

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?

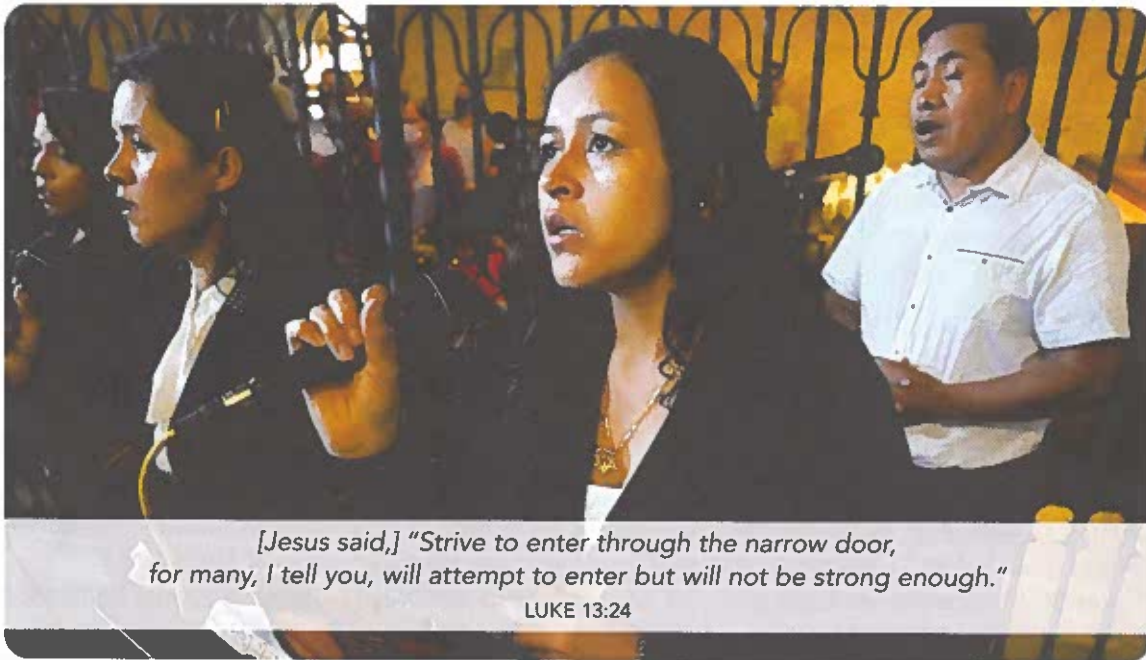
Returning to tennis, it is not enough to join a club

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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Sat. Aug. 20 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Leota Hickert
Sun Aug. 21 Mass/21st Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Leota Hickert - Monats
Tues Aug. 23 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Perry & Rita Friel - EF
Wed Aug. 24 Mass/St. Bartholomew
7:30 a.m. †Fr. Leo Smith
Thur Aug 25 Mass
(privately) Parishioners
Fri. Aug. 26 Mass
(privately) †Jerome Rafferty
Sat. Aug. 27 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Robert & Mary Diamond
- D & G McGrail
Sun Aug. 28 Mass/22nd Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Leota Hickert

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Anointing of the Sick

August 27th & 28th after each Mass

Who is the patron saint of Altar boys?

Tarcisus is a model for all young men, especially those who serve at the altar. "Whatcha doin', Tarcisus?" came a familiar voice. "Don't you want to play with us?" "Yeah, where are you going?" said another.

Tarcisus recognized the voices—they belonged to some friends he went to school with. But they weren't Christians, and he didn't trust them.

"What are you carrying?" said a third. Tarcisus turned to see a whole group of them flocking towards him. He kept on walking. "Just visiting a few friends down the road," he said, honestly. "Can't stop to talk."

His step quickened and he held the Blessed Sacrament a little closer. He, an acolyte, had been sent to carry Jesus to those ministering to the imprisoned Christians condemned to die.

"You've got something. What is it?" "I have nothing for you." "Yes, you've got something. Let's see! Is it one of your Christian things?" "Ooh, maybe it's that weird bread they worship!"

This was not going to end well, Tarcisus decided. He grasped the Sacrament tighter and began to run, but the mob quickly surrounded him.

"You're not going anywhere! Get him! Get the bread!"

Knowing what was about to happen, the courageous young man may well have prayed, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commit my spirit."

The gang descended on him. By the time a Christian soldier passing by drove them off, Tarcisus was mortally wounded. The soldier gathered the martyr in his arms, where he soon died.

Still grasped in his faithful hands, safe and untouched, was the Blessed Sacrament.

Lay Minister Schedule

Jennifer Willeke

SUNDAY, August 28, 2022

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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)



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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.

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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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