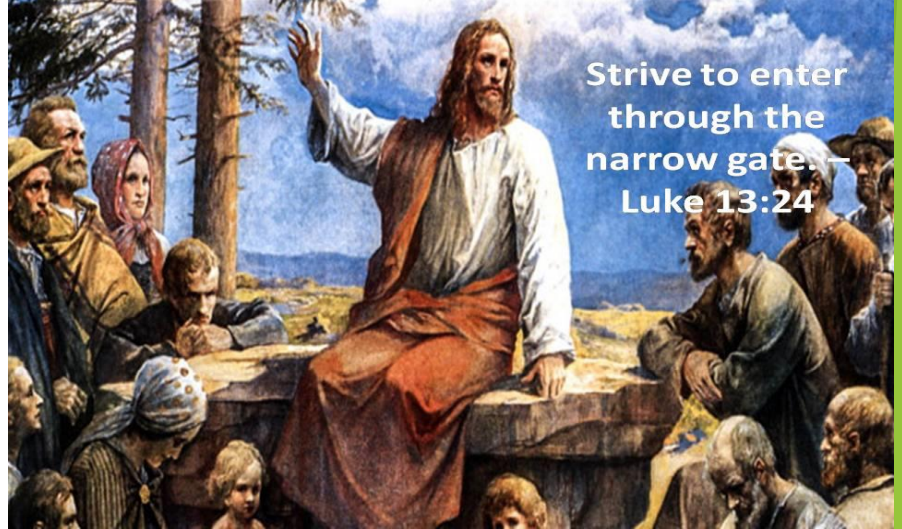




# ST. PHILIP BENIZI CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 21, 2022

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm Mass  
Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am Mass  
Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 8am Mass  
Tuesday - 6:30pm Mass

## RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays – 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays – 8:30am-10pm (*ends with Benediction*)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or someone you know is homebound, wants to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office, 503-631-2882.

**Baptisms:** Call the Parish Office.

**Funerals:** Call the Parish Office.

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**St. Philip Benizi Website:** [www.philipbenizi.com](http://www.philipbenizi.com)

***God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!***

Dear friends in Christ, last week's theme, "The consequences of standing for the truth," helped us substantially x-ray how people see and treat those who stand for the truth. Standing for the truth means approaching and looking at every situation through the Gospel's lens. The Gospel is the truth, and the truth is not an idea, but Jesus Christ, proclaimed for our liberation and salvation. Those who stand for the truth despite all odds face severe earthly persecution because, their presence and influence dislodge the stand of truth-haters. Jeremiah was ill-treated and thrown into a muddy cistern because he unreservedly and unapologetically clung to his vocation. As God's spokesman, they did not deter Jeremiah with unpalatable treatments; instead, he daringly continued to excel in his unique and delicate profession when he was released. Like Jeremiah, none of us should be intimidated by the presence of those who flourish in despicable, unimaginable big and small lies. We should neither deny Christ nor succumb to the trade of the Gospel's antagonists, nor allow ourselves to be their pawns. Christ warned that his message would bring division among us, even between family members. Hence, faithful followers of Christ should choose the truth before anything.

As we strive to remain steadfast in the life-saving trip to our destination, we gather for our weekly renewal in God's holy temple to gain strength, nourishment, and purification. God's love for his people right from creation is phenomenal and continues to this day. Due to his benevolence, God feeds us on a different menu with special delicacies that will revitalize our spiritual and physical nutrients. In today's opening prayer, we join our voices to pray to God to unite all his children in a single purpose, so that we would love what he commands and desire what he promises. Such unification would help us to firmly fix our hearts where the living God dwells, despite the uncertainties of this crucial journey.

A good artist spends time on his works and jealously guards them from destruction. The person tries to sell the artworks to the highest bidder and has no intention of discarding any of his cherished handiwork. God, the creator, made us because he cherishes and loves us. He wants the best for us on earth and wants us to spend eternity with him at the end of our earthly life. In today's Gospel, as Jesus teaches and continues his journey to Jerusalem, someone who is anxious to know about the capacity of the Kingdom of God inquisitively asks, "Lord, will a few people be saved?" The Creator jealously guards his precious works and wants the best for all of us. Therefore, it is his wish for all people to be saved. However, in response to the question from the curious mind, Jesus gives specific requirements, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." From Jesus' answer, one concludes that although the owner created us for the Kingdom, no one can drift into it. Salvation necessitates a continuous commitment to the teachings of Christ. Making an enviable effort to enter through the narrow gate calls for self-discipline in living our vocations. Each of us is uniquely made and endowed with special gifts to help us meander through the narrow gate. Therefore, the illusion that everybody is doing this or that makes it suitable should not fool or deceive us. Making our way through the narrow gate is challenging and requires an amount of mortification to help us shed off unrequired weight to enter through the favored gate. The way to the Kingdom, the new Jerusalem, is limited and requires good works, but it is open to the people of every nation and language. Entering through the narrow gate will entail a lifelong effort, like an athlete who must keep up the effort to win the prize. Striving to enter through the narrow gate underscores the difficulty of responding wholeheartedly to Christ and the demands of discipleship.

Furthermore, offering more insights into the interrogation of the unnamed questioner, Jesus highlights that when the time comes, there will be real scrutiny for those wanting to enter. People will emerge from all the four corners of the earth, knocking and saying, "Lord, open the door for us." Those presumed to be the most favored of God would like to sneak in without the correct ticket. Disappointedly, they will hear the authoritative voice echoing, "I do not know where you are from." Embarrassingly, they will try to prove their closeness to the master, saying, "We ate and drank in your company, and you taught in our streets." Immediately, it will dawn on them that nearness to Jesus, being close enough to eat and drink in his company and witnessing his teaching, do not ensure automatic admittance through the preferred gate.

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# This week at SPB and Upcoming Parish/Archdiocesan Events

## Sunday, 8/21/2022

8:00am Mass: **NO MASS**

10:30am Mass: +Lila Lee Gadbois  
(Joel & Darby Bender)

## Monday, 8/22/2022 Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church

8:00am Mass: +Jimmy Setera (Mary Lou Silvander)

## Tuesday, 8/23/2022

6:30pm Mass: +Robert & Juanita Wooten  
(Becky Wooten)

## Wednesday, 8/24/2022 Feast of St. Bartholomew

9:00am Mass: +Bill Celorie

## Thursday, 8/25/2022

8:00am: Morning Prayer/Church

7:00pm: Faith Sharing via Zoom

8:30am-10:00pm:  
Eucharistic Adoration



## Friday, 8/26/2022

8:00am: Morning Prayer/Church

## Saturday, 8/27/2022

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church

5:30pm Mass: +Pete & Jean Jenquin  
(Jenquin Family)

## Sunday, 8/28/2022

8:00am: All Parishioners

10:30am Mass: +Karen Gefreh  
(Dan & Helen Sweeney)

### You CAN Help Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through the most difficult times in their marriages. Join Oregon Retrouvaille as we host a working weekend for couples struggling in their marriages by couples who have been there in the struggle. Come September 9-11, 2022 at Mount Angel Abbey Retreat House in Mount Angel, Oregon.



The Parish Picnic is today 8/21!

Come to the Hall after the 10:30 Mass for food, games and fellowship. Hope to see you all there.

### Vacation Bible School (VBS) Starts Monday

August 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 9:00-Noon

Pick up a registration form at the side door of the Church and bring it on Monday. You can still register at the door on Monday. Cost: \$20 per child (Scholarships available).



Our condolences go out to Gail Williams and family on the loss of her mother-in-law, Annette Williams. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Calling all kids preschool - 12<sup>th</sup> grade, it is time to register for Religious Education. Please register by September 4<sup>th</sup>. Forms are at the side door and in the office. Classes will begin September 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer teachers are needed. If you have questions or would like to volunteer contact Melissa, mpayne.81441@gmail.com.

Join us for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) meetings begin on **September 6, 2022**

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00pm in the Hall.

Do you have a friend, family member, or co-worker curious about the Catholic Faith? Are you a Catholic who's ready to explore your faith anew? Come join us on Tuesday evenings. If you have questions call Ed Schneider 971-563-3893

### Save the Date!

Western Oregon Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to participate in a conference themed "Living with Joy and Confidence in these Challenging Times" with Dr. Ralph Martin Sept. 23-24, 2022 at St. Edward Catholic Church, Keizer (see bulletin board for more info)

### Finance Corner

Registered Household 218	WEEK OF 8/14/2022 Actual	Budget
Donors 52	\$5,943 (online: \$2,535)	\$6,074
Fiscal Year	\$29,814	\$31,203

### Next Weeks Assignments

#### Ushers

8/27~5:30pm: Tom Muldoon

8/28~8:00am: Jim Charriere

8/28~10:30am: Larry Carnahan

August Church Cleaners: Janet Tankersly (503-545-2229)

August Altar Linens: Alice Bechtold (971-219-0011)



8/28 9:00: Team ML

11:30:

#### Lector/Commentator

Heather Hannam

John Buxman

Nancy Carnahan





## 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



# Dear Padre,

## I have some views that differ from the Church's stance. Must all my beliefs align with the Church?

**T**he 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.*

ANGELUS, AUGUST 21, 2016

## 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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***The foreshadowing of the new age***

We do not know the time when earth and humanity will reach their completion, nor do we know the way in which the universe will be transformed. The world as we see it, disfigured by sin, is passing away. But we are sure that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth. In this new earth, righteousness is to make its home, and happiness will satisfy, and more than satisfy, all the yearnings for peace that arise in human hearts. On that day, when death is conquered, the sons of God will be raised up in Christ; what was sown as something weak, and perishable will be clothed in incorruption. Love and the fruits of love will remain, and the whole of creation, made by God for man, will be set free from the frustration that enslaves it.

We are warned indeed that a man gains nothing if he wins the whole world at the cost of himself. Yet our hope in a new earth should not weaken, but rather stimulate our concern for developing this earth, for on it there is growing up the body of a new human family, a body even now able to provide some foreshadowing of the new age. Hence, though earthly progress is to be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, yet in so far as it can help toward the better ordering of human society it is of great importance to the kingdom of God.

The blessings of human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom—all the good fruits on earth of man's co-operation with nature in the Spirit of the Lord and according to his command—will be found again in the world to come, but purified of all stain, resplendent and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father an eternal and everlasting kingdom: “a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.” On this earth the kingdom is already present in sign; when the Lord comes it will reach its completion.

**(From the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world of the Second Vatican Council)**

**REFLECTION OF THE WEEK**

**“The gate is small because truth guards the entrance. The way is narrow because the Lord protects us with wise boundaries. — Charles Stanley**

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**St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement**

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of “wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Tim 2:4).



**Those to Whom Ecclesiastical Funerals May Be Granted continues.**

14.3.8 In the prudent judgment of the local ordinary, the funeral rites of the Catholic Church may be granted to members of a non-Catholic Church or ecclesial community, unless it is evidently contrary to their will and provided that their own minister is unavailable. Moreover, in the Archdiocese of Portland, pastors and parochial vicars have the faculty to allow Church funeral rites “for baptized members of non-Catholic ecclesial communities if requested by the family and provided this is not clearly contrary to the wishes of the deceased.” In such a case: a. Their own minister is considered unavailable if the deceased has not participated in their own denomination for some time. b. If a Funeral Mass is to be celebrated, the name of the deceased should not be mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer, since such commemoration presupposes Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

14.3.9 Certainly those baptized non-Catholics who have expressed the desire to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church may be granted the Church’s funeral rites.

14.3.10 Unbaptized persons who in some way were considered close to the Church but who died before receiving Baptism can also be given an ecclesiastical funeral, according to the prudent judgment of the local ordinary.

14.3.11 Any funeral Mass must also be denied a person who is excluded from ecclesiastical funerals.

14.3.12 In the case of someone who is not allowed an ecclesiastical funeral, a priest, deacon, or parish minister may lead a service of prayer for the deceased, with readings from Sacred Scripture, at the cemetery or in the funeral director’s chapel.

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**Also, being a registered member of any religious affiliation, parading publicly to be a die-hard fan of Christ, or claiming to be related to Christ through family ties or whatever, is not a guaranteed ticket to enter. What automatically qualifies and gives us a free pass is the life lived in Christ. Such a way of life in Christ is summarized by the degree of our love; by our love, everyone will know that we are Christ's friends, who ate and drank with him and who followed him despite all odds. Yes, our love gives us that express ticket to the Kingdom. Everyone, rich or poor, literate or illiterate, white or black, believer or unbeliever, Jew or Gentile, according to Christ's teachings have the same permission to live love. In the words of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, "If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive." Therefore, no one is exempted from the Kingdom; instead, it is our choice to be or not.**

**Additionally, today's Gospel passage is among those that succinctly remind us that there will be judgment at the end of time. The Creator, the unbiased, and the Just judge will reward each one accordingly. It is a clear reminder that the merciful God, compassionate and full of love to all his creatures, will also stand for justice, rewarding us according to our score cards. The passage highlights that there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when those who think themselves highly favored are denied entrance. And the least-favored, the nobodies, receive befitting rewards because of their love.**

**The 21st-century followers of Christ should deeply reflect on today's Gospel. Such candid meditation will be a source of inspiration to work harder for the Kingdom by continuously committing to Christ and his teaching, striving to live love, and being among the elect that will recline at the table in the Kingdom of God.**

**Also, we should not take the God of mercy for granted because he is also the God of justice. The standards of heaven are different from human standards; because we judge by appearance and socioeconomic status. Still, the final and the most significant judgment will be unbiased and based on Christ's teaching which is anchored on love. The maker of all things wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Hence, in the Priestly prayer of Christ, the savior prays, "When I was with them, I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, so that the scripture might be fulfilled." (John 17:12).**

**Let's not cast our lot with those who are determined to enter through the wide gate and broad road that lead to destruction; instead, let us strive to follow the Lord's way to enter through the narrow gate.**

**Remember, the closer we are to God, the better for us.**

***Blessings, Your servant in Christ, Fr. Paschal Ezurike.***



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