

Intentions:

August 24 - for the health of **Marion Fisher**, requested by the parishioners of St. Gabriel's parish.
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection

August 17 - \$434.00 Thank You



August 25

Saint Joseph Calasanz

Patron of Schools

Founder of the Religious Schools, called the Scolopi or Piarists. Joseph was born in Peralta, Aragon, Spain in 1556 and is often referred to by his Latin name Calasactius. At 28, he was ordained and so concerned himself with religious reform that he was appointed vicar-general at 34. In 1592, in response to an inner call, he gave up his position and left for Rome living for five years as a pilgrim. He was a friend of Camillus de Lellis; together they served the sick and the dying during the plague of 1595.

Joseph became aware of the plight of poor children and their need for religious and secular education. When he could not get permission for them to attend regular schools, he used his inheritance to set up free schools for the poor. Joseph founded the Order of Clerks Regular of Religious Schools, which spread throughout Italy and beyond. Unfortunately, there was dissension in the order; some were afraid of an educated lower class, and there was a power struggle for leadership, which seriously harmed the order's reputation. A papal commission eventually dissolved the order in 1646. Joseph died in 1648, but his hopes were fulfilled in 1669 when the order was reformed; it continues today, known as the Piarists or Scolopi. Joseph was canonized in 1767 and is a patron of schools serving the needs of poor children.

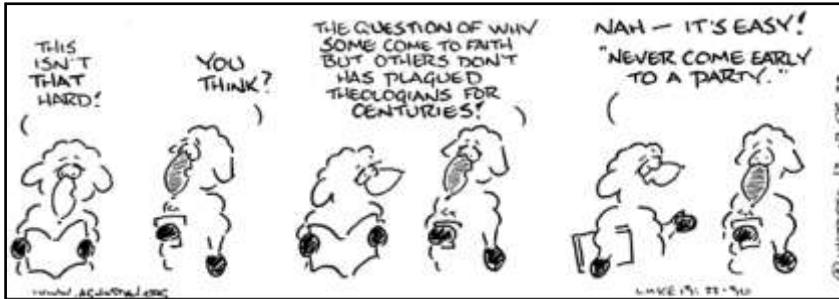
NOTE:

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12th September at 6pm we will be having a cemetery mass venue St Michael cemetery. Please spread the news and we are all encouraged to attend.



Gospel Reflection: Jesus' answer to the question is couched in images: *Making his way to Jerusalem*—Jesus is being faithful to his own mission, by going to Jerusalem he fulfills his Father's will even when that means he must suffer and die. *Narrow gate*—we might see Jesus himself as the gate, and we are saved by identifying ourselves with Jesus and this includes going to Jerusalem with him even when that means we, too, must die to ourselves. *Strong enough*—strength here isn't the physical strength to push open a literal door but the spiritual strength to remain faithful to our call to discipleship and to follow Jesus to Jerusalem. Each day we must take up our cross, die to self, and live for the sake of others. This is how we enter the narrow gate and how we get to know Jesus intimately enough to receive salvation: *we must live and act like Jesus*. Becoming least is a metaphor for dying to self; this is what Jesus asks: that the first become last. (*Living Liturgy, p.196*)



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Marion Fisher, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Administrator's Corner

SALVATION THROUGH THE NARROW GATE

The concept of salvation comes from the Hebrew word "Yasa," meaning to save, help in distress, rescue, deliver, or set free. In Catholic theology, salvation is a lifelong process that involves three stages: past, present, and future. Through baptism, we've been delivered from the bondage of guilt and sin, marking the beginning of our salvation journey. We're being saved in the present when we team up with God's grace, love others like Jesus, share our blessings with those in need, and daily reconcile with God through forgiveness. The endpoint of salvation comes when we pass away from this life and hear the gracious words of our Loving Savior on judgment day.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches about entering through the narrow door, which refers to the necessary discipline and training required to follow Him. This discipline involves practices like prayer, fasting, and scripture meditation. The difficulties and tests in discipline are motivated by God's love and concern for our well-being. Disease and suffering don't come from God but from life's circumstances and human weakness. Yet, God uses painful circumstances to help us improve, become more generous, and break free from selfish attitudes.

A writer noted that Jesus doesn't answer the question 'how many will be saved'. What's important isn't knowing exactly number, rather it is living with a clear and responsible attitude in order to welcome salvation from that Good God. Jesus reminds them all: 'try your hardest to enter by the narrow door'. In this way Jesus undercuts the reaction of those who understand his message as an invitation to laxity. That makes fun of the Father. Salvation isn't something one receives irresponsibly from a permissive God. It also isn't the privilege of an elect few. It's not enough to be children of Abraham. It isn't sufficient to have known the Messiah, to have heard and seen him. One needs also to follow him.

Further, Jose Antonio Pagola notes, entering the narrow door means "following Jesus; learning to live as he did; taking up his cross and trusting the Father" (echoing John 10:9, "I am the door; the one who enters through me, will be saved"). This demands a radical love for God and neighbor, rather than strict rule-following. Jesus' call is challenging yet freeing, requiring commitment but bringing peace.

Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's insights on heaven are thought-provoking: "There will be three surprises in heaven." The first surprise will be seeing those we expected there but aren't. St. John of the Cross explains, "At the evening of our life, we shall be judged on how we have loved." The second surprise will be those we didn't expect who are there, due to God's judgment on intentions. The third surprise will be our own presence in heaven, made possible by God's generosity and our cooperation with His grace.

In conclusion, salvation is a journey of faith, love, and dedication. As we strive to enter through the narrow door, may we be guided by God's love and mercy. May the words of Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen inspire us to live with purpose, and may we be surprised by God's generosity in saving us. As we journey through life, let's remember that God's love and mercy are always available to us, helping us grow in faith and love

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”

~ Saint Augustine

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Weekly Eucharist

St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
	Sunday 9:00 am Mass
	Wednesday 8:00 am adoration/confession, 9am mass
	Thursday 8:30 confession, 9am mass
	Friday 8:30 confession, 9am mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request.
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