

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

I T L G C D L O M L
 V B M A E F F E W O
 D P A P I X L S M C
 J S A R J A C O B K
 I R S F S N U U K E
 T T I U O R C T Q D
 X A R T S A E H Z K
 K E V I L D O E R S
 J N O E T N J W G O
 M O O S S I W P R M
 H A A C N U R D I O
 N L H N K O O B N D
 C O Z A P I W H D G
 A N R H R O N U I N
 C R E T R B S G N I
 G T I R H A A K G K
 S D A S T R O N G M
 G N B F E S N W O T
 F L X Y E N E P R C
 T P M E T T A W B O

ABRAHAM	HOUSE	NARROW
ARISEN	ISAAC	NORTH
ATTEMPT	JACOB	PROPHETS
DEPART	JERUSALEM	SOUTH
EAST	KINGDOM	STRONG
EVILDOERS	KNOCKING	TEETH
FIRST	LAST	TOWNS
GRINDING	LOCKED	WEST

Catechizing Corner!

Luke frames his entire gospel in the journey motif. It not only serves to place Jesus' story in the context of his ultimate destination, but it functions as a metaphor for the life of a Christian. Christians are formed by the journey. They learn what it means to live in the reign of God by actually living in it. There is nothing in the world that compares to it. It does not fit our worldly constraints and standards. The reign of God surprises us and turns our world view on end. God plays no favorites. Entry is not guaranteed. It is not "who you know," but how you live that determines entry. In other words, those who self-righteously think they belong at the head of the line may be surprised to find themselves ejected from the line altogether. Someone in the crowd asked Jesus if few would be saved (v 23). Jewish understanding of the messianic age assumed that all of Israel would be saved. "Israel's impending salvation is anticipated as unfolding at the expense of other nations, whose wealth will be seized and given to Yahweh's elect." They were the "few" of biblical history and understanding. The "many" unsaved included sinners, tax collectors, the unclean, and gentiles. Jesus turned this bias upside down and implied that their narrow restrictions were not the way of the kingdom. Self-righteous individuals who were certain that they belonged to the few *saved* would rather find themselves among many *unsaved*. Their status as "chosen" had created complacency and a presumption that salvation was a given.

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C*
 Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

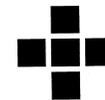
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
 Luke 13:22-30

Faith Sharing
 Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.

Someone asked him,

"Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

He answered them,

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door,

then will you stand outside

knocking and saying,

'Lord, open the door for us.'

He will say to you in reply,

'I do not know where you are from.'

And you will say,

'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.'

Then he will say to you,

Gospel Glossary

Prophets are people who understand the ways of our God.

'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the **prophets** in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Choose one

When did you do a good deed for someone whom you did not know and who could not acknowledge what you did?

When did you do something good for someone this past week without being asked?

Closing Prayer

God, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.

In our desire for what you promise make us one in mind and heart.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.