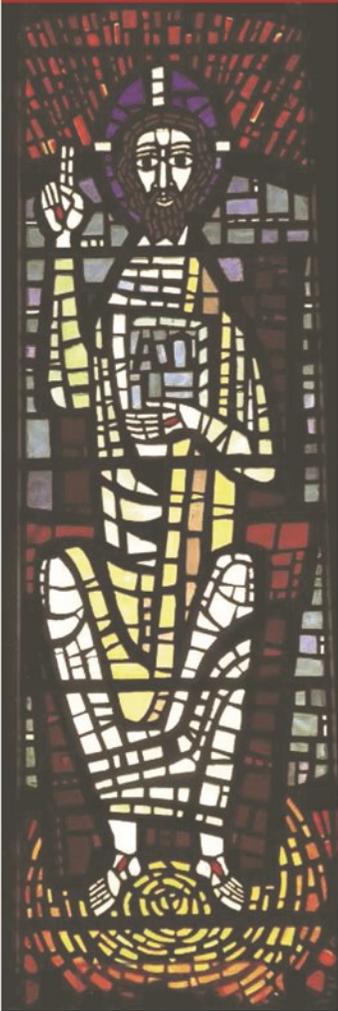


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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

August 21, 2022

Readings: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Welcome students, parents, and all Newmanites!

I hope you have met a friendly face today and feel the community's welcome. We have been excited to get this school year started. We're happy you're here!

I often say how I wish everyone could see and experience the student and young adult gatherings and the community they find here. Allow me to give some details about two of our gatherings.

### Wednesday Student Dinners

These dinners take place Wednesday evenings and have been the staple of our campus ministry for longer than I've been alive. Free food always works! We begin the evening by welcoming new and returning students and a few moments to check in with one another. Our prayer program alternates between Mass and introducing one of our many prayer traditions. We hope to expose the students to a different prayer practice that perhaps they have never experienced. We want to convey the message that there is more than one way to experience God in our lives. We're not all just spiritual practices, we do trivia and games as well. The winning team gets a prize! Dinner is our informal gathering where students come and go however they please. The meal is the opportunity for them to just be; no expectations, no requirements. Jesus calls us as we are.

A community like this can be a safe place they may need to find a community where meaningful relationships can come about. Pope Francis, by word and example, has called us to "meet people where they are." (2021, Message for the 55th World Communications Day). These young people connect and accompany one another when given the chance to experience healthy relationships.

### Young Adult Mass

Our Sunday 7:00pm Mass is a great example of making space for young people to lead. This Mass, to which all are invited, serves as the liturgical safe space for young people to get their hands dirty and experience serving in various roles. For many, it is their first time even considering becoming involved in such a way. These opportunities are enhanced when young people see other young people taking a chance and being accepted.

In the seats, young people are more visible to one another which in turn provides another opportunity for them to feel comfortable. When you feel comfortable you can begin to trust, critically think, to ask questions. Without an aggressive approach or a critical voice, the young people are more open to our Newman community, but more importantly to Jesus' message.

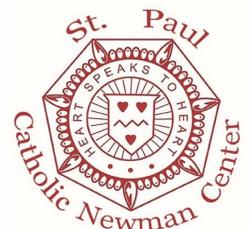
These two examples are our most visible ministries to students. Much more experiences take place one-on-one with the campus ministry team, and peer-to-peer, on and off the Newman Center campus.

So please join me this weekend, and throughout the year, in creating this community for others to discover. Join me in living the Gospel through our lives!

Edgar Guzman  
Director of Campus Ministry

### Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



# Family Life Ministries

## Joy of Love Moms

The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

## Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group

This ministry meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am in the Library after our 8:00am morning Mass.

## Christian Meditation

This ministry will resume in September after Labor Day on Tuesdays - TBD. Sessions include 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford. For information email contact John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

## Book Study: The Universal Christ

by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM.

- When: This book study begins on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, and will continue on Wednesdays for 10 sessions through October 26, 2022.
- Where: Newman Center Cafeteria.
- To Register: Please contact John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).
- Please purchase the book in advance and read the Introduction "Before We Begin".
- Facilitated by: John Prandini, M.A., Director of Ministries
- Registration Deadline: August 22, 2022
- No fee
- Bring your lunch and a friend!

## Spirituality of the 12 Steps

This course is a spiritual journey through the 12 Steps to help you grow in your relationship and intimacy with God through Christ Jesus. It will introduce you to the spirituality of the 12 Steps through the integration of Sacred Scripture and aspects of Ignatian Spirituality to enrich your journey along the Steps.

When: Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, beginning September 8, 2022 and continuing through Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Where: Cardinal Newman Hall, Room 103 Fee: \$20 for materials. Facilitator: John Prandini, MA - Director of Ministries

To Register: email John Prandini, Director of Ministries at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

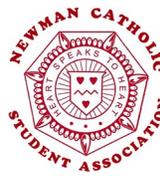
## Ignatian Retreat for Busy People

Join us in this spiritually invigorating 34-week Ignatian Spirituality Retreat specifically designed for busy people. Experience your relationship with God coming alive in the midst of everyday life and discover a freedom and peace too often out of reach in the modern world. This can be a self-directed online retreat or you can choose to meet with others to enrich your experience in a supportive group setting to share your insights gained each week.

The Retreat begins with an in-person orientation on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Newman Center Community Room.

Each Sunday thereafter, you will be provided with an online link to the week's retreat materials that takes only 10 - 20 minutes to read or listen to.

Retreat Fee: A \$20 materials fee for retreat materials. Weekly optional discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-6:30pm in the Community Room, facilitated by John Prandini, MA - Director of Ministries



# Campus Ministry News!

Week of August 21-28

## Seeking Wednesday Student Night Volunteers:

We begin our Wednesday Student Dinners August 31st. This evening has been the bedrock of our outreach to our students, all made possible by YOU!

There are two ways to help:

**Meals:** You, along with 5 others will provide either a meal from a restaurant, a gift card (e.g., VISA gift card/cash), or a homemade dish (main dish, salad, or dessert).

**Kitchen:** You can help in preparing all that is needed to serve dinner alongside 2 other volunteers.

The commitment consists of one Wednesday a month. To sign-up you may reach out to our campus ministry administrative assistant at [catholicclub@csufnewman.com](mailto:catholicclub@csufnewman.com). You can also find a Google Form to sign up on the Website Homepage under Campus Ministries.

Thank you!

## Young Adult Bible Study

This week we will be heading over to watch "Slaves and Kings", the story of St. Antonio Maria Claret. If you'd like we will meet at the Newman Center at 6:00pm and head over to Regal Cinema in River Park for the 7:00pm showing. Hope you can join us!

## School Supply Drive

One way we have been able to help in preparing students for their studies is easing the burden of buying school supplies. You'll find, located by the reception desk, a bin to collect donations. Items that students most request are: pens, index cards, highlighters, pencils.

## Student Lounge

As the school semester begins we will continue offering our study lounge to students and others. As an added bonus we like to offer a few snacks and drinks. If you'd like to donate an item(s) see our list below.

- microwavable ready meals
- water bottles
- snack size chips
- granola bars
- pastry snacks

## Tacos & Theology

We're Back! Fr. Byron joins us to cover the Doctors of the Church and to highlight a few of them. Come hungry as we enjoy some tacos of carne and pollo. See you Thursday, August 25th at 6:30pm in the Student Lounge.

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# Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, August 21** Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

College Welcome Weekend  
Catholic Charities Truck

## Second Collection - Cathedral Maintenance

7:30am Mass for Jesus Ortega Chapel  
9:30am Mass for Jim Cook Chapel  
11:30am Mass for Carrie Lou Butchert and RCIA Chapel  
Dismissal  
7:00pm Mass Chapel

**Monday, August 22** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

8:00am Mass for Jose Perez Chapel  
8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Library  
6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

**Tuesday, August 23** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

8:00am Communion Service Chapel

**Wednesday, August 24** Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

8:00am Mass for Bill and Bessie Patton Chapel  
12:00pm Universal Christ Book Study Cafeteria  
6:30pm Prayer and Life Workshop CNH 105  
7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Community Room

**Thursday, August 25** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

8:00am Communion Service Chapel  
4:00pm Confessions Chapel  
6:00pm Mass Int. of Megan Nicholson Chapel  
6:30pm Tacos and Theology St. John XXIII

**Friday, August 26** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

8:00am Mass Int. of Dan Dungy Chapel

**Saturday, August 27** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

5:00pm Mass for Maria Carla Alessandri-Cook Chapel

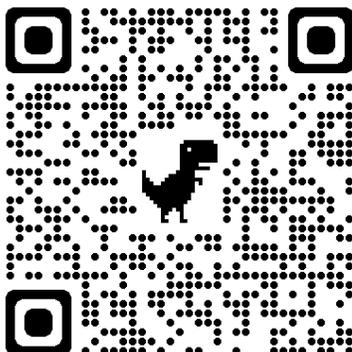
**Sunday, August 28**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

7:30am Mass for Jean Wickle Chapel  
9:30am Mass Int. of Ben Nicholson Chapel  
11:30am Mass for Jacob Castillo and RCIA Dismissal Chapel  
12:45pm Baptisms Chapel  
3:00pm Igbo Mass Chapel  
7:00pm Mass Chapel

## Live Streaming

We will be live streaming our 9:30am Mass on Sundays.  
Use the QR Code below to tune in.



# August Contributions

2021		2022	
Aug. 1	\$17,923.00	Aug. 7 ACH	\$27,087.20
Aug. 8 ACH	\$20,215.21	Aug. 14	\$14,826.61
Aug. 15 ACH	\$10,196.11	Aug. 21 ACH	
Aug. 22	\$16,574.61	Aug. 28	
Aug. 29	\$10,557.30		
<b>August Total</b>	<b>\$75,466.23</b>	<b>August Total</b>	<b>\$41,913.81</b>

## Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who died this week:** Bill Simon
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**  
Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Linda Alvarez, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Dick and Jan White, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), David Toll, Susan Olson, Mary Yoakum, Maria Coronel, Clara Marrone, Penny Mull, Judy Marchi, Raymond Ram, Nacho Flores, William Rogal, Donna Garcia, Kim Bach, John Cook, Joey Perez, John Morgenroth, Walt Whelan, Martin Zapata, Carl Britto, Hannah York, Lisa Pinedo, Lexi Leon, Frances' Parents, Toni Schneider, Zenaida Billena, Ani Lara, Sally Caglia, Maria Sanchez, Camila Carouso, Ramona Egan, Maryjane Abella, Michelle Coyle, Nancy Georgio, Efrain Garza, Jessie Joseph Ruelas, Randy Avila, Jorge Martinez, Dr. Jim Davis, Amy Davis, Barbara Barrows, Carlos Garcia

To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. **Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month then removed from the list unless otherwise notified.** If deceased, names are only published the week they died. If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Intentions" tab.

## Parish Information

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm  
**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am  
First Tuesday 6:00pm, Thursday at 6:00pm  
**Communion Services:** Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am  
**Reconciliation:** Thursday 4:00pm to 5:45pm or call the office for an appointment.  
**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm  
CLOSED FRIDAY

# A View from the Pew

By Elise Nicoletti

“It is only with the heart that one can see rightly....” The Little Prince.

Ironically, it is the ministry that has most influenced my relationship with God that now in my latter years I spent very little time engaged in. Perhaps it is because others have always seen me as “an English teacher” and assigned me the role of lector. And it is not that I do not love to read the beautiful words of scripture; it is only because since I was a child, I always found the truest voice of God reflected in music, which remains where my heart truly sees Him (and hears Him.)

To read the Word of God is like reading to my children when they were little or reading poetry to my classes at the high school. The rhythm and cadence captures my imagination first, followed by the imagery, the symbolism and the metaphor. This all engages my mind in the delivery of the Word and propels me back to my speech and drama days of high school. However comfortable this may be, it does not propel my soul into Paradise as music does. I was introduced to the piano in first grade and by junior high was singing and playing the flute. By high school, I was playing the organ for church, cantoring, and singing in both the school and church choir, yet it was not until I came to California at 22 that I became intensely immersed in this ministry. By age 25, I had joined the choir in Three Rivers, CA and learned how to play and improvise with chords thanks to Bruce Huddleston of the High Sierra jazz band. That choir became my family, and I often spent weekends at the director’s lodge and St Anthony’s Retreat House, working on piano music and learning harmony for both Sunday Mass and Retreat Mass. Those were golden years for me that lasted until my early 30’s. I resumed participation in this ministry at St Joseph Church in Los Banos, but it was not until my children were old enough to participate in Children’s Choir that I became once again totally immersed in the ministry. I played and sang for both English and Spanish Masses and even helped to begin a Children’s Choir that lasted for a couple years. Misfortune struck, and I had to devote myself to my children’s health and teaching school which left little time for music anymore. I still sat at the piano and did praise and worship, however, and during the Pandemic, it was the way I stayed connected to my students, creating a YouTube Channel, taking song requests, and figuring out the chording in order to play their favorite requests. Recently, I was able to sing with the choir for the Chrism Mass at Holy Spirit. I experienced God’s voice so strongly at that Mass that my entire Lent was graced beyond measure.

I have not even sat at the piano for several months, but still my favorite part is Mass remains singing and listening to the Response, no matter where I attend Mass. It is a matter of God speaking to my heart, and my heart remaining open to hearing His never ending song of love in every note and all the silence in between. As the second half of the above quote from The Little Prince reminds us, “...what is essential is invisible to the eye.”

# Football Parking Passes

Season parking passes for the Newman Center are now available for a guaranteed spot all six home games for \$150. If you would like to purchase a pass, you may do so at the front desk.

# Second Collection this Weekend

This weekend there will be a second collection for St. John’s Cathedral. Your donations will go towards the maintenance of our Diocesan Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.

# We Need Your Help!!!

The pandemic had yet another victim. Between jail lockdowns and volunteer concerns, the presence of a Catholic ministry in the Fresno jails has all but disappeared. We are trying to rectify this problem by recruiting volunteers to conduct services for and make visits to the Catholic inmates. If you are seeking to personally encounter Jesus, guaranteed you will find Him there.

If you are at all interested in this rewarding ministry, we invite you to an Introductory Meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm here at the Newman Center. We will describe in depth the function of a volunteer, answer questions and guide you through completing the security clearance application. To help us prepare, please text (preferred) or call Elida Foster at (559) 288-0033 or Tien Nguyen at (559) 287-6441 to let us know that you are coming. Hope to see you there. God bless!

# Adult Confirmation Help Needed

Our adult confirmation program goes from the end of September to the beginning of January. We are looking for people to be a part of the formation team. Whether you would like to do a presentation, lead prayer, help with paperwork and phone-calling, or shop for snacks, we can use your help.

Call or email Fr. Paul if you have questions or would like to assist with this wonderful ministry.

# Deacon John's Blog

Keep up with Deacon John as he travels through Italy through his blog! <http://ljsupino.blogspot.com/>.

## Books Available

We are in the process of freeing up space in our library. People are welcome to look at the books and take any they would like. We would like for them to be put to good use and find a good home. Books are still available in the front lobby for you to take this weekend.

## Catholic Charities Truck this Weekend

We will have the Catholic Charities Collection Truck out in the parking lot during all morning Masses this weekend, August 20 – 21 in the East Parking Lot.

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## From Fr. Byron Macias, CMF

### Will you be saved? Will I be saved?

In the Gospel someone asks Jesus basically the same question: “Lord, will only a few people be saved? And Jesus does not say yes or no. He answers in his particular way: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate”

The question will, then, be: what is this narrow gate?

I’m not sure, but something in me tells that that gate is Jesus himself.

He is the gate not only to salvation after this life, but salvation in the here and now. We enter through the narrow gate every time we emulate Jesus and strive to reflect his dream for humanity through our lives as if we were mirrors. We enter through the narrow gate when we choose unity over division. We enter through the narrow gate when at night we are tired but say a prayer. We enter through the narrow gate through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our faith.

This certainly takes energy, time and determination. This is what the saints did; this is what Jesus did... we have seen this is possible and never in vain! Let’s strive to enter through the narrow gate even if it hurts... it’s totally worth it in this life and the next!

### Slaves and Kings Movie: The Life of Saint Anthony Mary Claret

I have a dream: wouldn’t it be nice to have a movie theater filled with Catholics? Please go to see the movie Slaves and Kings tomorrow (Monday, August 22) at 7pm. It will be shown only tomorrow in English (dubbed) (and Tuesday in Spanish).

Please support Catholic Films in mainstream theaters; when you purchase a ticket, you are making it possible that the doors (or gates!) to future Catholic films are open. Plus, you will get to learn about Saint Anthony Claret! One mystic once said that we don’t find the saints; they find us! Maybe St. Anthony Claret is knocking at your door.

The movie will be showing at:

Regal Fresno Stadium 22  
250 Paseo Del Centro, Fresno, CA 93720  
7:00 PM (I will be going to this one myself with the Youth Group and some College Students; let’s fill this theater with Catholics!)

Regal Manchester Stadium 16  
2055 E. Shields, Fresno, CA 93726-5428  
7:00 PM

### Saintly Quote

“Christian perfection consists in three things: praying heroically, working heroically, and suffering heroically.” –St. Anthony Claret

### Have a Laugh!

After service, a stranger approached the pastor and said, “I’d like you to pray for my hearing.”

The pastor placed his hands on the man’s ears and said a passionate, earnest prayer.

“How’s your hearing now?” the pastor asked.

Looking surprised, the man said, “Well, it’s not until tomorrow.”

# Just Because You're a Jew Doesn't Mean ...

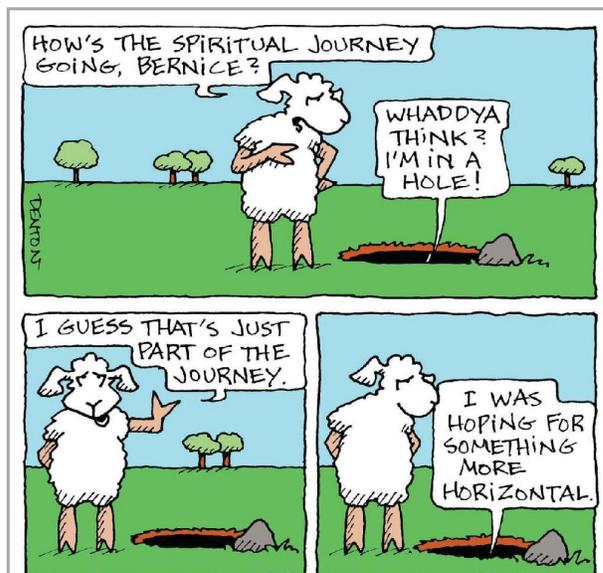
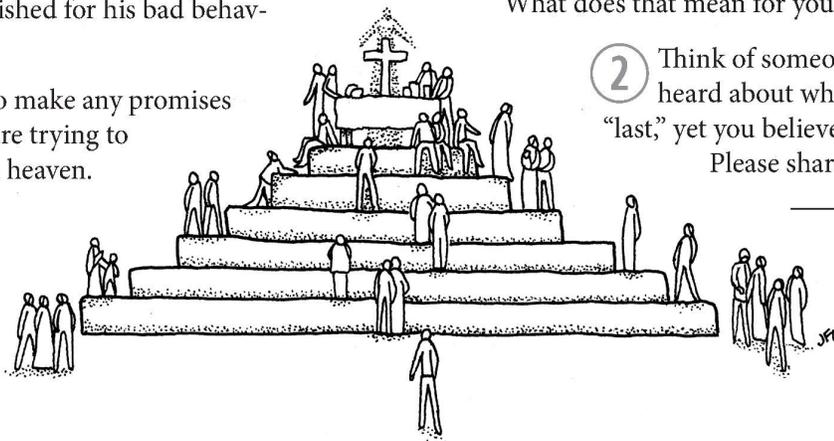
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Isaiah 66:18-21 - Gathering of the nations
- ▶ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 - The discipline of god
- ▶ Luke 13:22-30 - The narrow door

The Gospel reading reaffirms the theme of the first reading, promising that people throughout the world, not just Jews, will be welcomed into God's Kingdom. This proclamation would have been shocking to some Jews at the time of Isaiah's prophecy, as well as in Jesus' time. For all of Jewish history up until Jesus (and well beyond), Jews were proud to think of themselves as "the chosen people." Many of the Old Testament laws aimed at establishing and ensuring a separation between their holiness and the "impurities" of the rest of the world. Isaiah and Jesus turn this understanding upside-down, declaring that God's invitation is to all people, not only a select few.

Throughout all of history, in many world religions, there have been people who have been obsessed with the question of who will be saved and/or how many people will be saved. The anonymous person who asked Jesus "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" seems to be in this category. The question may come from a place of genuine concern, as in "I want to be with my loved ones for all eternity." Or it may come from a place of self-concern, much like a child who wants assurance that he will be rewarded from his parents for his good behavior while his brother is punished for his bad behavior.

Jesus refuses to make any promises to those who are trying to earn a place in heaven. His response, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate..." points the



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"Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines."

### Sheepish Question:

What recent setback do I now recognize as a moment of spiritual growth?

questioner back to himself, as if to say "The others are none of your business; worry about yourself." He goes on to warn that being close to him physically, being related to him as a Jew, or being in a highly regarded social position won't guarantee an entry into the Kingdom of God. Like many of his parables, Jesus turns the conventional thinking of the day upside-down, suggesting that there are many whom society considers unworthy or outcasts who are welcomed and cherished by God. "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

## Questions of the Week

- 1 What do you think Jesus means when he says "Strive to enter through the narrow gate?" What does that mean for you in your life today?
- 2 Think of someone you know or have heard about whom society considers "last," yet you believe is beloved of God. Please share about him/her.

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