

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

47225 Washington Street La Quinta, California 92253

AUGUST 14, 2022 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I HAVE COME

TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE,

AND HOW I WISH

it were already blazing!

~ Luke 12:49

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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, united with our Bishop, is dedicated to revealing the love of Christ to our parish and beyond. Strengthened by the Word, sacraments, and vibrant worship, we strive to be a shining light throughout our community and supportive of all on their spiritual journey. As a parish of diverse backgrounds, we vow that our faith in action and ministries will be fruitful and welcoming to all.

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Parish Information:

Parish Phone: 760-564-1255
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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Closed for Lunch: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern.

Psalm – Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading – Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.

Gospel – I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession Times:

Wednesdays at 8:30am, Saturdays at 3:30pm and every First Friday of the month at 8:30am inside the Church.



Pope Francis' 2022 - Monthly Intentions AUGUST

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We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

MASS SCHEDULE

*Symbolizes Special Intentions offered at Masses

† Symbolizes Mass for Deceased

Saturday, August 13th

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

4:30 p.m. (English) Parish Community

Sunday, August 14th **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

7:00 a.m. (English) Fern Festa †

8:15 a.m. (Vietnamese)

9:30 a.m. (English) Lupita Lopez †

10:45 a.m. (English) Ninfa Cobar †

12:00 p.m. (Spanish) Maria Yañez *

4:30 p.m. (English) Enrique Hernandez †

Monday, August 15th **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

8:00 a.m. Parish Community

Tuesday, August 16th **St. Stephen of Hungary**

Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

8:00 a.m. Christine, Matthew, Martin Zavala, Denise Meyer †

Wednesday, August 17th

Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

8:00 a.m. Priest Intention

Thursday, August 18th

Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

8:00 a.m. Alberta Yearout †

Friday, August 19th **St. John Eudes**

Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

8:00 a.m. Jose & Marcelina Martinez †



The 2022 Mass Intention Book is available now to schedule your intentions Due to the large number of requests only 5 are allowed per year. For more information please contact the parish office at: (760) 564-1255

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. / Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

Twentieth

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

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REJECTION AND DIVISION?

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Assumption. Mary stands with the “great cloud of witnesses” described in Hebrews: those who kept their eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. We may not be thinking of Mary when we hear Jesus’ harsh words in today’s Gospel, but when she said “yes” to Gabriel, it carried the risk of the rejection and division that Jesus describes. As the early Christians surely knew, to hold Jesus as the sole leader and perfecter of faith meant that you would likely find yourself divided from those in your household who held other beliefs. This occurrence is not unknown in our own time and place, and many of us surely know a household divided on the issue of religion, even if the divisions are occurring solely through indifference. A life of faith lived to the full will likely eventually call on us to separate ourselves somehow, keeping our gaze firmly on Jesus, so we will also one day join the great cloud of witnesses.

FIRE IN THE MUD

Prophets have been described as being on fire with God’s message. Today, that fire in Jeremiah has to keep burning in the bottom of a muddy cistern. The rulers of his own people (including Judah’s king, Zedekiah) have placed him there for speaking an unpopular, if truthful, message to them. His own leave him there, mired in the mud, to starve and die. It takes a foreigner, an outsider, to convince Judah’s king that Jeremiah ought to be rescued, his life spared to continue as God’s prophet. As so often happens in the lives of the prophets, the help and saving power of God are shown through unexpected people in unexpected ways. We can often find ourselves mired in mud of one sort or another. Do we truly have the fire of God’s message in us, so that we can look for our rescue from places we might not expect?

SPIRIT FIRE IN THE SUMMER

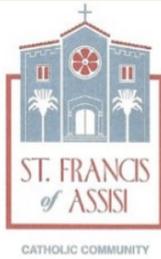
A generation or two ago, these Summer Sundays in Ordinary Time would have been known as Sundays “of Pentecost.” That naming convention helped recall that the Spirit’s Pentecost fire was carrying us through all the Sundays until the end of the liturgical year. Though we may no longer use that name for these Sundays, the underlying reality is the same. The fire that Jesus speaks about today is the blaze of the Spirit. The fire he spoke about when he told his followers they were light for the world was the flame of the Spirit lighting the lamp of discipleship. It takes courageous disciples to allow the blazing fire of which Jesus speaks into their lives, to allow its light, warmth, and even cleansing to work in them and through them. Though we may not want to think about the heat of the Spirit’s fire on a summer Sunday, that Spirit is always with us, burning within.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10
 Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18
 Hebrews 12:1–4
 Luke 12:49–53

**I have come to set the earth on fire,
 and how I wish it were already blazing!**

Luke 12:49



St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Community

Gospel and Reflection
For Week of
August 14, 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.

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."



Say WHAT?

This is a difficult reading. We have come to know Jesus as the peacemaker, the one who teaches nonviolence, the one who preaches love. And here he is speaking of lighting the earth on fire, sowing division rather than peace. How are we to make sense of this?

The fire that Jesus refers to is the one of purification. Stephen J. Binz, writes in his book "Jesus, the Compassionate Savior (Part Two), "The mission of Jesus is to release people from the oppression of evil, to proclaim God's word of repentance and good news, and to purify them with a refiner's fire, so that they will shine as God's precious treasure." And Jesus deeply desires that the world was already blazing with this refining fire. We can hear an echo from John the Baptist who declared, "I am baptizing you with water...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:16)

Jesus refers to a baptism which he must experience in order to accomplish this. His "baptism by fire" which he experienced is his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Beginning with the Apostles at Pentecost, upon whom Holy Spirit descended "as tongues of fire" (Acts 2:3) people began to embrace Jesus' teachings, often zealously. For many this meant a division in their families. Often fathers would turn against their Christian sons, or sons against Christian fathers. The same was true of other family relationships. Some of them with deathly consequences as those Christians who were arrested by the Romans were often martyred.

What does this mean for us? We must seek that fire of Jesus and let it burn in our hearts as did the disciples on the Road Emmaus: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32) Let us this week pray for a greater understanding of Sacred Scriptures, to be on fire for Jesus and his Word. Let us pray for this refining fire not only for ourselves but for our community and the world.



O Holy Spirit of truth, love and holiness, teach me to know and to seek God, by whom and for whom I was created. Fill my heart with a fire of love for Him and his Word. Increase faith, hope and charity in me. Make me a faithful follower of Jesus, and a help to my neighbor. Amen.

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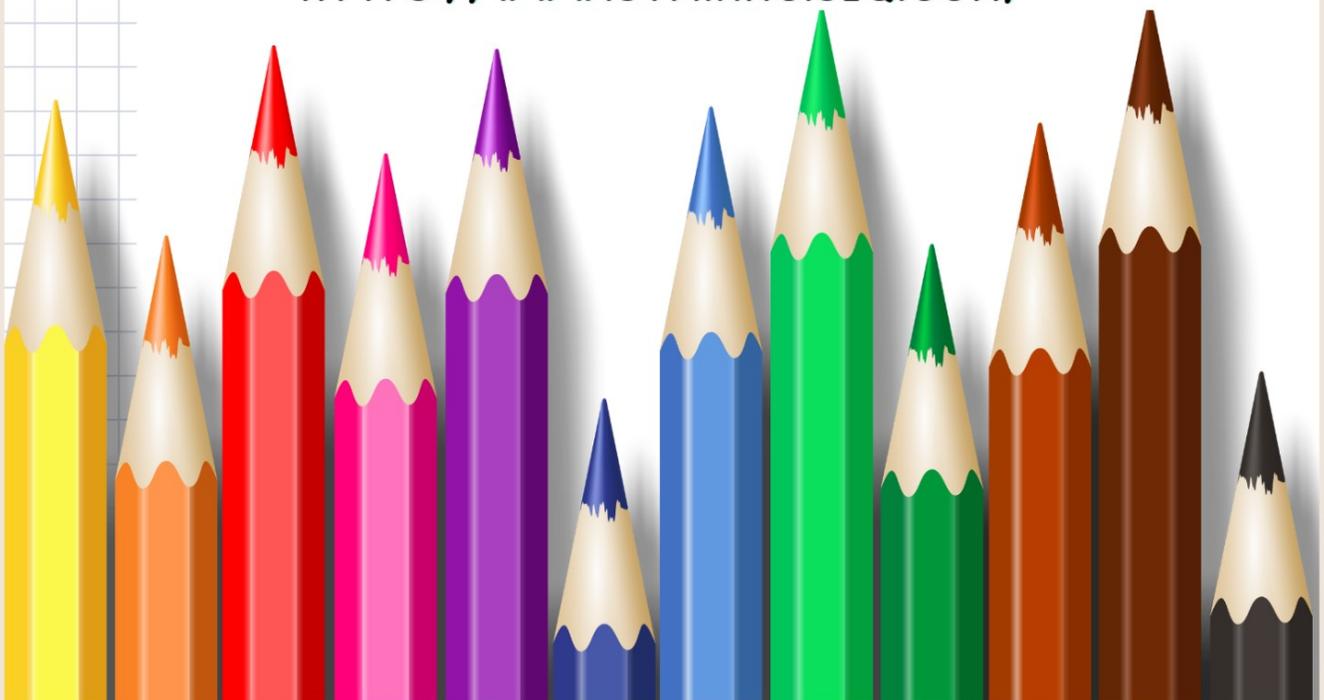
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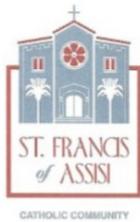
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Evangelio y Reflexión
Por la semana de

14 de Agosto de 2022 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Evangelio ~ Lucas 12:49-53

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "He venido a traer fuego a la tierra, ¡y cuánto desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo! Tengo que recibir un bautismo, ¡y cómo me angustio mientras llega!

¿Piensan acaso que he venido a traer paz a la tierra? De ningún modo. No he venido a traer la paz, sino la división. De aquí en adelante, de cinco que haya en una familia, estarán divididos tres contra dos y dos contra tres. Estará dividido el padre contra el hijo, el hijo contra el padre, la madre contra la hija y la hija contra la madre, la suegra contra la nuera y la nuera contra la suegra". .

*"He venido a
traer fuego a la
tierra..."*

LUKE 12:49



¿Que dices?

Esta es una lectura difícil. Hemos llegado a conocer a Jesús como el pacificador, el que enseña no violencia, el que predica el amor. Y aquí está hablando de prender fuego a la tierra, sembrando división en lugar de paz. ¿Cómo vamos a darle sentido a esto?

El fuego al que se refiere Jesús es el de la purificación. Stephen J. Binz, escribe en su libro "Jesús, el Salvador Compasivo (Parte Dos), "La misión de Jesús es liberar a las personas de la opresión del mal, proclamar la palabra de Dios del arrepentimiento y buenas nuevas, y purificarlos con fuego purificador, para que resplandezcan como el tesoro precioso de Dios." Y Jesús desea profundamente que el mundo ya esté ardiendo con este fuego purificador. Podemos escuchar un eco de Juan el Bautista que declaró: "Yo os bautizo en agua... Él os bautizará en Espíritu Santo y fuego". (Lucas 3:16)

Jesús se refiere a un bautismo que Él debe experimentar para lograrlo. Su "bautismo de fuego" que experimentó es su Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección. Comenzando con los Apóstoles en Pentecostés, sobre quienes el Espíritu Santo descendió "como lenguas de fuego" (Hechos 2:3), la gente comenzó a abrazar las enseñanzas de Jesús, a menudo con celo. Para muchos esto significó una división en sus familias. A menudo, los padres se volvían contra sus hijos cristianos, o los hijos contra los padres cristianos. Lo mismo ocurría con otras relaciones familiares. Algunas de ellas con consecuencias mortales como aquellos cristianos que fueron arrestados por los romanos que fueron a menudo martirizados.

¿Qué significa esto para nosotros? Debemos buscar ese fuego de Jesús y dejar que arda en nuestro corazón como lo hicieron los discípulos en el Camino de Emaús: "¿No ardía nuestro corazón dentro de nosotros mientras nos hablaba en el camino y nos abría las Escrituras?" (Lucas 24:32) Oremos esta semana por una mayor comprensión de las Sagradas Escrituras, para arder por Jesús y su Palabra. Oremos por este fuego refinador no solo para nosotros sino para nuestra comunidad y el mundo.



Oh Espíritu Santo de verdad, amor y santidad, enséñame a conocer y buscar a Dios, por quien y para quien fui creado. Llena mi corazón con un fuego de amor por Él y su Palabra. Aumenta en mí la fe, la esperanza y la caridad. Hazme un fiel seguidor de Jesús, y una ayuda para mi prójimo.



San Francisco de Asís

Horario de Misas en Español
Domingo: 12:00 p.m.

Misa durante la semana
Lunes a Viernes
8:00 a.m. en Inglés

Confesiones
Miércoles: 8:30a.m.
Sábado: 3:30p.m.

**He venido a traer
fuego a la tierra
¡y cuánto desearía
que ya estuviera ardiendo!**

Lucas 12:49

Vigésimo

DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

14 de agosto de 2022

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Lunes: La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María
Martes: San Esteban de Hungría
Viernes: San Juan Eudes
Sábado: San Bernardo

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura – El profeta del Señor sufre peligros y deshonor para proclamar el no grato mensaje de Dios para la ciudad.

Salmo – Señor, date prisa en socorrerme

Segunda lectura – No te desanimes. Persevera en la lucha igual que Cristo soportó la cruz.

Evangelió – Jesús vino a purificar la tierra con su santo fuego y a sembrar división y no paz.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Lc 1:39-56
Martes: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Miércoles: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Jueves: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Viernes: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
Sábado: Ez 43:1-7a; Mt 23:1-12
Domingo: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7 11-13; Lc 13:22-30



El Libro de intenciones de misa 2022 ya está disponible para programar sus intenciones. Debido a la gran cantidad de solicitudes, solo se permiten 5 por año.

Favor de comunicarse a la Parroquia al
(760) 564-1255
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Lucas 12:49

¿EL RECHAZO Y LA DIVISIÓN?

Mañana es la solemnidad de la Asunción. María está con la “gran nube de testigos” descrita en Hebreos: los que mantuvieron sus ojos firmemente fijos en Jesús. Puede que no pensemos en María cuando escuchemos las duras palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, pero cuando dijo “sí” a Gabriel, corría el riesgo de sufrir el rechazo y la división que describe Jesús. Como seguramente sabían los primeros cristianos, sostener a Jesús como único líder y perfeccionador de la fe significaba que probablemente te encontrarías dividido de aquellos en tu casa que tenían otras creencias. Este hecho no es desconocido en nuestro tiempo y lugar, y muchos de nosotros seguramente conocemos un hogar dividido por la cuestión de la religión, incluso si las divisiones se producen únicamente por la indiferencia. Es probable que una vida de fe vivida en plenitud nos exija separarnos de alguna manera, manteniendo nuestra mirada firme en Jesús, para que un día también nos unamos a la gran nube de testigos.

FUEGO EN EL BARRO

Se ha descrito a los profetas como si estuvieran ardiendo con el mensaje de Dios. Hoy, ese fuego en Jeremías tiene que seguir ardiendo en el fondo de una cisterna de barro. Los gobernantes de su propio pueblo (incluido el rey de Judá, Sedecías) lo han colocado allí por decirles un mensaje impopular, aunque veraz. Los suyos lo dejan allí, hundido en el barro, para que se muera de hambre. Hace falta un extranjero, un forastero, para convencer al rey de Judá de que hay que rescatar a Jeremías y perdonarle la vida para que siga siendo el profeta de Dios. Como ocurre a menudo en la vida de los profetas, la ayuda y el poder salvador de Dios se manifiestan a través de personas inesperadas y de formas inesperadas. A menudo podemos encontrarnos empantanados en el barro de un tipo u otro. ¿Tenemos realmente el fuego del mensaje de Dios en nosotros, para poder buscar nuestro rescate en lugares que no esperamos?

EL FUEGO DEL ESPÍRITU EN EL VERANO

Hace una o dos generaciones, estos domingos de verano del tiempo ordinario se habrían conocido como domingos “de Pentecostés”. Esa convención de nomenclatura ayudaba a recordar que el fuego de Pentecostés del Espíritu nos llevaba a través de todos los domingos hasta el final del año litúrgico. Aunque ya no utilicemos ese nombre para estos domingos, la realidad subyacente es la misma. El fuego del que habla hoy Jesús es el fuego del Espíritu. El fuego del que habló cuando dijo a sus seguidores que eran luz para el mundo era la llama del Espíritu encendiendo la lámpara del discipulado. Se necesitan discípulos valientes para permitir que el fuego ardiente del que habla Jesús entre en sus vidas, para permitir que su luz, su calor e incluso su limpieza actúen en ellos y a través de ellos. Aunque no queramos pensar en el calor del fuego del Espíritu en un domingo de verano, ese Espíritu está siempre con nosotros, ardiendo en nuestro interior.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jeremías 38:4–6, 8–10
Salmo 40 (39):2, 3, 4, 18
Hebreos 12:1–4
Lucas 12:49–53

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