



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13 / 14, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Boniface:
Saturday
5:00 pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual
Help:**

Sunday:
8:30 am Confession
9:00 am Mass

Tuesday & Thursday:
5:30 pm

Mission Statement: We are a welcoming parish of Roman Catholic Christians with diverse roots deep in Appalachia and beyond. We are committed to growing in our faith and community through our worship and celebrations, with particular attention to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Holy Eucharist. We are a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit, filled with hope, to love and serve God and neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ; and through our sharing of Good News in word and deed, we seek to live and reveal to all the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

A House Divided

One of the heaviest burdens people are forced to carry is the distress of “a house divided.” When Abraham Lincoln said “a house divided against itself cannot stand,” he was referring to the division within the country during the Civil War. We experience a similar, though not as lethal, separation when our two-party system of government engenders obstinate division—not merely acceptable political diversity. Perhaps the most heartbreaking example of a house divided is a family in which members are alienated from each other.

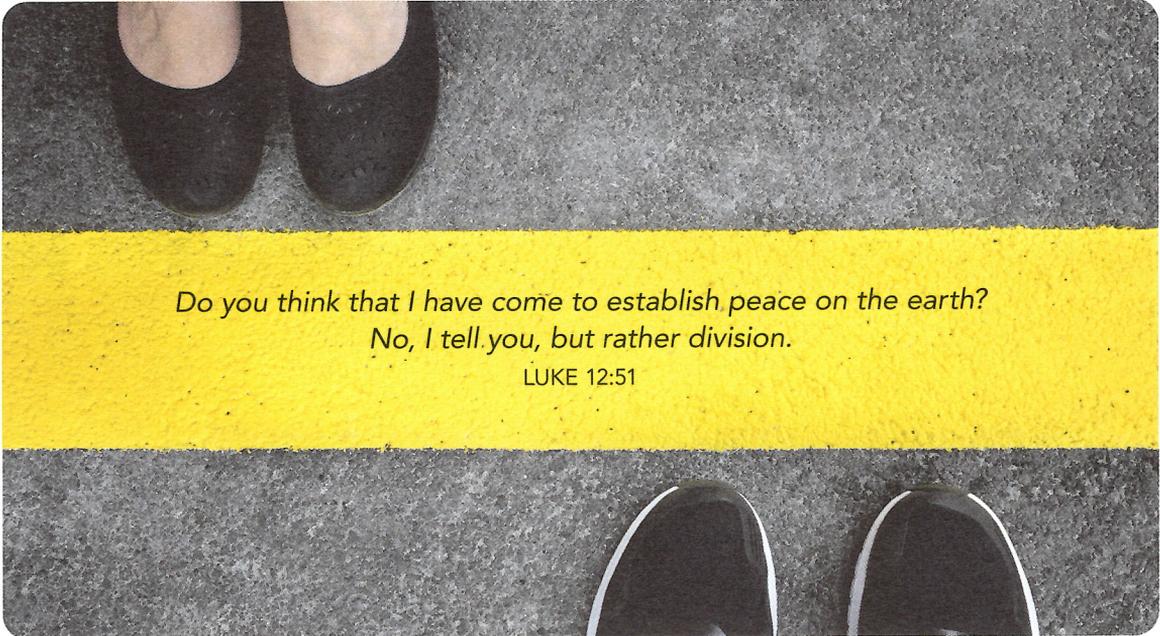
There are as many reasons for family division as there are families. Reasons include the betrayal of one member by another, inheritance disparity, parental favoritism, sibling rivalry, to name a few. One might think that those involved should be able to resolve such differences—after all, isn’t blood thicker than water? On the other hand, how are serious family rifts to be repaired if the reason for division is one’s faith or commitment to God? That is the situation that Jesus describes today.

We might wonder how faith in God can tear families apart. It often happens when someone leaves the religion of one’s family and converts to another tradition. This might be judged as a betrayal of the family’s values. This may be what many of Jesus’ Jewish followers faced when they claimed that Jesus fulfilled their religious expectations while other family members did not share their belief. That was a terrible price to have to pay for fidelity to their faith, but they paid it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *What steps might you take to heal a family rift? What’s keeping you from taking them?*



*Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division.*

LUKE 12:51

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	<i>OLPH Mass 9:00 am</i>		<i>ST. BONIFACE Mass 5:00 pm</i>	
Date	August 14	August 21	August 13	August 20
Lector	Amanda Hall	Joe McNaughton	Jerry Nowak	Mary Jo Leygraaf

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
August 13 / 14	Intentions of Parishioners	Jude Francis Bayens
August 20 / 21	Intentions of Parishioners	Intentions of Parishioners

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
August 6 / 7	\$342.00	\$150.00
Flood Relief	\$500.00	

May God bless you for your generous contributions to our Church.

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king:

"Jeremiah ought to be put to death;
he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city,
and all the people, by speaking such things to them;
he is not interested in the welfare of our people,
but in their ruin."

King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power";
for the king could do nothing with them.

And so they took Jeremiah
and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah,
which was in the quarters of the guard,
letting him down with ropes.

There was no water in the cistern, only mud,
and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official,
went there from the palace and said to him:

"My lord king,
these men have been at fault
in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah,
casting him into the cistern.

He will die of famine on the spot,
for there is no more food in the city."

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite
to take three men along with him,
and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before
he should die.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me.

Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry.
He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.

Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe
and trust in the LORD.

Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!

Lord, come to my aid!

Reading 2

Heb 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us
and persevere in running the race that lies before us
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,
the leader and perfecter of faith.

For the sake of the joy that lay before him
he endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.
Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners,
in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

In your struggle against sin
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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."

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is a bit sobering. In his opening words, Jesus tells the disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" He continues talking about the baptism with which he would be baptized and the anguish he would experience in this process.

Then Jesus asks his disciples a question: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." He then talks about households being divided and family members turning on each other. What is the message Jesus is trying to convey to the disciples and to us? Is he trying to open our minds and hearts to the reality of our world and the reality of our human condition?

In today's world, every morning we see and hear multiple stories of division and violence: in families, cities and countries. Perhaps the most frightening stories are the acts of violence and destruction that take place in our own cities, our own neighborhoods and perhaps within our own families.

What is the message Jesus is trying to convey to us? Is he trying to frighten us? Or is he simply hoping to awaken us? Is Jesus trying to motivate us to live peacefully, lovingly, cooperatively and respectfully with each and every person on earth, even the individuals we may not like or agree with?

Take a moment and imagine a world where every single person was respected and honored simply because he or she is a human being whom God created in love. You are one of those individuals. Every individual on earth was created from God's loving heart.

UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ Solemnity
August 15 [not a Holyday of Obligation this year]

Saint Stephen of Hungary
August 16

Saint John Eudes, Priest
August 19

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church ~ Memorial
August 20

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Dennis Parks & Family, Erica Davis, Chris & Amanda Decker, Marian Colette, Debbie Moses Haggins, Rose Grant, Sandy Hurts, Dominic Cureton, Todd Morris, Alex Woods, Christopher Braden, Bonnie (Warfield) Bishop, Sister Alice, Curt and LeeAnn Hall, Jay Baird, Gail Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bisceglia, loved ones who are ill, Brody Beavers and family, Shawn Lee Day, all those of our families who are affected by Covid-19, Jessica Davis, Harold & Geneva Couch, Judy Delisle, Dal Macon, Linda Mills, Judy Patrick, baby Henry (born at 24 weeks), Fiona York, Norma Jones, and Bob and Marie Alvaro, JoAnn Brown, Cathy Sims, Eric Vore, Robert Moses and Kristina Neitsch.

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We currently have a vacancy on the *parish financial council* that we must fill to ensure the validity of our actions. The council is responsible for assisting father with the oversight of parish income and expenses. Anyone wishing to fill this vacancy, please contact Fr. Lobo, Joe McNaughton, or any council member. It is not necessary to have a background in finance.

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FROM THE DIOCESE: On Monday, August 8th, pastors and parish life directors from the severely-affected counties gathered to be briefed by FEMA and undertake an initial assessment of the short-term and long-term needs of their communities. The Catholic Diocese of Lexington is working to aid each community with their immediate needs as well as initiate a process for long-term recovery assistance.

The diocesan relief effort is being coordinated by the Peace and Justice Office and Catholic Charities, please direct all inquiries to Joshua van Cleef at jvandleef@cdlex.org and Meg Campos at mcampos@cdlex.org They will be able to identify where donations may be accepted or delivered, and provide other advice on how to make sure we are working together in a coordinated manner.

From this point on, we will use the Diocesan Facebook page to keep everyone informed with the latest news from the affected areas and updated lists of needs and volunteer opportunities. We ask you to please announce this from the pulpit and continue to remind parishioners through your weekly bulletins.

If they are not following the Diocesan Facebook page already, parishioners can find it by going to the front page of the Diocesan website (cdlex.org), then in the blue banner across the top of the page click on the lower-case 'f' on the far right. On the smartphone, the lower-case 'f' can be found by scrolling all the way to the bottom of the front page. ***[https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Diocese% 20of% 20Lexington](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Diocese%20of%20Lexington)***

Thank you very much for helping keep everyone informed. Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been affected by the flooding.

Here is a brief list of the latest needs:

- Gift cards, especially Visa or Mastercard – not all areas have the same retail outlets
- Rubbermaid or other plastic containers, especially in a size suitable for clothes storage
- Cleaning supplies and toiletries
- Fans, extension cords, mold control products
- Brooms, mops/buckets, shovels
- Camp stoves or other portable cooking devices, lanterns
- Tents, tarps, sleeping bags

Dear Padre,

A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?

The idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "when therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he *includes in it each person's free response to his grace*" (600; emphasis added).

The *Catechism* (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats, in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory...all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'....And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:31-46).

God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called *free will*. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus says, "I came to bring division." It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up....Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth, and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties.

ANGELUS, AUGUST 18, 2013



Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday

AUGUST 16

Weekday

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

AUGUST 17

Weekday

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

AUGUST 18

Weekday

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Ez 37:1-14

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

AUGUST 21

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Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30