

**August 21st 2022 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time– Year C – Luke 13:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” He said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’ <sup>28</sup>There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup>Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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| <p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p> | <p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)</p> |
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In this week’s gospel we see Jesus going through the towns and villages teaching as He went. He was teaching the people how to succeed and have a full life. He wants us all to have a life of goodness. When asked the question “How many will be saved?” Jesus points out that in order to be saved we must make a real effort to be saved. This entire passage warns us against a complacent acceptance of ourselves as close to the kingdom of God. This can be a real help against any form of self-righteousness.

How do we who have heard and rejoiced in the word of God present it to others? Do we live our lives in a humble and truthful manner as Jesus would like us to?

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for reminding us that we must aim for the kingdom of God and we must hand on your teaching with your help having full knowledge of our own weaknesses.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times that we became complacent about our entering the kingdom of God knowing that not all who try to enter will succeed.

**Help us Lord** to stand by you with humility so that we truly enter by a gate that is very narrow.