

# Let There Be Peace on Earth

By Paige Byrne Shortal

The world changes, and it's changing faster all the time. My husband and I like to make note of the things we say today that would make no sense to people just fifty years ago. "I Googled it," for example. Or "You can read his blog on Facebook." Or my husband's favorite: "I can't find my phone."

Some time ago I read a note from my children's school that would have mystified my grandparents. It read, "We are asking you to provide a nonperishable snack to be stored in your child's homeroom in the event of a security lockdown." *Security lockdown?*

A few days later I was talking with some other moms. One remarked that her son is still terrified of the school fire drill (he hates noise), but he doesn't have any trouble with the lockdown drill. I must have looked confused, so she elaborated. When the principal announces "Code Red" over the PA system, the teacher dims the lights and locks the door while the kids hurry into the closet. In rooms without a closet, there is a designated hiding place where they can't be seen through the glass in the hall door. The teacher closes the window blinds and joins the huddled kids until the all-clear is sounded.

Maybe the world doesn't change nearly enough. Our elders endured their 9/11, which they called Pearl Harbor, followed by yet another War to End All Wars; their economic meltdown, which



they called the Crash, was followed by the Great Depression.

Today we prepare for terrorist attacks and send snacks for our children to eat in the closet. When I was in grade school, we practiced "duck and cover" drills in the event of nuclear war. I wasn't traumatized by those rehearsals because, as I realize now, the adults in charge did a good job of maintaining a sense of normalcy.

We're made for peace and goodwill, and if we can't have peace and goodwill, we at least try to keep our children innocent and untroubled, even if it means making a game out of the unthinkable and providing a snack for

the end of the world.

God promises to make all things new. Forecast in Isaiah, confirmed in the Book of Revelation, we are assured that God will wipe every tear from our eyes "and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain" (21:4). Until then, we must be as much like God as possible—feeding our little ones, creating peace, doing the best we can to make the world as it should be.

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and goodwill, we at least  
try to keep our children  
innocent and untroubled....*



*Saving God, when the world  
is frightening, when we worry  
about those we love,  
help us to remember that  
you love them even more.  
We pray always in Jesus' name.  
Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 15–29

**Monday**, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
Rev 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20–27 /  
Lk 1:39–56

**Tuesday**, Weekday:  
Ez 28:1–10 / Mt 19:23–30

**Wednesday**, Weekday:  
Ez 34:1–11 / Mt 20:1–16

**Thursday**, Weekday:  
Ez 36:23–28 / Mt 22:1–14

**Friday**, Weekday:  
Ez 37:1–14 / Mt 22:34–40

**Saturday**, St. Bernard:  
Ez 43:1–7ab / Mt 23:1–12

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the Word   
August 14, 2022

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# Bringing Home the Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
August 14, 2022

## We Are All Prophets

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Persecution is part of a prophet's life. Their strong messages are rarely met with open hearts even if conversion, rather than confrontation, is what the prophet seeks. Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, was preaching in India and Turkey in the first century and converted the Armenian king. But the king's brother had Bartholomew flayed alive. Jeremiah foretold the destruction of Jerusalem unless the people returned their hearts to the Lord. This call to conversion was considered demoralizing for those who wished to continue in

their self-centered ways. His words were even crushing the soldiers! Either Jeremiah was quite the preacher, the soldiers were guilty—or both!

The fire of the prophet's words is meant as a call to action for the soul caught up in lukewarm stagnation. They should be uncomfortable.

When more than 2,000 bishops reflected on the Church at Vatican II, they insisted that every baptized Christian has a prophetic mission. We're called to shake things up. The role of the prophet is to examine in prayerful observation the signs of the times, and to read into them calls to action. Prophets listen with one ear to the Lord and another to society in order to speak wisely to their contemporaries.

This call to preach whether convenient or inconvenient was experienced by Christ. The flame that burned in his bosom was a desire to turn hearts toward his Father. Jesus didn't back down from preaching out of fear of rejection of the truth. Neither should we.

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## Sunday Readings

**Jeremiah 38:4–6; 8–10**

"[Jeremiah] ought to be put to death. He is weakening the resolve of the soldiers...and of all the people, by saying such things to them."

**Hebrews 12:1–4**

Consider how [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

**Luke 12:49–53**

[Jesus said,] "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

## A Word from Pope Francis

Today too, the world needs to see *prophets* in the Lord's disciples, that is, people who are courageous and persevere in responding to the Christian vocation. People who follow the "drive" of the Holy Spirit, who sends them to proclaim hope and salvation to the poor and the excluded....

Angelus, February 3, 2019



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Are there ways I have become of the world and need to be more of the gospel?
- Am I willing to make a stand for righteousness, even if it makes me unpopular?



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### 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Aug. 14, 2022

Lector: Olivia Grassl-Kniveton

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Maria Garcia

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Onna Pollock Family

**Altar Servers:**

Adrian & Emmet Kniveton

### 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Aug. 21, 2022

Lector: Elida Fernández

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

James Freitag

**Greeters & Presentation of Gift**

Wally & Marla Goade

**Alter Servers:**

Josh b. & Mackenzie P.

### Pope's Prayer intentions:

Small Businesses

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

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

**Saturday:** 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

**Wednesday:** 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

**Confessions:** Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

**Church Secretary:** Elida Fernández - [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com)

**Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

**Prayer Chain:** Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

**Breezeway Calendar:** If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact

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### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Altar Flowers

Aug. – Guadalupanas

Sept. – Altar Society

#### FOOD FUND RAISER

Your Tamales orders are ready.

Please pick up after Mass.

\$20 per dozen, chicken or pork

St. Vincent Projects

#### NO CONFESSIONS

This Wednesday the 17th

@ St. Vincent Parish

#### Connell Food Bank

Seniors: Tuesdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Edad- los Martes

Aug. 23

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / los Miércoles

Aug. 24th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm

St. Vincent parish hall

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

#### PAULISH CO:

When has your taking a strong stand on a moral issue created division rather than healing in the short term? Is it important to do the right thing even if others are angry as a result? Why or why not?

### STEWARDSHIP

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."*

Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

### Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

July 31, 2022	July 24, 2022
10:30 am - \$1726.00	10:30 am - \$577.00
12:00 pm - \$402.85	12:00 pm - 419.00
Basin city - \$537.00	Basin City - \$730.00

### Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day minimum needed to search for records. Please be timely in your request of a new certificate.

### ANNUAL ONLINE TEST FOR SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The annual test for recertification has been assigned to all volunteers. If you have problems taking the test please contact

Elida Fernandez

509-318-0917

### FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS: Aug. 14, 2022 - Aug. 28, 2022

**Monday Aug. 15: Assumption Virgin Mary**

8:00 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Mass @ Connell

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

**Tues. Aug. 16:**

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

**Wed. Aug. 17:**

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

No Confessions @ Connell

**Thurs. Aug. 18:**

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Guadalupanas @ Connell

**Fri. Aug. 19:**

Fr. Gus' Day off

**Sat Aug. 20:**

12:00 pm Quinceanera @ Basin City

No Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

**Sun. Aug. 21: Mass**

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

**Please keep Fr. Gus in your daily prayers.**

**Monday Aug. 22:**

Fr. Gus' Day off

**Tues. Aug. 23:**

No Confessions @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

6:00 pm Finance Council @ Connell

**Wed. Aug. 24:**

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

6:30 pm Confessions @ Connell

**Thurs. Aug. 25:**

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

5:30 pm Parish Council @ Connell

**Fri. Aug. 26:**

8:00 am Prison Ministry @ Connell

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal @ Connell

**Sat Aug. 27:**

1:00 pm Wedding @ Connell

No Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

**Sun. Aug. 28: Mass**

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell