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Reflections on the Gospel for the 20th Sunday OT

Fire is a multifaceted symbol in both the Jewish and Christian traditions, an apt image for the wide range of fiery experiences, sometimes warm and comforting and other times frightening and destructive. A pillar of fire symbolized the divine presence that accompanied Israel through the desert, but another kind of fire was envisioned when Israel worshiped the golden calf, and the Lord warned that "my wrath may burn not against them and I may consume them."

Fire is a biblical image for purification and judgment, as well as of the Holy Spirit who descended in the form of fiery tongues. When Jesus says that he came to cast fire upon the earth, more than one symbolic meaning may be inferred. He may be longing for the fire of the Holy Spirit to be ignited in his disciples and also be longing for the fires that refine and purify the people.

Along with wishing that the fire he came to bring were already blazing, Jesus is also in anguish that his baptism be accomplished. While we not often think of water baptism, the basic meaning of baptism is to be immerse, or to be plunged deeply into something. The baptism that Jesus anticipates is the immersion into his passion and death. His passing from death to life will set the fire blazing, the fire that purifies and separates and destroys. Jesus is speaking here to his disciples, warning them of the consequences of following him, and challenging them to choose what kind of fire they will experience.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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August 18, 2019: 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Parish Council

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
 Wednesday 7:30 A.M.
 Thursday 7:45 A.M.
 Friday 7:45 A.M.
 Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.
 SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment
 Saturday 4:30 P.M.
 Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:
 Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass and every 1st Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10; Psalm 20:2–4, 18; Hebrews 12:1–4; Luke 12:49–53

FAMILY VALUED?

Listening to Jesus describe the divided households that would result from following him is somewhat startling in our society, where the Christian church is seen as one of the last great refuges of the family. And yet we know that in many ways religion still divides families, when one spouse is observant and another is not, when children choose or reject the beliefs of their parents, when lifestyles of a loved one do not conform to Church teachings, when a marriage or remarriage occurs outside of the sanctuary, when a non-believing yet baptized child merely goes through the religious motions to satisfy a grandparent . . . the list goes on. Centuries ago, Jesus knew that deeply held and honestly followed religious convictions could often be a source of division, in spite of the fact that what he and his Father in heaven wanted most deeply was unity.

A Further Reflection on Today's Gospel continued from page 1 (Luke 12:49-52)

TYPICAL TEENAGER

In the days when Luke's Gospel was written, Christianity was in its adolescence. In its infancy it was a branch or sect of Judaism. Ongoing dissension within the Jewish faith about the nature of Jesus and his messianic role created a rift. Social and political situations aggravated by the destruction of the Jerusalem temple deepened it. Luke was preaching and writing to many people who, day by day, were living through the kinds of household divisions that Jesus was describing. Anyone who has lived through a child's teenage years knows that "son against father, daughter against mother" is a common situation. It was no different for Christianity as it wrested itself away from its parent religion. The followers of Christ in Luke's day were learning that sometimes a household divided was the price paid, in the words of the Letter to the Hebrews, for keeping their eyes "fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

Known Birthdays for August

2nd: Ida Clark **19th:** Wayne Jackson
9th: Parker Bowden **20th:** Meagan Davis
12th: James Baggett **22nd:** Anita Wright
13th: Isabel Rel **24th:** Thomas Rasmussen
15th: Paullette Cauley **25th:** Emilee Sprinkle
15th: Ashley Cauley **27th:** Donald Riley
15th: Mattison Cauley **27th:** Zora Oliver
16th: Rizza Pagala **27th:** Paula Dyess
17th: Gloria Krause **28th:** Matt Johnson
18th: Doris Wilson-Davis **28th:** Pat Potter
30th: Philip Poiroux

Known Anniversaries for August

1st: Maribeth & Clarence Thompson: **5th:** Patricia & Neal Fisher: **6th:** Paula & David Dyess: **12th:** Ann & Joe Gable: **13th:** Carol & Mark Voss: **20th:** Judy & Philip Poiroux: **27th:** Adele & Toby Logan: **31st:** Sarah & Tom Thornton:

St. Pius X Parish

St. Pius X Parish invites you to "Come and See" Catholic Bible Study as we begin the book of Job. Classes are scheduled on Thursday mornings beginning at 9am. September 5th through October 24th in the Sarto Center. We need to know if you would like to purchase your workbook before we place our order. For more details or to sign up please call 343-9498

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS for 8-17-19 thru 8-23-19

17th: -- For the eternal repose of the soul of deceased members of the parish
18th: -- Mass for the intentions of all members of the parish
20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd: -- For the eternal repose of the soul of Alice Skutack by Maria Switzer.

Mass Prayers for the eternal repose of the souls:

Frank Church
Lawrence
Gloria
Steve Sema, Sr.

Pray for the special intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: Cathy Kirchoff, Frank Church, Anna Weber, Pat Borne



Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Matt Johnson, Larry Robertson, Martha Davis, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Jay Graham, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Msg. Warren Wall, Houston Gunn, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Ida Clark, Penny Dupont, Sara Thornton, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Bobby McManus, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Aubreigh Nichols, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders, Cora Grigsby, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Roger Young, Leyah White.

Weekend of August 24 & 25, 2019

MASS MINISTERS:

	<u>5:00 pm Sat.</u>	<u>10:00 am Sun.</u>
EMCH:	Christy Brown Daryl Kirchoff Colleen Gray	Aimee Sprinkle Willie Thompson
Lectors:	Kathie Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Tiffany Teofilo Carol Voss
Altar Servers:	Wyatt Medders	Volunteers
Ushers:	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

Altar Care & Church Cleaning

Altar Care: **August 2019**
Ruth Pigorsch

Church Cleaning: **August 24 & 25, 2019**
Shirley Rasmussen, Maria Switzer & Pat Potter

Stewardship For August 4, 2019

Regular: \$4,870.00
Maintenance Fund: \$697.00
Church in Latin America: \$168.00

Stewardship for August 11, 2019

Regular: \$2,321.00

DAILY MASS COMMITMENT

Please share your time by making a commitment one day a week to attend a daily Mass.

TUESDAY – 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY – 7:30 AM
THURSDAY – 7:45 AM
FRIDAY – 7:45 AM

Please signify which day you would like to attend. There are folders on a table in the church hall where you can sign up to attend a specific Mass.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place August 27, 2019 and will be filmed at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Chickasaw. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Saucier will be the Celebrant.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Events/Announcements for Week of August 17, 2019

- 1) **CRE (Children's Religious Education)** will begin on Sunday, September 8th, at 8:45 am. Be sure that your children/grandchildren are signed up to attend CRE this year. It is important that we meet the Archdiocesan hour requirement so please be in the classroom ready to begin at 8:45 am.
- 2) **Second Collection** this week for the Home Missions.
- 3) **Deacon Graham** will not be at Mass next Saturday, August 24th, as he must attend the 4 pm. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception to renew his "Vows."
- 4) **Fr. Sherwin** is calling everyone in the parish to encourage them to attend the meeting on the "Generations of Faith Campaign" at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall on Thursday, August 22nd. Remember that registration and dinner begin at 6:00 pm. Speakers begin at 6:30. Please RSVP by August 18 to 251-661-3908. Father Sherwin looks forward to seeing you there.
- 5) **St. Pius X Parish** invites you to come and see Catholic Bible Study. Please see St. Pius X Parish article on page 2 of this bulletin.
- 6) **Known Birthdays:** **17:** Gloria Krause, **18th:** Doris Wilson-Davis, **19th:** Wayne Jackson, **20th:** Meagan Davis, **22nd:** Anita Wright, **Known Anniversaries:** **20th:** Judy & Philip Poiroux

Endowing Our Future With Hope

Archbishop Rodi, Monsignor Skoneki, Father Monteron and Father Vrazel invite the leaders of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, St. John the Baptist, and St. Vincent de Paul to join them for an evening to learn more about the historic "Generations of Faith Campaign." Please join fellow leaders from your parish on August 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, 6625 Three Notch Road. Dinner and refreshments will be provided. RSVP St. Vincent de Paul Parish Office at 251-661-3908 or michelle_stvincent@att.net. Please RSVP by August 18th.