

COMMUNITY BULLETIN: August 25, 2019

SACRED HEART–CARLIN, NV (Liturgy, Sunday @ 8:00 A.M.)

Secretary: Lorrie Haub

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS–WELLS, NV (Liturgy, Sunday @ 9:30 A.M.)

Secretary: Ann Battenfeld

ST. BRENDAN’S–EUREKA, NV (Liturgy, Sunday @ 11:00 A.M.)

Secretary: Sally Goicoechea

Pastor: Fr. Varghese (Fr. Biju) Malancheruvil **Deacon:** Frank Martinez

Parochial Vicars: Fr. Kuriakose (Fr. K) Mambrakatt and Fr. Joseph (Fr. Joe) Walsh

Contact at:

St. Joseph’s Church: 1035 C St., Elko, NV (775) 738-6432 **Fax:** (775) 738-3356

EMERGENCIES: (775) 738-6432 (leave a message)

Email: stjoech@frontier.com **Web Page (ALL):** <http://stjoech.org>

Baptisms: Contact the Pastor

Marriages: At least 6 Months before

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 1/2 Hour before Mass

Stewardship of Resources for Sunday: August 18, 2019 – Offertory

Sacred Heart - Carlin \$

Lector Schedule

Sacred Heart: August 25th Lorrie; September 1st Eole; 8th Patty; 15th Pat W.

St. Brendan’s: August 25th Mike; September 1st Barbara; 8th John; 15th Keith

Special Intentions - Please pray for the healing of the following:

Carlin: Colleen Larks, Judy Micheli, Danielle Blaine, Peter Goeser, Myron Branning, Betty Ann Pawelek, Mario Micheli, Vicki Baratcart, Howard Wright, Bob Michna; Barb Johnson, Bonnie Schmitz, Tony Macias

Wells: Earlene Larsen, Gracie Otto, Bertie Moschetti, Paula Otto, Bill Gibbs, Peg Kaplan, Claudia Morquecho, Ken Yazzi, Karen Hampton, Nita Quilici

Eureka: Mary Damele, Claire Bostic, Dee & Dennis Cunningham

If you are travelling, check out catholicmasstime.org for mass times at churches in the USA.

REFLECTION – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus doesn’t answer the question put to Him in this Sunday’s Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.

Jesus is “the narrow gate,” the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see [John 14:6](#)).

In Jesus, God has come—as He promises in this week’s First Reading—to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory.

Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah’s vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see [John 3:14](#)), and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in today’s Psalm.

In God’s plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles (see [Romans 1:16](#); [Acts 3:25–26](#)), who in the Church have come from the earth’s four corners to make up the new people of God (see [Isaiah 43:5–6](#); [Psalm 107:2–3](#)).

Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father (see [Isaiah 63:15–16](#)).

We don’t want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see [Isaiah 35:3](#)). So, we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering—the way of the beloved Son.

As this week’s Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God’s sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

Yours in Christ,



Scott Hahn, PhD,
St Paul Center, Steubenville, OH