

## Membership Is Not Enough

**J**ust 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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**St. Mary's & St. John's  
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

**Pastor:** Rev. Marek Ciesla, S. Chr.  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Maurice Okeke

**Masses:**

Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM  
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM  
Stoneham: Sun. - 12:00 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM  
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses  
or by appointment  
Stoneham: Sun. - 1:00 PM

**Adoration & Benediction:** 1st Friday of the  
month immediately after Mass (till 9:00 a.m.)

**Anointing of the Sick:** - call the Office

**Office:** Thursday & Friday  
Leave a message **970-842-2216**

**Website:** [www.stmarybrush.org](http://www.stmarybrush.org)

**Sign up for Flocknote**

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Sign Up & Select "I belong to a Parish"

Enter 80723 / select St. Mary's

Enter your e-mail - and you are in!

**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. Aug. 20 Vigil**

5:00 p.m. †Bonnie Caza - JK

**Sun. Aug. 21 Mass/21st Sunday Ord. Time**

10:00 a.m. †Zachary Daughenbaugh

12:00 p.m. Health/Sherri Picciano

**Mon. Aug. 22 Mass/Queenship of BVM**

(privately) Persecuted Christians

**Tues. Aug. 23 Mass**

(privately) Graces Fr. Blach

**Wed. Aug. 24 Mass/St. Bartholomew**

(privately) †Ruben Perez

**Thur Aug. 25 Mass**

5:30 p.m. Graces John/Lindsey Casillas

**Fri. Aug. 26 Mass**

8:00 a.m. †Ervin Hammond

**Sat. Aug. 27 Vigil**

5:00 p.m. †Bonnie Caza

**Sun. Aug. 28 Mass/22nd Sunday Ord. Time**

10:00 a.m. †Gregory Zack - JKP

12:00 p.m. Health/Sherri Picciano

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Our Sick:** Joseph Wilson, Tom Flores, Rosa Maria Santos, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Jennie Meja, Kane Schrock, Deja Aldama, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macis, Sean Gleason, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Marj Blatt, Margaret Mann, Paula Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Christy Chapman, Stan Prather, Ron Uhrig, Kaze Marquez, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Wolover-Milleson, Caiden Lee, Frank Laso, Fritz Ramirez, Rodney Hergenreter, Marj Chapman, Stella, Amanda Weisensee, Norma Wolfe, Sandra Mantey, Fr. Blach, Lois Barnhart, Daniel Hoffman

**For the Soul:** George Kalous, Scott Ogle, Jim Dulaney, Jo Ann Termentozzi

**Give your kids the gift of faith!**  
Religious Education Classes at St. Mary's  
will begin **September 11, 2022** in person.

Register online before **September 4th**.

A parent meeting will be held the first day of  
RE classes (**Sept. 11th**) to go over important  
information for the year.

**Register online**  
<https://www.stmarybrush.org>

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group of St. Mary's**  
Friday, August 26 after 8:00 a.m. Mass



**Anointing of the Sick**  
August 27th & 28th after each Mass

**First Weekend of the Month Adoration**  
*September 3rd/4th Saturday Sunday*  
Adoration begins 4:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.

*Are you an adult wanting to join the  
Catholic Church?*

*Are you an adult baptized Catholic wanting  
sacraments of Communion or Confirmation?*

**RCIA**

Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults  
Class will begin at St. Mary's in the fall.  
Please contact the office. Leave a message  
and your call will be returned.



Thank you to all who gave  
generously last weekend to  
the Retired and Infirm  
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may still donate online at [archden.org/  
retiredpriest](http://archden.org/retiredpriest) or call  
303-867-0614  
On behalf of all our retired priests, thank you

**St. Mary's Religious Education  
Volunteers needed!**

Are you called to help our youth?

Sign-up sheet in vestibule or

**Email: RECoordinator@stmarybrush.org**

**St. John Vianney Seminary Lay Division  
It's time to enroll**

in the Biblical or Catechetical School this  
Fall! Human difficulties often require  
divine wisdom!

The Divine Wisdom encompassed in the  
Catholic Faith and the Bible is accessible to  
you!

Classes begin in three weeks, which will be  
both online and in-person this year!

**Visit [sjvlaydivision.org](http://sjvlaydivision.org)  
or call 303-715-3195**



**ARCHBISHOP'S  
CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**St. Mary - Brush**

ACA Goal: \$ 16,039

Pledged Amount to Date: \$ 11,765

% of goal: 73.4% Paid to date: \$ 10,265

**St. John - Stoneham**

ACA Goal: \$ 4,248

Pledged Amount to Date: \$ 1,300

% of goal: 30.6% Paid to date: \$ 1,300

***Thank you for your support!***



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

**Food Drive - Help feed families**

If you are able, please consider  
canned goods & items for the Brush  
Food pantry. Your donations help  
feed the hungry. Monetary donations  
also welcome.

*Drop off donated goods at St. Mary's  
Thank you for your support!*

# 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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## 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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