

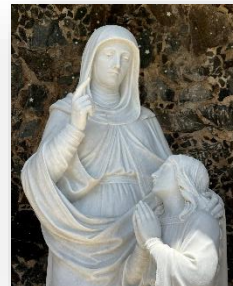


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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23-24, 2025

STRIVE TO ENTER
through the narrow door

Luke 13

Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday	7:00 a.m.
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.

Devotions

Novena Holy Mass to O.L.P.H.

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

Holy Hour

Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Novena Holy Mass to Sacred Heart

First Friday 7:00 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 23

†**Mr. and Mrs. Sebastien Greaux** Rb. Children and Grandchildren

Sunday, August 24

†**Ralph and Ruth Danet** Rb. Alicia Vante and Family

Tuesday, August 26

†**Mary Jo and Joseph Graham** Rb. Mary Angela Myer

Wednesday, August 27

For the Brunt Family Rb. Pia Brunt

Thursday, August 28

Birthday blessing for Rowell Sarmiento Rb. Fr. Ronan

Friday, August 29

For Rebecca Ledee Rb. A Parishioner

Saturday, August 30

†**Vincent Greaux** Rb. Richard Greaux

Sunday, August 31

†**Daniel Brin** Rb. Margaret Brin and Family

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The metaphor of the “narrow door” stands at the center of the passage. What does it mean? The narrow door is not a physical threshold, but a symbol of the cost and commitment required to follow Jesus. It is not that God delights in making things difficult or excluding people. Rather, the narrowness speaks to the undivided heart, the single-minded devotion, the willingness to leave behind distractions and sins.

To “strive” is to struggle, to put forth effort, to contend with obstacles. Salvation is a free gift, but the journey of discipleship demands intentionality. It calls us to examine our lives, to repent, to reorder our loves. It is not enough to be merely acquainted with Jesus or to linger on the edges of faith. We are called to press in, to seek Him wholeheartedly.

Jesus warns that “many...will seek to enter and will not be able.” This is a sobering word. It is not that the door is locked arbitrarily, but that some will delay, will presume, will imagine that mere proximity to the things of God is sufficient. The moment comes when the master of the house closes the door, and those outside find themselves knocking in vain.

The passage carries a sense of urgency. The door is open, but not forever. There is a time for seeking, for repentance, for response. Jesus calls us to seize the moment, to enter while we may. The tragedy of the story is not that the door is narrow, but that some wait too long, presuming they have time, failing to grasp the seriousness of the invitation.

The call to “strive to enter” is not a call to self-righteous striving, but to earnest seeking. It is a call to examine our hearts, to lay aside all that hinders, to pursue the life God offers. We are invited to enter into relationship with Christ, to participate in the joy of His kingdom.

HURRICANE PRAYER

God, All-powerful Father, Christ, our Savior, Spirit of Love, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in Your life and love. Be near to the people formed in Your image. Close to the world, Your love brings us to life. Save us from all harm. Draw us ever closer to You as we confidently seek Your protection from the destructive force of all storms which frighten us. Let every hurricane or natural threat of disaster serve only to blow us ever more securely into Your loving, merciful embrace. We ask this, Father, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother, Mary, Lady of all Nations, through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Weekend's Collections

First Collection:	\$ 286.00
Second Collection:	\$ 98.00
Candles:	\$ 70.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 24: Twenty-First Sunday in OT

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

Monday, August 25:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 26:

1 Thes 2:1-8
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 27: S. Monica

1 Thes 2:9-13
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 28: S. Augustine

1 Thes 3:7-13
Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 29: Passion of John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1-8
Mk 6:17-29

Saturday, August 30:

1 Thes 4:9-11
Mt 25:14-30

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Angela Quetel, Michael & Marie Greaux, Jessica T. Magras, Annette Magras, Marie Magras, Florie Magras, Florence (Nini) Quetel, Edwin Olive(Pinky), Betty Quetel, Reynaldo and Gloria Turbe, Carol Cerge
Please call to add or remove names to or from this list.

MASS ATTENDANCE August 16-17, 2025
Saturday 5:00pm 3/ Sunday 8:00am 41/ Total 44

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

August 3 Health Insurance
August 10 Priest's Salary
August 17 VIYA bill
August 24 Organist's Fee
August 31 Maintenance Fund

Announcements



Seven Days Sanctuary Lamp Devotion
The Sanctuary Lamp is a reminder of our Lord's presence. For the week of August 24-30, the sanctuary lamp is burning for the eternal repose of †**Ralph and Ruth Danet** requested by Alicia Vante.

Cassi Hill Mission and Pilgrimage

Holy Family Church invites ALL parish ministries and groups to participate in the 78th Annual Cassi Hill Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Cassi Hill. The pilgrimage will take place today Sunday, August 24, 2025, starting at 2:00pm from the Four Winds Plaza to the Shrine. Thereafter, a Mass will be celebrated at the church.

Parish Information

Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of every other month. Please register your children. Present a copy of the child birth certificate. A minimum of 4 classes is required.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes

Classes will be held every Sunday during the school year and begin with attendance at Holy Mass and instructions thereafter.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes

RCIA is the journey of faith by which interested persons become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The program instructs adults to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. To register, please call the Office at (340) 714-1101.

Sacrament of Penance

Confession is the sacrament that allows us to admit our faults and develop humility, but the most profound part is we get to experience Christ's gift of mercy. **Confession is available by appointment and every Saturday at 4:00pm – 4:50pm.**

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the church office at (340) 714-1101 whenever a family member or friend is seriously ill or hospitalized.

Funerals

All funeral services begin at 10:30 a.m. No funerals are held on weekends. Arrangements must be made with the Church before funeral arrangements with the funeral home.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements with Fr. Ronan Sarmiento 6 months before your wedding by calling the church office.

Parish Registration

Parishioners who are 18 years and older are invited to register at the Church Office as well as become active and contributing members. We would like to maintain an up-to-date-listing of all Saint-Anne-parishioners.- Registration-also- helps in providing quick services for the request and proof of miscellaneous church letters for individuals, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.

**MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LAMP
DEVOTION AVAILABLE DATES**

**Please note that the 2025 Mass intention book is
open for request.**

Please contact Becky Ledee for reservation.



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