



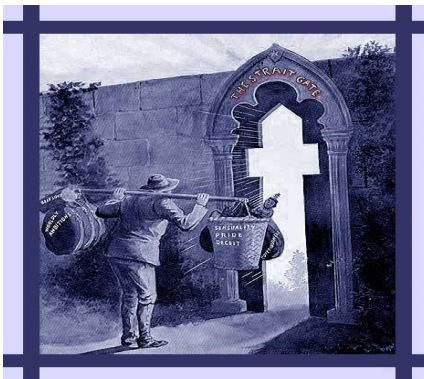
CONEXIÓN

El Boletín Oficial de la Comunidad Catolica de Santo Niño

August 21, 2016

Strive to Enter the Narrow Gate

The narrow gate, also called the narrow door, is referred to by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 7:13-14 and Luke 13:23-24. Jesus compares the narrow gate to the “broad road” which leads to destruction (hell) and says that “many” will be on that road. By contrast, Jesus says that “small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” What exactly is meant by this? Just how many are the “many” and how few are the “few”?



We need to understand that Jesus is the Door through which all must enter eternal life. There is no other way because He alone is “the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6). The way to eternal life is restricted to just one avenue—Christ. In this sense, the way is narrow because it is the only way, and relatively few people will go through the narrow gate. Many more will attempt to find an alternative route to God. They will try to get there through manmade rules and regulations, through false religion, or through self-effort. These who are “many” will follow the broad road that leads to eternal destruction, while the sheep hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow Him along the narrow way to eternal life (John 10:7-11).

Entering the narrow gate is not easy. Jesus made this clear when He instructed His followers to “strive” to do so. The Greek word translated “strive” is agonizomai, from which we get the English word agonize. The exhortation to strive to enter is a command to repent and enter the gate and not to just stand and look at it, think about it, complain that it’s too small or too difficult or unjustly narrow. We are not to ask why others are not entering; we are not to make excuses or delay. We are not to be concerned with the number who will or will not enter. We are to strive forward and enter! Then we are to exhort others to strive to enter before it’s too late.

¡Bienvenidos!
Come and worship with us!

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Sunday Worship Services/ Servicios Dominicales

10:00 a.m. English Mass, **11:00 a.m.** Sunday School (Primera Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo, etc), and **11:30 a.m.** Misa en Español

Announcements/ Avisos

Volunteers Needed/

Voluntarios Necesitados

We need volunteers to help us in the following ministries: Lectors, Sunday School Teachers, church cleaners, Hospitality Ministers. To sign up, please contact Elizabeth Rabusa after the Mass. Thank you.

Necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar en los siguientes ministerios: Lectores, maestros de escuela dominical, limpio de la iglesia, ministros de hospitalidad. Para inscribirse, por favor, póngase en contacto con Elizabeth Rabusa después de la misa. Gracias.

Share Your Story and Photos of Your Events

Our Sunday Bulletin is a great opportunity to share our stories, events and photos. Please send them to Fr. Romeo Rabusa at revpinoy11@gmail.com.

Nuestro Boletín cada domingo es una gran oportunidad para compartir nuestras historias, eventos y fotos. Favor de enviar a Padre Romeo Rabusa via email a revpinoy11@gmail.com. Gracias.

Bread & Pastry Distribution

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 5:30 p.m.

Sacraments and Other Services/ Sacramentos y Otros Servicios

Please arrange with Elizabeth Rabusa to schedule preparations and celebrations of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Quinceañera, House Blessing, etc.

Arregle por favor con Elizabeth Rabusa para planificar las preparaciones y las celebraciones del Sacramento Bautismo, Confirmación, de Boda, y Quinceañera. [Please arrange with Elizabeth Rabusa to schedule preparations and celebrations of Baptism, Marriage, Quinceañera, etc.

iFelicidades!

All Birthday Celebrants



First Holy Communion Classes Update

With the huge number of students participating in our First Holy Communion Program, we need volunteers to assist our Sunday School teachers. The Sunday School classes, which started last Sunday, August 7th, need help due to limited time and space that the church currently has. These students are grouped into three classes and we need at least three volunteers. Thank you.

Sunday School Students Ministry

The best way to teach our children is to expose them to various church ministries. Meaning, while they are learning in class, we also assign them to serve as altar servers, Offertory gift bearers, hospitality ministers, and Feeding the Homeless/Food distribution servers. We ask parents to encourage them to do it as part of their learning experi-



Youth Ministry

We are now organizing our Youth Ministry Program to assist youth and young adults to become closer to God and build them as Christian leaders in our families and community. If you are interested to help, please contact Fr. Romeo.

Food Distribution



Partnership with Phoenix Rescue Mission

Have you noticed cases of bottled water in our kitchen? Well, we just established a Summer Water Program partnership with Phoenix Rescue Mission. With the summer heat, many poor and homeless individuals and families need bottled water to drink. SNCC is now one of the satellite stations around Van Buren neighborhoods that serves bottled water. This is a perfect opportunity for our Feeding the Homeless and Food Distribution ministries because we serve food and drinks.



Sunday Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalms 117

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Next Sunday

First Reading

SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalms 68

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14



Weekly Giving

The collection last Sunday was

\$ 306.96

10:00 a.m. : \$ 223.85

11:30 a.m. : \$ 83.11

Fundraising : \$

Thank You! We need your support!

¡Gracias! Necesitamos su apoyo!

FEEDING THE HOMELESS/ COMIDA PARA HOMELESS

- ♦ **August 20th, 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **September 19th, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00p.m.**
- ♦ **October 15th, 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **November 19th, 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**



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UNA REFLEXIÓN PARA NUESTRO TIEMPO

La incesante ola de conflictos en Siria y en otros países del Medio Oriente ha vuelto a poner sobre la mesa el asunto de las migraciones. La vulnerabilidad de las personas que terminan siendo obligadas a abandonar su tierra y sus raíces por la más importante de todas las razones: la preservación de su propia vida, es un asunto de humanidad. Más allá de los asuntos políticos y estratégicos que tiene este asunto, los cristianos estamos llamados a reconocer en el forastero y el emigrante a un hermano. Lo que de manera visible e institucionalizada realizamos en nuestras comunidades eclesiales en México es muy exiguo. Debiera ser la regla y no la excepción, el mantener y coordinar el espíritu del buen samaritano en nuestra Iglesia. Si los fanatismos supremacistas y el discurso nacionalista se recrudecen en los países ricos, no podemos acostumbrarnos a esta visión excluyente. El Padre que Jesús nos ha revelado, ama compasivamente a los hombres y mujeres de toda condición, en particular, a los malos y desagradecidos. (La Verdad Católica)