

For behold, some are last  
who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last.



**XXI Sunday of the Ordinary Time — August 24, 2025**

**St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Lakeport  
& St. Peter Mission, Kelseyville**

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Monday—Thursday / Lunes —Jueves:  
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**Mass Schedules:**

**St. Mary Immaculate Church, Lakeport**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (English)  
Sunday 10:30 am (English) & 12:00 pm (Spanish)  
Wed, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am (English)

**St. Peter Mission, Kelseyville**

4085 Main St. Kelseyville, 95451

(Mail and telephone to St Mary's office)

**Mass Schedule:** Sunday & Tuesday at 9:00 am (English)

**Reconciliation / Confesiones:**

Saturday/Sabado 4:15 pm & by appointment/con cita

**Parish Registration:** If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please fill out the form below and return it during the offertory collection or mail it to the parish office.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

In our world, lines work on a simple rule: *first come, first served*. At airports, supermarkets, or even at Lourdes where pilgrims wait for the holy baths, those who arrive first receive priority. But today Jesus unsettles that logic with His paradox: *“Some who are last will be first, and some who are first will be last”* (Luke 13:30).

This is tied to His urgent call: *“Strive to enter through the narrow door”* (Luke 13:24). What is this narrow door? It is the way of humility, of daily faithfulness, of carrying our cross. The wide gate of the world is ambition, comfort, and self-glory; the narrow door of Christ is service, mercy, and love.

St. Augustine once said: *“The narrow gate is lowly; whoever enters it must first stoop in humility.”* And St. John Chrysostom explained that the narrow door means discipline — learning to deny ourselves so that we may live for Christ. The paradox of the Gospel is this: *“The greatest among you must be the servant”* (Matthew 23:11), *“The meek shall inherit the earth”* (Matthew 5:5), and yes, the thief who was last in life became first in Paradise (Luke 23:43). In the Kingdom of God, it is not the proud who enter first, but the humble. The narrow door is not close to us; it simply asks us to bend our hearts in love. The world may reward the first in line, but heaven crowns those who walk humbly with their God.

### Mass Intentions

Sunday 12 pm +**Celia Ruiz**

### Pre-Baptismal Class

Pre-baptismal instruction class will be held on Thursday, September 4th at 6:00 PM in St. Mary's Parish Hall. For more information, contact the office (707) 263-4401.

### Attention!!!!

Do you know of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive communion? Please contact Carol Dvorak @ (707) 489-9425

### Prayers:

For all the people who are suffering from an illness, especially for: Alex, Chris Pokorny, Tom Kalk, Sally Ann Thomas, Lily Toledo, Edmore Toledo and Mary E. Sachse

### Weekly Collections:

#### August 16 & 17 2025

First Collection	\$3,032
Second Collection (PR)	\$1,207

### Support Christian families in Holy Land

On this weekend of **August 23 & 24**, *Piece of Peace Ministries* will be selling beautiful, handcrafted **olive wood carvings** made by Christian artisans in Bethlehem. Because of the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land, tourism has nearly stopped for over 21 months. Many Christian families have lost their main source of income. Buying these carvings will bring direct help to these families and strengthen the Christian witness in this sacred place.

### Mission Appeal – Diocese of Kumasi, Ghana

On the next weekend, the Second collection is for the Diocese of Kumasi, Ghana. We will welcome **Fr. Augustine Owusu** for a Mission Appeal to support the **Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana**.

The archdiocese serves people through building rural health clinics, caring for street children, and providing clean drinking water by constructing wells—especially in schools and rural areas where water is far away. They also build schools, provide education for young people, and train catechists to share the Gospel. Your prayers and generous support will help bring health, education, and spiritual growth to many in need.

### Religious Education Program year 25-26

Our Religious Education program prepares our children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation with weekly classes beginning September 9 for FHC and September 10 for Confirmation. This is a two-year preparation program. Regular attendance at scheduled classes, as well as Sunday Mass, are essential for the spiritual formation of each child

All families participating in the Religious Education Program at ST. Mary Immaculate must be active, registered members of our parish family. An active member attends Mass regularly.

Do you have any questions regarding these requirements? Please call our office at 707 263-4401 and someone will be happy to help you!

### Passion Play Fundraiser

Enchanting Evening under the pines! Passion Play Fundraiser.-Saturday September 13th, at 4PM Hosted by Pat and Lisa Lambert 10650 Gifford Springs Rd Cobb Ca Live Music by Fogg, Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert and Dancing! Live and Silent Auctions! \$80 Single ticket or \$600 table of 8. Tickets available after mass or Call Lisa Lambert 707-245-7281 or Maryann Sanderson 707-489-8820 Please support the Lake County Passion Play! You can purchase tickets at the end of each weekend's Mass.

### Spiritual Retreat for Men - FAITH IS FAITH

- Saturday, August 30, 2025
  - 9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall, Cotati, CA
- For more information: [pastor@sjcotati.org](mailto:pastor@sjcotati.org) or (707)-795-4807 ext. 113

### Catholic Charities

#### Monday August 25th, 2025

Glebe Hall, 4850 Main St. Peter's Kelseyville.  
4:00pm-6:00pm or until all the food has been distributed.

### A Prayer to Bless Our Children as They Begin a New School Year

Dear Parents and Grandparents,  
As your children embark on this new school year, let us lift them up in faith and call down God's protection, guidance, and blessings upon them.  
Heavenly Father, Almighty and Ever-Loving God,  
We entrust our beloved children into Your hands as they begin this new school year.  
We ask You to anoint their minds with wisdom,  
Their hearts with courage,  
And their spirits with joy and wonder.  
May Your Holy Spirit guide them in every lesson they learn,  
Every friendship they form, and every choice they make.  
Guard them from harm, protect them from discouragement, and surround them with Your angels.  
Lord Jesus, be their teacher, their friend, and their guide.  
May they grow not only in knowledge, but in faith, virtue, and love for You.  
We, their parents and grandparents, lay our hands upon them now,  
Blessing them in Your mighty Name.  
May they shine with Your light, walk in Your truth, and bear the fruits of Your Spirit wherever they go.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

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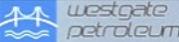


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