



Of Rocks and Gates

Rock and gates - these are two images that spring out of today's Gospel reading. The rock is an image of the Church and the gates are an image of all that is wrong with the world. The rock is not meant to be an image of a static, non-energetic force, just sitting there in a self-complacent pose. The rock is a symbol of strength and power. In primitive kinds of building, people used rocks as a foundation for their buildings -- in fact, some people built their whole houses out of stone. Our true purpose as a Church is not to defend who we are. It is to go out with energy and take the conviction of faith to places and situations of evil. There are basically two kinds of evil - moral evil and physical evil. It's not always easy to distinguish between the two of them, but basically moral evil is that evil caused by human persons. Greed, injustice, discrimination, murder, physical and mental abuse - these are examples of moral evil. Poverty, illness, death, natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, flooding, accidents - these are examples of physical evil. It is true that some physical evils are the result of moral evils, but that is certainly not the case at all times. Poverty may be the result of greed on the part of others, or it may have other causes which are not morally evil. But both of these evils need to be addressed by the Church. As a rock, we need to look at fighting against moral and physical evils. Our danger is that we will trade places with the gates of Hades. Instead of being the aggressor against all kinds of evils, we are in danger of erecting all kinds of gates around ourselves to keep the world out. If we end up in a purely defensive position, then we will have abandoned our call to be the rock, which fights against evil in our world. Peace, Fr. John Vella (August 24th, 2008)

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Aug. 26	9:00 am	RIP Butch (Vital) Usunier	Mary
	9:00 am	Eileen Suski	Secret Prayer Partner
Wed. Aug. 27	9:00 am	Tim Silversides & Family	Steven Fitzpatrick
	9:00 am	Special Intention	Joan Britton
Thurs. Aug. 28	9:00 am	RIP Tom Dubois	Lawrence & Noreen
Fairview Home	10:30 am	RIP Suzanne Cancade	Julia Hamel
Fri. Aug. 29	9:00 am	Deceased Family	Bob & Polly Fleming
	12:15 pm	RIP Joseph Shiu-Pong Yam	Cecilia, Peter and Family
Sat. Aug. 30	10:00 am	RIP Ignazio Scaletta	Sally & Family
	7:30 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
Sun. Aug. 31	9:00 am	RIP Crawford Conrad	Ken & Julie De Roo
	11:00 am	RIP Martin & Lena Victor	Pat & Barb Golding & Family
Tues. Sept. 02	9:00 am	D'Arcy & Cecile Asselin	Phyllis Read
	5:30 pm	Teachers & Students	CWL
Wed. Sept. 03	9:00 am	Brenda & Murray Lockett	Ken, Karen & Steven
	9:00 am	RIP Verna Burke	Maureen & Lloyd Lee
Thurs. Sept. 04	9:00 am	The Unborn	League for Life
Fairview Home	10:30 am	Andy & Cecile Usunier	Teresa Usunier
Fri. Sept. 05	9:00 am	Leon Richels	Heather Lariviere & Family
	12:15 pm	RIP Anne Baleski	Joey Gilarski
Sat. Sept. 06	10:00 am	RIP Rod McMullen	Doris & family
	7:30 pm	RIP Maurice & Irene Vanwynsberghe	Luc & Anita
Sun. Sept. 07	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
	11:00 am	Sally Scaletta	Anna Maria & Family
	11:00 am	RIP John & Jean Gumieny	The Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Grant Allan, Francisca Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutilier, Jim Bradford, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Ann Delgaty, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Bob Fleming, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Colleen Fowell, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Bertha Trevech, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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Mon.	St. Louis of France/St. Joseph Calasanz (2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12) (Matthew 23:13-22)
Tues.	(2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17)(Matthew 23:23-26)
Wed.	St. Monica (2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18)(Matthew 23:27-32)
Thurs.	St. Augustine (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)(Matthew 24:42-51)
Fri.	Beheading of John the Baptist (Jeremiah 1:17-19)(Mark 6:17-29)
Sat.	Our Lady's Saturday (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)(Matthew 25:14-30)
Sun.	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Jeremiah 20:7-9)(Romans 12:1-2) (Matthew 16:21-27)
Mon.	(1 Corinthians 2:1-5)(Luke 4:16-30)
Tues.	(1 Corinthians 2:10-16)((Luke 4:31-37)
Wed.	St. Gregory the Great (1 Corinthians 3:1-9)(Luke 4:38-44)
Thurs.	(1 Corinthians 3:18-23)(Luke 5:1-11)
Fri.	(1 Corinthians 4:1-5)(Luke 5:33-39)
Sat.	Our Lady's Saturday (1 Corinthians 4:6-15)(Luke 6:1-5)
Sun.	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ezekiel 33:7-9)(Romans 13:8-10) (Matthew 18:15-20)

Welcome to Our Christian Community: Raul Alejandro Gouveia

