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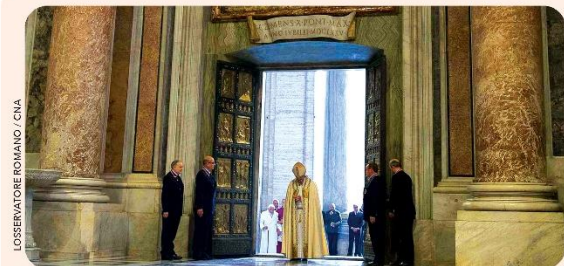
My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

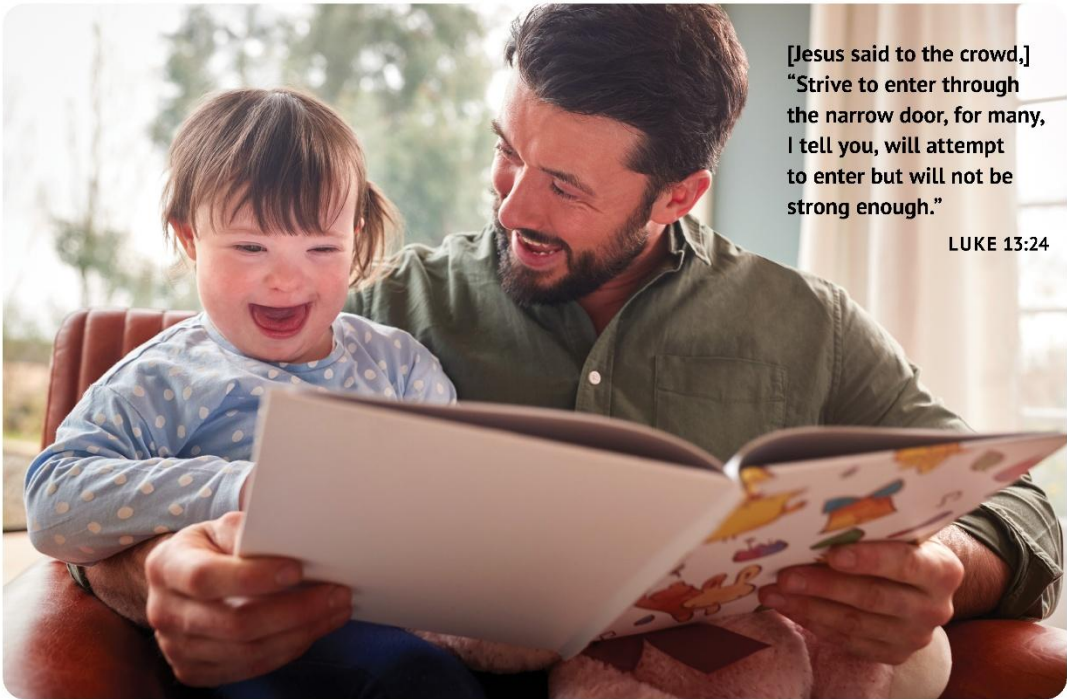
The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.” Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 24, 2025
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Isaiah 66:18–21 / Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 / Luke 13:22–30



[Jesus said to the crowd,] “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

The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one’s own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God’s presence, to life with God. You’ve heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn’t a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It’s pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

Reflect

What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?

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BAPTISM: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to
desired date.
SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor
at least six months prior to desired date.



BUILDING COMMITTEE

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building
skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block
retaining wall. Thank you!

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will

THANK YOU for your donations!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
08/10/25: \$1,640.00
08/17/25: \$952.26
Building Fund Donations: \$370.00

**The Cove THANKS YOU for your continuing donations
of food, laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap,
toothbrushes, and toothpaste.**

CAFFEINE & CALORIES



Thank you to all who volunteer and share!



Please consider hosting C & C.
Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR
PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.
GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

Mass Schedule:

**Sunday, Aug 24 @ 11:00 am Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am**
**Wednesday, Aug 27 @ 9:30 am Communion Service; Rosary
@ 9:00 am; Adoration/Benediction 5:30 am to 8:30 am**
**Sunday, Aug 31 @ 11:00 am, Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am**



The Nations of Every Language

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 66:18–21 Outcasts will be gathered home by God as a precious offering in glory.
Psalms 117 “Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.”
Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 Discipline strengthens what is weak.
Luke 13:22–30 The doorway into the kingdom is narrow.

God reveals to Isaiah that people from far and wide will be welcomed to the holy city,
Jerusalem. The psalmist also invites people of every nation to glorify God. Centuries later, Jesus
affirms that people from every point of the compass will be welcomed into the kingdom of God.
That having been said, getting in is not easy and some will be sent away. May we embrace God’s
discipline, in the spirit in which it is explained in the second reading today, recognizing that it is
offered out of God’s great love for us.

Question of the Week: What must I do to grow in the discipline of being a good disciple of the
Lord? What can strengthen my “drooping hands and weak knees” (Hebrews 12:12)?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Pat Kerst is our celebrant for today. A huge **THANK YOU** to Fr. Pat for celebrating Mass with
us for two Sundays. We look forward to Fr. Pedro’s return on August 31.

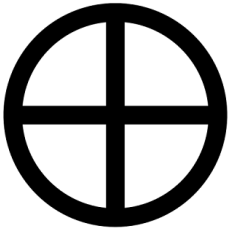
You can access a wonderful documentary about Pope Leo XIV entitled “Leon de Peru” on our
website www.methowcatholic.org



The Last Supper

“In the Eucharist, the Lord gathers a people to himself”

Artist: Vicente Juan Masip (1510-1579)



**The Four Corners
of the Earth**



**Please Remember in
Your Prayers**

Lupe Garcia
Bill Wilburn
Sheila Kerr
Jonathan Kessler
Paul Budrow
Kyle Rogers
Fr. Sean Thomson
Thomson Family
Fred Nowicki
Evangeline Grace Knox
Teagan Maxwell
Melissa Larson
Jim Perra
Howard Burcham
Terry & Barb Anderson
Bernice Morgan



**Repose of the
Soul of**