

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 14, 2022

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!
There is a baptism with which I must be
baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is
accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish
peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be
divided,

three against two and two against three;
a father will be divided against his son
and a son against his father,
a mother against her daughter
and a daughter against her mother,
a mother-in-law against her daughter-
in-law
and a daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law.”



Readings for the week:

20th Sunday in Ord. Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Heb 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Monday

Assumption
Rev 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
Ps 45:10, 11,
12, 16
1 Cor 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday

Ezek 28:1-10
Deut 32:26-27ab,
27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab
Matt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Ezek 34:1-11
Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6
Matt 20:1-16

Thursday

Ezek 36:23-28
Ps 51:12-13, 14,
15, 18-19
Matt 22:1-14

Friday

Ezek 37:1-14
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9
Matt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ezek 43:1-7ab
Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14
Matt 23:1-12

21st Sunday in Ord. Time

Isa 66:18-21
Ps 117:1, 2
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30



Opening Prayer

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The inhabitants of Jerusalem in Jesus's day would have been familiar with the burning of garbage in the Valley of Gehenna just outside the city. But in today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks of another fire, a blessed fire, that he will light himself, he who burns with a wild love for the world. This love is emphasized by the personal repetition: "I have come," "I wish," "I must be baptized," "I have come" (a second time), "I tell you." For Jesus to speak of himself in the first person in the Synoptic Gospels is extremely rare. It is an indication of the urgency that he wishes to communicate to his listeners.

The adult Jesus who is speaking was the child whose birth was announced as heralding peace (Luke 2:14) but was also recognized by Simeon as a source of division (Luke 2:34). The two are not incompatible. Jesus's peace is not a warm, fuzzy glow, a comfortable satisfaction with the status quo. Rather, it is a burning decisiveness that results from the self-discovery and discernment Jesus experienced in the wilderness—that fierce place of temptation and commitment. Out of the wilderness he was driven on mission by the power of the Spirit, ready to live, suffer, and die for his God (Luke 3:1-14) and the salvation of the world.

This mission has nothing to do with the *pax Romana* (or the *pax Americana*). Those who follow Jesus share his experience by becoming part of it. It is significant that, in this gospel text, Jesus speaks so passionately not of extraordinary, dramatic suffering but of the intimate, painful divisions and misunderstanding that the choice of discipleship can cause in families. A close and faithful relationship to Jesus will influence all our other relationships in terms of values and priorities.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. Following your call is not always easy. Give us the courage to look beyond our own selfish needs and desires to see the needs of others as we work to remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- How does Jesus call you to "set the world on fire"? How do you respond to this call?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Announcements
08/13/22 to 08/14/22

Financials: 08/01/22 – 08/7/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$2398.00 Short \$2.00	
In Church	\$	2198.00
Mail In	\$	00.00
On Line Giving	\$	200.00

Faith formation Prek-5th grade will look different this year. We're inviting the whole family to learn and grow together. We'll meet on the first and third Sundays from September- May from 10 -11 am. Monthly catechesis, fellowship, & activities to do together as a family will be provided. The cost will be \$50 per family. Grandparents and their mo'opuna are welcome too! Please sign your family up for this journey on the clipboard at the entrance of the church.

Parish Council Meeting, Sunday, August 14th @ 10 a.m. Hall.

Bread Day is Tuesday, August 16th. Order sheet at back of church. After Mass on Sunday, will need help to configure the Hall for this endeavor. Mahalo for your kokua!

Next weekend, Second Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii. Serving Hawaii since 1947, Catholic Charities Hawaii serves all people, especially those with the greatest need, regardless of their faith or culture. As part of the largest private network of social

service organizations in the United States, Catholic Charities Hawaii offers much needed programs and services statewide, serving 40,000 individuals each year.

Mark your calendar ~ Saturday, August 27th- St. Ann Rummage Sale. Now accepting sellable gently used clothing and household goods. Drop off before and after Mass. See Precila regarding larger items.

Have a Blessed Week!