## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Today's readings remind us that the kingdom of God is not for one race, language or culture. The Gospel tells us that entering the kingdom of God is not easy. Jesus says we are to enter through the "narrow gate". In other words, we have to know where we are going and where we want to go. This should be our focus, the focus of our heart. If we focus on Jesus and walk through the narrow gate of love, we will be, as we already are, in the kingdom of God. In order to pass through the narrow gate, we have to leave behind all that would prevent us from gaining access.



The readings also remind us that people of all nations, races and cultures will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.



What do you need to leave behind in order to pass through the narrow gate?

The focus of our heart must be love. How do you witness to this love?

Do you welcome all who follow Jesus, no matter what their background?

As a parish community, we welcome all people regardless of age, relationship status, race, disability or sexual orientation and regardless of how much or how little faith people have when they join us. We rejoice in diversity. This is love in action.

