

Faith Sharing on Next Sunday's Gospel

August 22, 2010 – The Narrow Door

Take 10 minutes to share your faith with your family or friends, at the beginning of Parish Committee meetings, etc.

Opening Prayer:

O Sweet Jesus! Pierce my heart so that my tears of penitence and love will be my bread day and night; may I be converted entirely to You, may my heart be Your perpetual habitation, may my conversation be pleasing to You, and may the end of my life be so praise-worthy that I may merit Heaven and there with Your saints, praise You forever. Amen.

(from the Pieta)

Proclaim the Gospel:

Luke 13:22-30 (Salvation and Rejection)

(Other readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13)

Invitation to Share:

To be saved, knowing Jesus is not enough; we must accept Jesus' invitation to a deep personal relationship with Him. This relationship demands that with repentant hearts, we welcome the "sinners, tax collectors and the unclean" as Jesus welcomes them, especially those in our immediate families. In what ways have I responded to this relationship. How have I turned away from it?

(adapted from PrayerTime, Cycle C)

Ending Prayer:

God of Mercy, Father of all, You welcome the downtrodden and are a voice for the voiceless. You feed the poor and offer forgiveness to sinners. And above all, You send us your Son for the salvation of the world. Reveal to us our unrepentant, stony hearts and replace them with hearts full of love and compassion. Place Your Spirit within us, so that we might walk in your footsteps and speak Your Word to a waiting world. Enfold us in Your protective arms and help us grow in the intimacy You long to share with us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(from PrayerTime, Cycle C)

If you would like to learn more about faith sharing opportunities or resources, contact Julie Allington – 838-8324

