



# ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

*"As the father sent me, so I send you."*

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August 18, 2019 | 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

**T**oday's Gospel reading may surprise us. Jesus' words don't seem to fit the peaceful "forgive your enemies," "turn the other cheek" image of Jesus that we're used to. In fact, he says quite explicitly that he didn't come to establish peace, but rather, division. What does Jesus mean? Why does he sound so harsh?

To understand Jesus' words, we must understand the difference between intentions and reality. Jesus does not say that he desires division; he simply says that it will happen. Maybe you've experienced this. Maybe you've felt alone in your desire to go deeper into your faith. Maybe family members or friends have thought you were strange for becoming Catholic or seeking to live out your Catholic faith more fully. Christians who live out Jesus' teachings will begin to stand out in the world. They will be noticeably different. And that sometimes causes division. They will be misunderstood, looked down upon, or openly criticized by those who do not share the same Christian values.

Put simply, it's not easy to be a Christian. However, as Christians, we are to take heart in our struggles for they are the path Jesus has set for us. Jesus doesn't promise us any earthly reward. Instead, he promises the cross. He tells us that if we are going to be his disciples, we will have to pick up our cross and follow him. The Christian life is centered on this reality. It acknowledges that we are going to have struggles, pain, and sorrow in our lives.

The question is, what are we going to do when we encounter such difficulties. Ultimately the message of the Gospel gives the answer: if we have the courage to turn over our struggles to God, then, like Jesus on Easter Sunday, we, too, can be raised from the dead, and in doing so, those things that are so painful for us in this lifetime will be glorified..

## **1**st Reading Reflection

~ Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 ~

Jeremiah is a prophet and a prophetic figure of Christ. In this passage, we see him delivered from a sort of tomb, as Christ was from the sepulcher. Jeremiah was particularly zealous for God and indicted several of the last kings of Judah for their political and diplomatic maneuvers aimed at avoiding the inevitable conquest by the Babylonian empire, which Jeremiah knew to be the appointed chastisement of God. Of course it is no surprise that this would be thought to be treasonous by those in power, and Jeremiah paid a heavy price for his fidelity to God. Jeremiah also gives us a clear picture of the internal struggles of soul that all those who fight against the enemies of God must face. We have even come to call "Jeremiads" the sorts of complaints to God that we find in the book called Lamentations, which chronicles the struggles of the prophet and the Jewish nation he loved, and to whose best and truest aspirations he gave voice.

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## **Masses for This Week**

### **Saturday, Aug. 17th**

5:30 p.m. Msgr. O'Connell

RIP Carlos Reza, Sr.

### **Sunday, Aug. 18th**

7:30 a.m. Msgr. O'Connell

S.I. Fr. Eugene Herbert, Bert and Amy Basconchillo

RIP Mark Kane and George Kwon

9:00 a.m. Fr. Chua

RIP Mary Coppi Norman

10:30 a.m. Fr. Byrne

RIP Paula Serrano, and Helmut and Theresa Stegmeier

12:00 p.m. **SPANISH** Visiting Priest

S.I. Pro Populo

3:00 p.m. Fr. Nguyen

4:45 p.m. Evening Prayer Lay Minister

### **Monday, Aug. 19th**

8:30 a.m. Fr. Chua

S.I. Manuel Paglinawan

### **Tuesday, Aug. 20th**

8:30 a.m. Fr. Chua

RIP Cesar Cajucom

### **Wednesday, Aug. 21st**

7:30 p.m. Msgr. O'Connell

RIP Danny Do

### **Thursday, Aug. 22nd**

8:30 a.m. Msgr. O'Connell

RIP Kenneth Key

### **Friday, Aug. 23rd**

8:30 a.m. Fr. Chua

RIP Bill Welsh

## **Masses for Next Week**

### **Saturday, Aug. 24th**

5:30 p.m. Fr. Byrne

RIP Sal Adragna

### **Sunday, Aug. 25th**

7:30 a.m. Fr. Chua

S.I. Fr. Eugene Herbert

9:00 a.m. Msgr. O'Connell

S.I. Cash Matthews, and Francisco and Maria Evangelista

RIP The Campos Family and Jeffery Davidson

10:30 a.m. Fr. Byrne

RIP Mark Kane

12:00 p.m. **SPANISH** Fr. Chua

S.I. Pro Populo

3:00 p.m. Fr. Nguyen

4:45 p.m. Evening Prayer Lay Minister

### **Monday, Aug. 26th**

8:30 a.m. Fr. Chua

S.I. Gavina Ramos

### **Tuesday, Aug. 27th**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

RIP Jim Smith

### **Wednesday, Aug. 28th**

7:30 p.m. Fr. Uche

S.I. Emer Cruz

### **Thursday, Aug. 29th**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

RIP Danny Do

### **Friday, Aug. 30th**

8:30 a.m. Msgr. O'Connell

RIP Lilia Ata

# Annunciation Church

## **Annunciation Welcomes Msgr. Timothy O'Connell!**

Many will remember Mass being celebrated by Msgr. Timothy O'Connell during Fr. Herbert's recent recovery period. Well, your Annunciation Charm rubbed off and he decided to move up here from San Pedro permanently! Monsignor was recently in residence at Mary,, Star of the Sea and he is actively involved in numerous community organizations, including the Knights of Columbus. Msgr. O'Connell will celebrate Mass, hear Confessions and be available for Spiritual Direction as his schedule permits. We'll have additional information next week so that you can get to know Msgr. better! Please extend your welcoming courtesies as he settles into his new home!

## **Registration for Religious Education Continues:**

Registration for the 2019-2020 year has begun. The Religious Education Office will be open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Classes begin on Sept. 19th. First-year students need a Baptismal Certificate. If you are registering for Confirmation, please bring both a Baptismal and a First Communion Certificate. Families with children six years and older, who are not baptized, need to provide a copy of a birth certificate. Families returning for the second year of sacramental preparation must have all previous fees paid and copies of certificates must be in our office. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office at (626) 446-1625.

## **Divine Mercy Mass To Be Offered:**

The Annunciation Divine Mercy Ministry is offering a bi-lingual Mass here on Thursday, Aug. 29th at 7:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Martin Gonzalez of Immaculate Conception. Intercessions will be for our priests, families and the whole world. Please call Lupita Sheets at (626) 447-9479 for additional information.

## **Parish Prayer Chain:**

The ministry of the Prayer Chain is to lift up to Our Lord the specific requests and concerns of our parishioners and friends. To request prayer for someone, please call Marie Nimmrich at (626) 448-3304, or e-mail her at: [mareeelizabeta@aol.com](mailto:mareeelizabeta@aol.com). All prayer requests are kept confidential within the prayer network. To become involved as a Prayer Warrior, please e-mail Marie. Thank you and God bless you.

## **¿Necesita Ayuda Matrimonial?:**

*El ministerio Cristiano Católico de Retrouvaille existe para ayudar a los matrimonios y familias a evitar el dolor y la destrucción de hogares quebrados. 76 por ciento de las parejas que completan la programa de nueve meses de Retrouvaille, ¡siguen juntos después de cinco años! Llame (818) 996-0821 para información en español.*

## **An Evening At The Monastery With Fr. Michael Fish:**

Come to the beautiful grounds of Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on Thursday, Aug. 22nd at 6:30 p.m. to hear Fr. Michael Fish. Through story, symbol and Scripture, we'll journey to this blessed place where we can connect once again with the wildness of the Divine. The goal of this spiritual evening is to allow us to live more fully, freely and happily amidst the complexity of today's challenges. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and can be purchased online at: [www.materdolorosa.org](http://www.materdolorosa.org)

## **MAD Town Council Meeting:**

The M.A.D. (Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte) Town Council will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Special Guest Speaker Michael Iturraide from the L.A. County Register-Recorder/County Clerk's office will speak about "LA County's New Voting System for the 2020 Elections". All are invited to attend this community meeting.

## **Life, Justice & Peace Regional Leadership Meeting Scheduled:**

Join Bishop O'Connell at the Life, Justice & Peace Parish Leadership meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Learn how his office can help your ministry, network with people working in similar ministries in your community, get your questions answered and take home exclusive materials for Respect Life Month and OneLife LA.. Sacred Heart is located at 344 W. Workman Street in Covina.

## ¿Sabia Que?

Muchas víctimas de abuso no denuncian el abuso de inmediato, si es que alguna vez lo hacen. Los deprecadores preparan a sus víctimas, y parte de este proceso está diseñado para que la víctima sienta que debe confiar en su deprecador, incluso más que en sus propios padres. Muchas víctimas también temen que sus padres o adultos de confianza no les crean, o que se metan en problemas por lo que sucedió; a veces un abusador amenaza a un niño, utilizando el miedo del niño para comprar el silencio de éste. Es importante que los padres de familia enseñen a sus hijos a hablar con ellos sobre lo que les está sucediendo, lo que podría estar asustándolos y que recibirán apoyo al compartir esa experiencia. Para obtener más consejos, obtenga una copia del artículo de VIRTUS "Don't Let a Perpetrator Use Fear to Manipulate Your Child" (No permita que un perpetrador use el miedo para manipular a su hijo) en <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articulos.aspx>.

**You will find this information posted in English in the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church.**

## Greeters Needed:

Five minutes before and following Mass is all it takes to be a Greeter! Help people feel welcome, distribute bulletins and get to know your fellow parishioners! Please contact Louise Rothkopf at (626) 446-2814.

## SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention:

This annual convention of the Southern California Renewal Communities will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center Aug. 30th to Sept. 1st. This year's theme is, "Jesus, Hope of the World". There will be over 40 Catholic speakers and 70 presentations—spiritually enriching for all ages! For online information and to register, go to: [scrc.org](http://scrc.org), or you can call (828) 771-1361.

## Separated And Divorced Support Groups:

The Office of Family Life's Separated & Divorced Ministry aims to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Their goal is to become a source of spiritual strength, where you can process the grief, ease the pain and receive comfort as you recover from divorce. One of their ongoing support groups meets at Immaculate Conception Church on the first and third Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please contact Julie Auzenne at (213) 637-7249 or e-mail her at: [jmonell@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jmonell@la-archdiocese.org) if you have questions or would like additional information.

## Last Week's Offertory Collections

**Aug. 11, 2019 : \$ 9,107.00**  
**Last Year: \$ 8,465.28**  
**Online Giving: \$ 715.00**  
**Together in Mission—2019**  
**Goal Amount: \$55,700.00**  
**Amount Pledged: \$64,565.00**  
**Amount Paid: \$53,328.82**  
**Difference Under Amount Paid:**  
**\$2,371.18**

## Lord, Protect Them

Joseph Villamayor	Air Force
Elizabeth Villamayor	Air Force
Robert James Logan IV	Army
Adrian Mc Nally	Army
Ronnel Resurreccion	Navy
Daniel Smith	Marines
Patrick Thompson	Navy
Catherine Holdren	Coast Guard
Robert Wrischnik	Marines
Brandon Tennis	Navy
Rafael Hernandez, Jr.	Marines
Mario Monoz	Marines
Emma Larenas	Navy
Gabriel Jimenez	Air Force
Brian Griffiths	Marines
John B. Goss	Marines
Noe Villanueva	Army
Stephen Cain	Marines
R. Michael Rodriguez	Army
Preston Ellis	Air Force
Matthew Aldrete	Army
Patrick Parra	Army
Justin R. Lozano	Marines
Vianca Medina	Army
Carlos Casillas	Army
Alex Quesada-Bocanegra	Marines
Carlos Rodriguez	Army
Jacob Davis	Navy
Shannon S. Everitt	Air Force
Liezl Sarte	Air Force
Mariel Constantino	Air Force
Christopher Moss	Marines
Nicholas Goddard	Army
David Aguilera	Army
Jason Smith	Marines
Brandon Patanjo	Navy
Michael Stanton	Army
Alex Ascanio	Marines
Matthew Martinez	Army
Oswaldo Santillan	Air Force
Lazarus Fuentes	Marines
Cristian Jesus Garcia	Army
Marco Andres Garcia	Army
Michael Beltran	Navy

**Please Pray for:** Raymond Walker.

## Calendar of Events:

### Sunday, August 18th

Ch—Child Ministry Food Collection Announcement at Masses  
 B2—8:30 AM 10:30 Choir  
 ORE—9:00 AM R.E. Registration  
 H,HK—11:00 AM FAITH Formation  
 Ch—1:30 PM Baptisms  
 B2—2:30 PM Aztec Dance Practice  
 B2—4:30 PM 3:00 Choir

### Monday, August 19th

OC1—4:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group  
 Ch—5:30 PM Grupo de Oración  
 OC1—7:00 PM Women's Ministry Meeting

### Tuesday, August 20th

OC1—5:00 PM Mariachi Practice  
 OC1,OK—7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study  
 B2—7:00 PM Intercession Prayer Ministry

### Wednesday, August 21st

Ch—10:00 AM Vocations Ministry  
 B2—4:00 PM Spanish Youth Group  
 B2—5:00 PM 7:30 Choir  
 OC1—5:00 PM Mariachi Practice  
 B2—6:30 PM 10:30 Choir  
 Ch—7:00 PM Rosary Before Mass  
 H,HK—7:00 PM MAD Town Council Mtg.  
 B1—7:00 PM BLD Prayer Group  
 OC1—7:00 PM Meditation Group  
 C2—7:00 PM Folklorico Dance Practice

### Thursday, August 22nd

B2—6:00 PM 9:00 Choir  
 Sch,SPL—6:00 PM Pearl Back to School Night  
 ORE—6:30 PM Youth Ministry

Ch—7:00 PM Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
 OC1—7:00 PM RCIA

### Friday, August 23rd

OC1—3:00PM OA  
 B2—6:00 PM 12:00 Choir  
 H,HK—7:00 PM BLD Prayer Group  
 D1—7:00 PM Encuentro Matrimonial  
 Ch—8:00 PM Intercession Prayer Ministry

### Saturday, August 24th

H,HK,B2—7:00 AM R.E. Retreat (Immaculate Conception R.E.)  
 B1—11:00 AM BLD Prayer Group  
 Ch—5:30 PM Children's Ministry Food Collection at Mass  
 Ch—5:30 PM YM Speaking about Family Fun Fest at Mass

## 2nd Reading Reflection ~ Hebrews 12:1-4 ~

Hebrews is a long exhortation addressed to Hebrew Christians who have been tempted to return to the practices of Judaism. The author makes elaborate arguments from the Old Testament to show that the law, Temple, and Levitical priesthood have all found their fulfillment and perfect expression in Christ. We can only imagine how hard a sell this must have been, given the history and grandeur of Jewish ritual practice and all it had meant to the Jewish people. Scholars believe that those to whom the work is addressed may have been priests who had been forced to flee Jerusalem because of their Christian commitment and who now long for the ritual in which they had played a part.

The Christian worship in the early Church might have seemed rather plain in comparison, not yet having acquired the majesty it would later express. Unlike the grandeur of the visible Temple, which could be seen with the eye, the grandeur of the new life in Christ required faith to see, and it would invite persecution, not Levitical honors. And so we have this appeal to the heroism of a faith that yields “evidence of things not seen,” as we saw in last Sunday’s passage and now in this one for the Twentieth Sunday. This appeal conjures in the minds of these Jews a great “cloud of witnesses” from Jewish history, most of whom had lived long ago and had never seen the Temple. We, too, he argues, long for the Temple that Christ has now entered, but which we have not yet seen. If we keep our eyes on him, the pioneer who has gone before us, we can have faith that we will see that most beautiful of Temples on high.

## Gospel Reflection ~ Luke 12:49-53 ~

For many of us the missing critical dimension of our faith is that sort of zeal that our Lord showed on our behalf. The greatest obstacle we face in this regard is that ours is a culture that stresses personal comfort and fulfillment above all. As C.S. Lewis put it, “For wise men of old, the cardinal problem of human life was how to conform the soul to objective reality, and the solution was wisdom, self-discipline, and virtue. For the modern, the cardinal problem is how to conform reality to the wishes of man.” That quality of culture teaches us to be dissatisfied with discomfort, with struggle, with sacrifice, and it saps our spiritual energies.

Jesus in this Gospel passage is shown hungering for the sacrifice that will win the salvation of the human race, even despising the shame of the cross, as our second reading from Hebrews says. He is a warrior for the good of souls. That is a particularly apt image with reference to this passage from Luke where he asks, “Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” He, of course, doesn’t will the opposition he will face from evil men and spirits, nor is he shy in facing it, even unto death, for those who need his help. St. Thomas Aquinas notes that zeal is proportionate to the intensity of love, and the love of true friendship creates a zeal that energetically repels anything that might harm one’s friend. From Jesus, who has made us his friends and loved and defended us from death, we can learn to love him zealously in return. .

## Digging Deeper for Discussion

FORMED members can watch this week’s short “*Opening the Word*” VIDEO at:

[AnnunciationChurch.FORMED.org](http://AnnunciationChurch.FORMED.org)

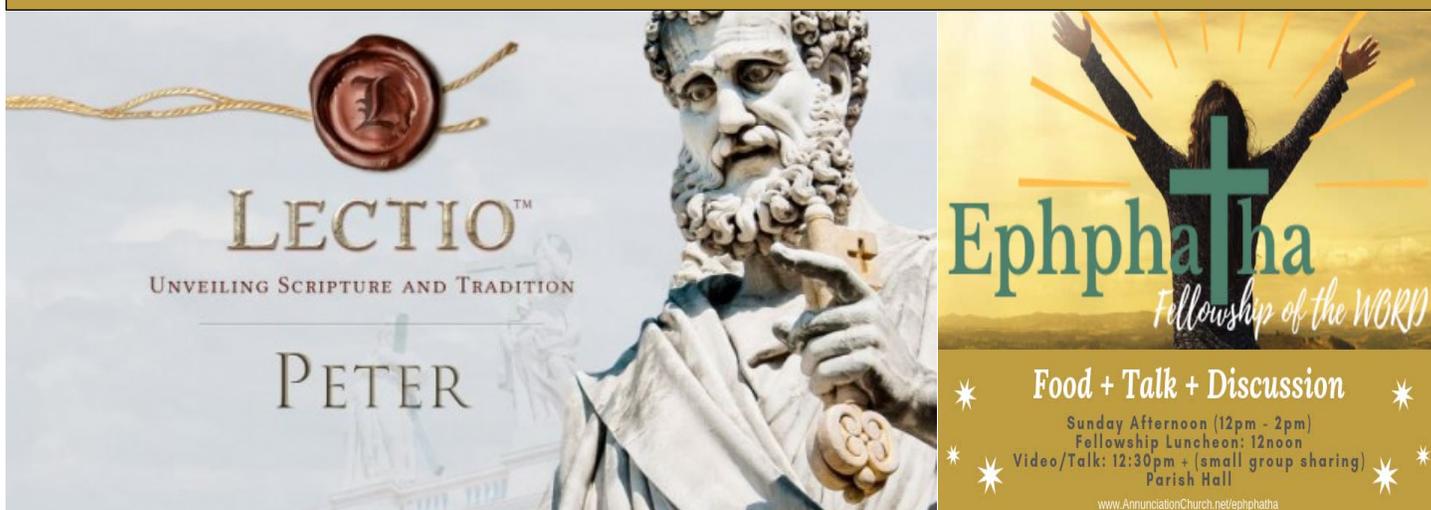
With friends or family, reflect on the following questions:

- *According to the Gospel reading and the video, how does Jesus view his own baptism?*
- *In the video, the presenter quotes Origen, one of the early fathers of the Church, who said, “The same sun which melts the wax also hardens the clay.” What he meant by this was that the sun has different effects, depending on what material it’s interacting with. Jesus tells his followers that there will be different effects if we choose to follow him. We may be disliked. We may be teased or ridiculed. Our faith may even cause division among our family or friends. In what ways does the message of the Gospel reading divide people in our world? How have you experienced the kind of division Jesus speaks of?*

**PRAYER:** Prayer to stand firm in our faith: O glorious St. Lawrence, martyr and deacon, who, being subjected to the most bitter torments, didst not lose thy faith nor thy constancy in confessing Jesus Christ, obtain in like manner for us such an active and solid faith, that we shall never be ashamed to be true followers of Jesus Christ and fervent Christians in word and in deed. Amen.

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### Fellowship with PETER (Ephphatha’s TOPIC)



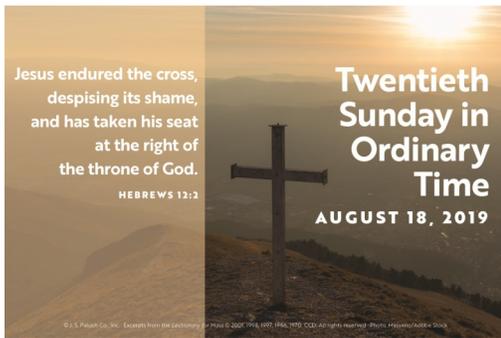
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Sunday Afternoon (12pm - 2pm)  
Fellowship Luncheon: 12noon  
Video/Talk: 12:30pm + (small group sharing)  
Parish Hall

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## Chúa Nhật XX Thường Niên – Năm C

### Đáp ca Tv 39

*Muôn lạy Chúa, xin mau phù trợ!*

#### **Bài đọc 1** Gr 38,4-6.8-10

*Mẹ sinh con ra làm gì, để cho người ta chống đối, cho cả nước gầy gò với con?*

#### **Bài đọc 2** Dt 12,1-4

*Chúng ta hãy kiên trì chạy trong cuộc đua dành cho ta.*

#### **Tin Mừng** Lc 12,49-53

✠ **Tin Mừng Chúa Giê-su Kitô theo thánh Lu-ca.**

Khi ấy, Đức Giê-su nói với các môn đệ rằng: “Thầy đã đến ném lửa vào mặt đất, và Thầy những ước mong phải chi lửa ấy đã bùng lên! Thầy còn một phép rửa phải chịu, và lòng Thầy khắc khoải biết bao cho đến khi việc này hoàn tất! “Anh em tưởng rằng Thầy đến để ban hoà bình cho trái đất sao? Thầy bảo cho anh em biết: không phải thế đâu, nhưng là đem sự chia rẽ. Vì từ nay, năm người trong cùng một nhà sẽ chia rẽ nhau, ba chống lại hai, hai chống lại ba. Họ sẽ chia rẽ nhau: cha chống lại con trai, con trai chống lại cha; mẹ chống lại con gái, con gái chống lại mẹ; mẹ chồng chống lại nàng dâu, nàng dâu chống lại mẹ chồng.”

### Suy Niêm

Đức Giêsu tiên báo cho các môn đệ biết về sứ mạng của mình: “*Thầy phải chịu một phép rửa, và lòng Thầy khắc khoải biết bao cho đến khi hoàn tất*”. Phép rửa mà Đức Giêsu muốn nói ở đây chính là sự thương khó và cái chết của Ngài. Đồng thời những ai muốn bước theo Ngài thì cũng phải đón nhận phép rửa như Ngài đã chịu, tức là từ bỏ ý riêng, để vâng theo ý Chúa, sẵn sàng hy sinh và chấp nhận cả cái chết để sống và làm chứng về những giá trị Tin Mừng. Phép rửa và sứ mạng ấy, Đức Giêsu mong muốn cho mau đến: “*Thầy đã đến đem lửa xuống thế gian và Thầy mong muốn biết bao cho lửa cháy lên*”. Ngọn “*Lửa*” ấy chính là Chúa Thánh Thần. Người đến để thanh luyện những tâm hồn sỏi đá, phân biệt sự thật và giả dối. Người đến còn là để xét xử trần gian.

Ngọn “*Lửa*” ấy cũng chính là ngọn “*Lửa*” của Tình yêu, Sự Thật, Công Bình. Như vậy Đức Giêsu ao ước cho “*Lửa*” ấy bùng cháy lên để biến đổi trái đất này thành Trời mới Đất mới. Những tâm hồn chai cứng thành mềm dẻo, biết yêu thương nhau, nâng đỡ và đồng hành với nhau để làm chứng cho Chúa trong sự thật, để yêu thương mọi người như anh em một nhà. Làm được điều đó là chúng ta đã đi vào trong quỹ đạo của Thiên Chúa, một quỹ đạo của sự thật, yêu thương, bình an và hoan lạc. Nhưng để đạt được điều đó thật không dễ, bởi vì nó đòi hỏi ta phải sẵn sàng chấp nhận hy sinh, thử thách, đau thương; phải chấp nhận hủy mình ra không để thánh ý Thiên Chúa được thể hiện, chấp nhận hủy diệt bản thân mình như hạt lúa gieo vào lòng đất, tức là chấp nhận cái chết: chết đi cho con người cũ là con người tội lỗi, để thay vào đó là một con người mới, tâm hồn mới và thái độ mới theo hình ảnh của Đức Kitô.

Chính Đức Giêsu cũng chỉ vì sự thật mà phải chết. Ngài không bị kết án vì đã dạy cho con người sống tốt; Ngài cũng không bị kết án vì đã làm ơn cho kẻ khác; nhưng Ngài bị kết án chỉ vì dám nói, sống và làm chứng về sự thật. Như vậy, bình an đích thực chỉ có thể đến được với những người có tâm hồn thật thà, ngay thẳng, biết lắng nghe, và thực hành Lời Chúa.

HE VENIDO

A TRAER FUEGO A LA TIERRA

Y CUÁNTO DESEARÍA

que ya estuviera ardiendo!

~ Lucas 12:49

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Las intenciones de Jesús de “traer fuego a la tierra” y causar división preocuparon a sus oyentes, y también podría preocuparnos a nosotros. En el Antiguo Testamento, el fuego era visto como el medio de la purificación y juicio de Dios, verdaderamente un don al pueblo. El fuego destruye nuestras ilusiones acerca de nosotros mismos y nuestras conductas. Elimina los obstáculos de una relación amorosa con Dios. El fuego de Dios derrite cualquier tradición, creencia o practica que permite el mal y la injusticia.

Jesús viene a mostrar el mal y de ese modo impulsar decisiones acerca de la verdadera naturaleza de Dios y propósitos. Las divisiones surgen a causa de las distintas decisiones que las personas hacen. ¿Jesús representa fuerzas demoniacas o al verdadero Dios? ¿Pelemos para perseverar comportamientos o conductas existen-

tes, o entramos al camino que Jesús nos ofrece? Al evocar el fuego, Jesús sin duda no está sugiriendo la violencia o la falta de respeto hacia los demás. Jesús enciende un fuego, y luego en su muerte, produce sus resultados. Es un fuego de un amor de sacrificio, derritiendo corazones fríos y trayendo luz a un mundo oscurecido.

### MANTÉN TUS OJOS EN JESÚS

El autor de la Carta a los hebreos pone a Jesús en el centro de la fe; además usa la palabra en griego *archegos* que puede traducirse como “líder”. Esta generosa palabra incluye varios significados: iniciador, instigador y capitán. Jesús traza el camino, mostrándonos cómo correr la carrera de la fe. Con perseverancia y valor. Para una comunidad que está experimentando persecuciones y desánimo, Jesús es conocido como el modelo de una fe perseverante.

Al “mantener la mirada en Jesús” enfrentamos lo que a menudo es el obstáculo más persistente en nuestra fe, el desaliento. Nuestra atención llena de fe nos permite ver la realidad tan llena de la presencia de Dios. Dios ni está distante ni es indiferente. Dios está cerca y nos ama apasionadamente. El desaliento resulta en parte de ver sobre todo el pecado y la oscuridad en nuestro mundo y en nosotros mismos. Jesús, verdadero Dios y verdadero Hombre, nos recuerda de la acción divina dentro de nosotros y en medio de nosotros.

Lecturas de hoy: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Sal 40 (39):2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lc 12:49-53

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### Saturday Evening Vigil

5:30 PM

### Sunday

7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  
12:00 Noon (Español)

3:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)

4:45 p.m.—Liturgy of the Hours

### Weekday Mass Schedule

8:30 a.m. Mon. Tue. Thurs. Friday

Wed. [Marian Devotion]  
with O.L.O.P.H. Devotion

7:00 P.M. Rosary

7:30 P.M. Mass of the B.V.M.

### First Friday Schedule

7:45 A.M. Reconciliation

8:30 A.M. Mass & Exposition  
All Day Adoration

7:30 P.M. Benediction

### Fatima First Saturday Devotion

7:00 P.M. Adoration

8:00 P.M. Mass

### Holy Days

Vigil: 5:30 P.M.

8:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 5:00 P.M.

or by appointment

### Matrimony

Six months notice required. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

### Baptism

Please stop by the Parish Office to pick up the necessary paperwork and to be given the name and phone number of the Baptism Catechist to contact and pre-register for your classes.

### Child Abuse Hotline

Reporting Sexual Abuse:

(800) 355-2545

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Perry Rivera (909) 594-6475

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Gary Cooper (626) 482-5041

### Finance Council

Jerry Gutierrez (626) 446-7837

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Leticia Carbajal (626) 277-9429

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Marie Nimmrich (626) 448-3304

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Louise Rothkopf (626) 446-2814

### BLD Prayer Community

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