

SUNDAY'S REFLECTION / REFLEXIÓN DOMINICAL

August 24, 2025

Pastoral Reflections...from Fr. Gama

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate." (Luke 13:24)

At Annunciation Catholic Church, today's Gospel is a clear call to conversion. Jesus tells us that many will try to enter the Kingdom too late—not because God doesn't love them, but because they never truly responded to that love with their lives.

The narrow gate isn't meant to scare us—it's meant to focus us. It reminds us that Heaven is not a casual destination. It requires direction. And direction requires discipline—spiritual discipline. A life of prayer. Regular confession. Acts of service. Simplicity of life. Saying "no" to sin so we can say "yes" to grace.

St. Paul compares the Christian life to training for a race. St. Francis of Assisi lived this with joy—embracing a disciplined, simple life that left room for God. He didn't fear the narrow way—he ran toward it.

At Annunciation, that discipline shows up in small but powerful ways: parishioners who wake up early to pray, who tithe consistently even when it's hard, who make Sunday Mass a non-negotiable. These choices shape the soul. They are how we strive for the gate—not just someday, but today.

Ask yourself this week:

- Is my spiritual life casual or committed?
- What discipline is Christ inviting me to renew so I don't drift from the path?

The narrow gate is open. But it must be chosen—step by step, day by day.

24 de Agosto, 2025

Reflección Pastoral ...de P. Gama

Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (C)

"Esfuércense por entrar por la puerta estrecha." (Lucas 13,24)

En la Parroquia de la Anunciación, el Evangelio de hoy es una llamada directa a la conversión. Jesús advierte que muchos intentarán entrar en el Reino demasiado tarde—no porque Dios no los ame, sino porque nunca respondieron verdaderamente a ese amor con su vida.

La puerta estrecha no es una amenaza, sino una invitación seria. El cielo no es un destino casual. Requiere dirección. Y esa dirección exige disciplina espiritual: vida de oración, confesión frecuente, servicio humilde, sencillez de vida. Decir "no" al pecado para poder decir "sí" a la gracia.

San Pablo compara la vida cristiana con una carrera que requiere entrenamiento. San Francisco de Asís vivió esto con alegría—aceptando una vida sencilla y disciplinada que hacía espacio para Dios. No le temía al camino estrecho—corría hacia él.

Aquí en la Anunciación, esa disciplina se vive en lo cotidiano: feligreses que madrugan para orar, que diezman con sacrificio, que no negocian el domingo como día del Señor. Son elecciones pequeñas, pero moldean el alma. Así se camina hacia la puerta—no "algún día", sino *hoy*.

Pregúntese esta semana:

- ¿Mi vida espiritual es casual o comprometida?
- ¿Qué disciplina me está pidiendo Jesús retomar para no desviarme del camino?

La puerta está abierta. Pero se entra paso a paso, con fidelidad cada día.

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**August 24, 2025, 21th Sunday of Ordinary time
XXI Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario, 24 de Agosto, 2025**

Office Hours:

Tuesdays—Friday. 9am—4:00pm

Deacon: Henry Concha (retired)

Pastor: Fr. Christopher Gama, OFM Cap.

Vicar: Fr. Vincent Carrasco, OFM Cap.

Associate: Fr. Joseph Mary Elder, OFM Cap.

Reading I Isaiah 66:18-21

Reading II Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

**Entering Through the
Narrow Door**

Luke 13:22-30

**EXPOSITION OF
THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

**ADORACION
AL SANTISIMO**

Martes /Tuesdays
9:00am-6:30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sacramento de Reconciliación**

Tuesday / Martes 5:30pm- 6:15pm

Sabado / Saturday 4:30pm- 5:30pm

Or by appointment — o por cita

Annunciation Catholic School

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**Sunday Mass Schedule
Horario de Misa Dominical**

Misa Sabados (Spanish) 6:00pm

Mass (English) 8:00am & 11:30am

Misa (Spanish) 9:30am & 1:00pm

Sunday Mass (Syro-Malabar) 3:00pm

Daily Masses:

Tuesday's - Friday's 8:15am Español

Misa por la tarde

Martes: 6:45pm | Miercoles: 6:00pm

Twin Parishes Food Bank

3663 Humboldt St. Denver, CO 80205

Phone: 303-294-0684

Open: Tuesdays & Thursdays
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Director:

Kevin Holwerda-Hommes

Pray for the people who died this year

Oremos por los Difuntos de este año

Charlotte Gonzalez, Eloise Vera, Debbie Lynn Escamilla, Alberta Brito, Galdino Reyes de la Cruz, Pedro Leon, Gilbert Pena, Albert Brito, Jaya Capri Flores, Pedro Luevano, Reyes Flores, Jose Medina, Evelyn Hurtado, Cesar Villagomez, Joaquin Chavez, Gary Garcia,



Pray for the Sick & the Elderly

Oremos por los Enfermos y Ancianos

Laura Gutierrez, Lana McFee, Dale Talmich, Jr, Zaniyah Vadez, Carol Vera, Tino Ramirez and Suzette Scott, Mathison Sandoval, Teresa Casillas, Jose Bocanegra, Cesar Munoz, Yolanda Verduzco, Manuel Martinez, Maria del Refugio Esquivel, Rayonn Lobato, Mickey Chavez, Carmen Vargas, Bob Gonzales, Erica Gonzales, Devany De la Torre, Jose Castaneda, Alex Chavez, Carmen Lechuga, Maria del Toro, Maria Estrada, Steve Armijo, Ma. Lourdes Veduzco, Evelyn Marin, Diane Romero, Presenciano Jacobo, Laura Carbajal, Lori Talmich, Greg Gaschler, Albert Rodriguez

Mass Intentions Intenciones de la Misa	
Monday, August 25 / Lunes, 25 de Agosto	
No Mass	
Tuesday, August 26 / Martes, 26 de Agosto	
8:15am	Misa NS- <u>Open/ Abierto</u>
12:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration/ Adoración Eucristica
6:30pm	Benediction / Reposición del Santísimo
6:45pm	Misa S- <u>Intenciones de Isaias Garcia Gonzalez, Angel Alexis Garcia</u>
Wednesday, August 27 / Miércoles, 27 de Agosto	
8:15am	Mass NS- <u>+Ginger Williams</u>
6:00pm	Misa S- <u>Por la salud de Adrian Lopez Trenado</u>
Thursday, August 28 / Jueves, 28 de Agosto	
8:15am	Misa NS- <u>Open/ Abierto</u>
Friday, August 29 / Viernes, 29 de Agosto	
8:15am	Misa NS- <u>+Ma. Lourdes Franco Verduzco</u>
Saturday, August 30 / Sabado, 30 de Agosto	
6:00pm	Misa NS- <u>+Maria Angelica Diaz De Leon</u>
Sunday, August 31 / Domingo, 31 de Agosto	
8:00am	Mass NS- <u>Open/ Abierto</u>
9:30am	Misa S- <u>+Manuel Castanon, +Francisca Castanon, +Feliz Perez, +Estela Castanon</u>
11:30am	Mass S- <u>For Rocha Bravo Family</u>
1:00pm	Misa S- <u>+Porfina Casillas Mendoza</u>

Date / Fecha

Offertory / Colecta

Total

In Person, 08/17

\$8,209

Venmo, 08/17

\$315

Total week 08/17

\$8,524



venmo

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND INFIRM PRIESTS

Thank You for Supporting Our Retired Priests

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to last week-end’s second collection for retired and infirm priests! Your support ensures our retired clergy receive the dignity, care, and assistance they deserve. If you missed the collection, there’s still time to give. Visit archden.org/retiredpriests or call 303-867-0614. On behalf of our retired priests—thank you for your kindness and continued support!

COLECTA PARA SACERDOTES JUBILADOS Y ENFERMOS

¡Gracias por apoyar a nuestros sacerdotes jubilados!

¡Gracias a todos los que contribuyeron generosamente en la segunda colecta del fin de semana pasado para los sacerdotes jubilados y enfermos! Su apoyo garantiza que nuestros sacerdotes retirados reciban la dignidad, el cuidado y la asistencia que merecen. Si no pudo participar en la colecta, aún está a tiempo de donar. Visite archden.org/retiredpriests o llame al 303-867-0614. En nombre de nuestros sacerdotes jubilados— ¡gracias por su amabilidad y continuo apoyo!

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FOR OUR
RETIRED PRIESTS

PARISH HAPPENINGS - ACONTECIMIENTOS PARROQUIALES

Annunciation Raffle

09/06/2025

On Sale Starting July 6, 2025

Cost: \$20 Per Ticket

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Annunciation Parish Raffle 2025

Drawing date: September 6th / 7:30 pm

Annunciation School Gymnasium

3536 Lafayette St. Denver CO 80205

Winners will NOT be present to win. Winners will be posted within 24hrs at www.annunciationdenver.org for 30 calendar days following drawing call 303.296.1024 to verify.

RAFFLE TICKET

1st Prize: \$2000.00
2nd Prize: \$1000.00
Two 3rd Prizes: \$500 each

TICKET PRICE: \$20.00

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Starting Tuesday, September 2, our school-year weekday Mass schedule will be: **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:15 a.m. (English, staggered grades) and Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. (English, All-School Mass).** All are welcome!

A partir del **martes 2 de Septiembre**, nuestro horario de Misa entre semana para el año escolar será: **martes, jueves y viernes a las 8:15 a.m. (en inglés, con grados escalonados) y miércoles a las 8:30 a.m. (en inglés, Misa de toda la escuela).** ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

WE ARE STARTING A NEW SERIES BILINGUAL CALLED

“Thursday Nights with the Friars”

— an opportunity for ongoing faith formation.

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 Saturday September 6

 The events starts at 10 AM

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