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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (AUGUST 13 – AUGUST 14)

Donation	\$3,428.00
Donation Online	\$1,727.00
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,175.00

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL
\$24,876, Gifts Received \$35,070.00



Annual Catholic Appeal

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PSALM 117

HELP WANTED

St. James Cathedral has an immediate opening for a housekeeper. This is a full-time position with a full Benefits package. Duties will include housekeeping duties in the parish rectory and support of the Facilities team in other buildings. To receive a job description and details, interested applicants should download the [Seattle Archdiocesan Job Application](#) and send with a resume to facilities manager via e-mail, to tnguyen@stjames-cathedral.org or call Tang Nguyen 206-355-9378

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time – C



“Lord, will only a few people be saved?” When this questioner asked this question, it would certainly be on the assumption that the kingdom of God was for the Jews and that Gentiles would all be shut out. Jesus’ answer must have come as a shock to him: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” Jesus declared that entry to the kingdom can never be automatic but is the result and the reward of a struggle. The word for striving is the word from which the English word agony is derived. The struggle to enter in must be so intense that it can be described as an agony. Thus, there must be a Good Friday before Easter Sunday. To enter through the narrow gate means we are ready to

drop some baggage’s that we are carrying and can stand as hindrance against us at the end of time. Some of these baggage’s may be habits we have that do not promote the imperatives of the gospel and do not represent us as heirs of the kingdom. God could only save those who want to be saved. God’s gift of freedom to man is so sacred that He could not violate; He would not impose Himself to man. God cannot force man to love him, for love is a free human action. In order to be saved, man must freely accept, believe, follow and love God. And this requires sacrifice, struggle, effort and self-renunciation.

Through this, Jesus Christ reminds us that the invitation to His feast is open to all. However, each person must struggle to be there. We must do what we have to do by playing our roles well. This is the only way we can be guaranteed a place in the feast of the kingdom of God.

It is easy to think that, once we have made a commitment of ourselves to Jesus Christ, we have reached the end of the road and can sit back as if we had achieved our goal. There is no such finality in the Christian life. We must always be going forward.

Listen to those who are locked out after the door of kingdom is shut: “We have eaten and drunk in your presence and you taught in our streets.” There are those who think that just because they are Christians, members of Catholic Church, going to church every Sunday then they will enter the kingdom of heaven. They are wrong. All of us must remember that in the end, our every action and deed, our contributions and commitments, whether great or small will be held for us or against us. Our every lack and failure to act whenever we are able to, will also be held against us on the Day of Judgment, and in the end, those who are righteous and faithful will receive the fullness of God’s promises and the eternal life and glory that will be ours forever, while those who fail to be faithful and continue to walk in the path of sin will fall into eternal damnation and suffering unless we change our ways for the better.

There will be surprises in the kingdom of God. Those who are very prominent in this world may have to be very humble in the next; those whom no one notices here may have real significance in the world to come. There is a story of a woman who had been used to every luxury and to all respect. She died, and when she arrived in heaven, an angel was sent to conduct her to her house. They passed many lovely mansions and the woman thought that each one, as they came to it, must be the one prepared for her. When they had passed through the main streets they came to the outskirts where the houses were much smaller; and on the very fringe they came to a house which was little more than a hut. “That is your house”, said the conducting angel. “What”, said the woman, “that! I cannot live in that.” “I am sorry,” said the angel, “but that is all we could build for you with the materials you sent up here.”

The standards of heaven are not the standards of earth. Earth’s first will often be last, and its last will often be first.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this Sunday all of us are reminded that we cannot take our faith for granted and we have to make the effort to be faithful to God, in real and concrete actions and not just through mere lip service only. May our lives and actions be ever exemplary and bring inspiration to each other so that we may strengthen and inspire each other to walk ever more faithfully in God’s presence, distancing ourselves from sin and from the temptations to sin. May God be with us always, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. (Is 66:20)

PSALM:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

"My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." (Heb 12:5-6)

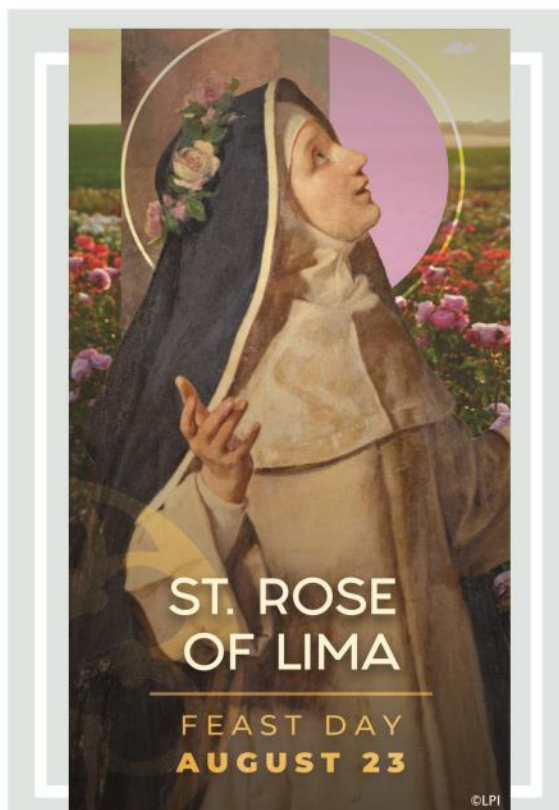
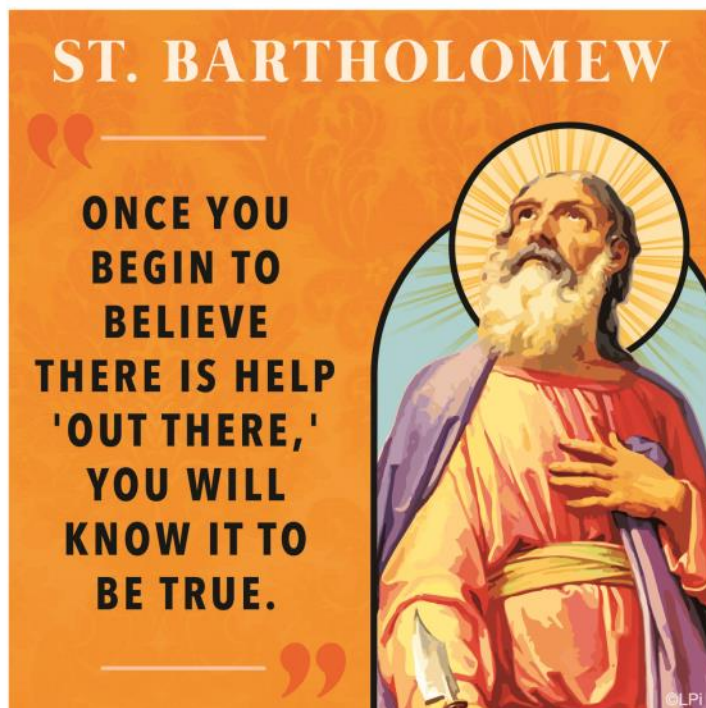
GOSPEL:

And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. (Lk 13:29)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2022

- Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Pius X, Pope
Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Thursday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Saturday: St. Monica
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



Saint of the Week

Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat. Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ's crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor. She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.