

Sunday Gospel Reflection

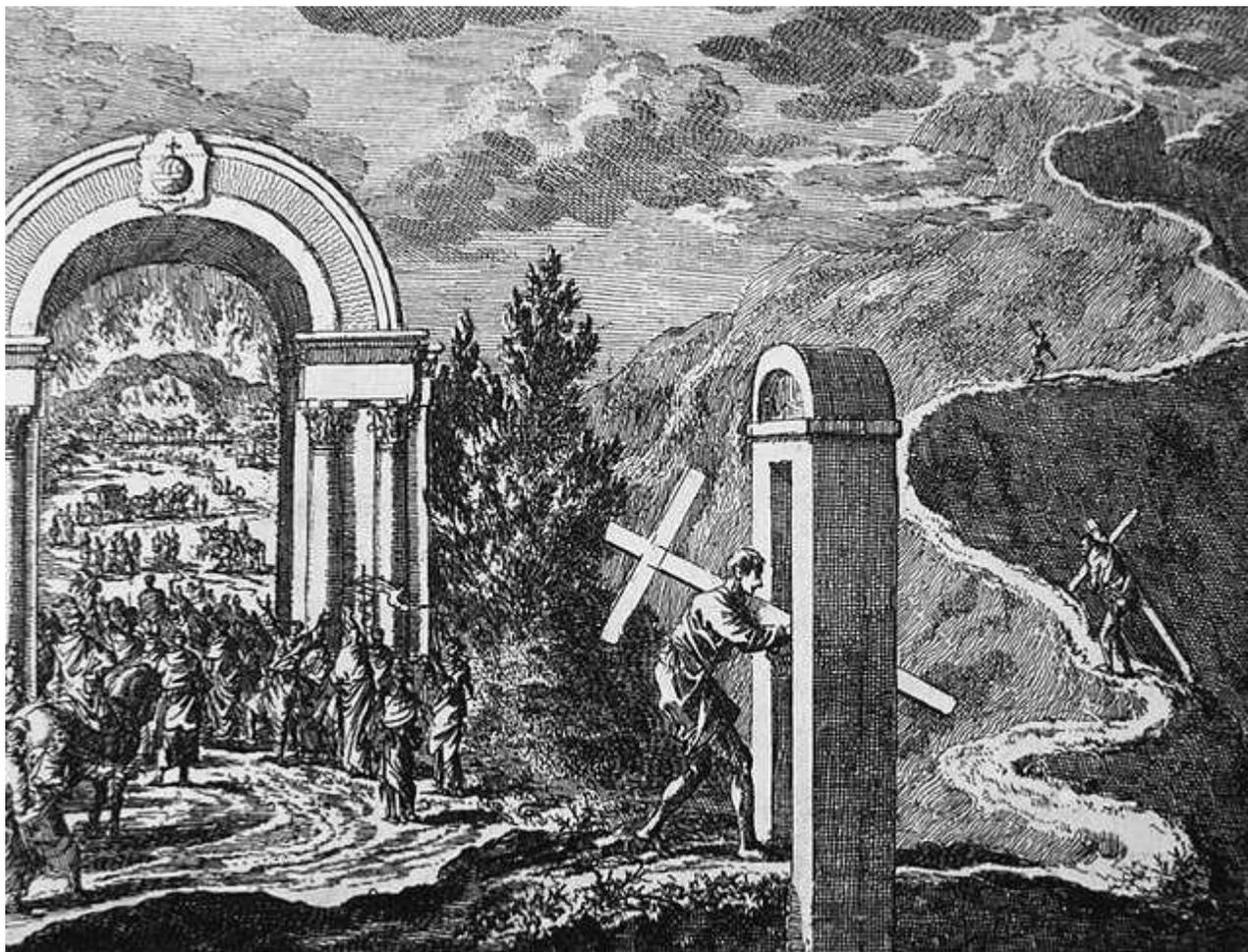
Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

“They will come from east and west and recline at table in the kingdom of God”

The Narrow Door



²² Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” He said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ 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.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught

in our streets.’ ²⁷ But he will say, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’ ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. When I am facing difficulties in life, do I blame God, or do I continue to trust in him and have faith?
2. Jesus says that we will know the faith of others through the good fruits their acts produce. Will Jesus recognize me and my faith by the way I act in the world?
3. What can I do today, and every day, so that, when the time comes, Jesus will recognize me and open the door?

4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition

Special Intention: For those who are persecuted because of their Christian faith

5. Lord’s Prayer

6. Sign of the Cross.