8:00am	1 Mass 8:00am	2 Mass 8:00am	3 1st Saturday Mass 1621 Drawing Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass 8:00am 9:00am 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
4 Mass 8:30am and 11:00am	5 Communion Service 8am	6 Mass Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm  Special Committee Meeting 6:00pm Please see 8/4/19 Bulletin	7 Mass 8:00am	8 Mass 8:00am	9 Mass 8:00am	10 Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass  Spanish Retreat in Parish Hall 4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm
11 Mass K of C Monthly Breakfast 8:30am and 11:00am 9:30am	12 Communion Service Dc. Bob 8am	13 Communion Service Dc. Ed Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 8:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm	14 Communion Service Dc. John Daughters of Mary Men of St. Joseph 8:00 AM 6:00pm 6:00 PM Fr. Norbert	15 Holy Day of Obligation The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Fr. Norbert 8:00am	16 Communion Service Dc. Ed 8am	17 No Reconciliation Vigil Mass Fr. Dan Goode 5:30pm
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