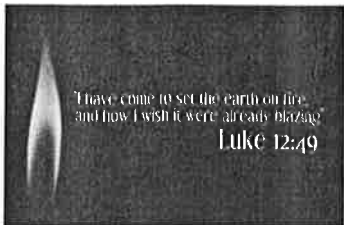


# 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## From the Desk of the Pastor ....

The Coming of Christ marks a time of division. The words of Jesus stand for something real and very strong in Him. Hence it is not always true to think of Jesus as an exceptionally meek and gentle person. He is gentle but not weak. Not only his words today, 'fire' and 'sword' stand for something in himself, but also stand for something about his message: the conviction of Faith, Hope and Love.

His words not only shocked but also infuriated some. The words he spoke to the poor and the oppressed were different from those he spoke to the rich and comfortable. The words he spoke to sinners were different from those he spoke to the smug Pharisees. It caused disruption. It brought about division.

We betray the Gospel of Jesus when we reduce it to bland tidings and ignore its demands. Such an insipid Gospel would not be a leaven in the world.

Having discerned well, his followers are called to declare their loyalties. This by its very nature, results in disruption and dissension.

Does the teaching of Christ ever disturb me? Does it cause me to question the way I'm live my life? Does it ever bring me into conflict with those who do not live by the Gospel?

If it does not do so, it can only mean that I'm not really hearing it. Christ's teaching is like a sword that separates good from evil. It is like a fire that burns off the weeds but leaves the wheat.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 17

9:00am † *Bill Sacramento*  
4:30pm † *Rodrigo Tarantan*

### Sunday, August 18

7:30am † *Vic Damone*  
9:30am † *Francisco Ochoa*  
11:00am † *Sheila Luckham*  
12:30pm † *Jesus Vargas Hernandez*

### Monday, August 19

9:00am *Carmelita Montalban*  
*(thinksong)*

### Tuesday, August 20

9:00am † *Asuncion Hermes*

### Wednesday, August 21

9:00am † *Ricardo Arica*

### Thursday, August 22

9:00am † *Dennis Peron*

### Friday, August 23

9:00am † *Petrona Binalinbing*

### Saturday, August 24

9:00am *Anais Butron (bday)*  
4:30pm † *Robert Lizardo (healing)*

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a year-round process available to any adult who wishes to inquire into Catholicism. It is also an invitation for adults who have not received and would wish to receive all the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

R.C.I.A. is a journey of faith, filled with Hope and fired by love. This time is spent in discovering Jesus, to listen to his call as he says: "Have Courage, It is I, do not be afraid".

While our community prays for them, those in RCIA devote time in prayer in order to respond to his Calling, to recognize him in the Sacred Scriptures, to focus on the Teachings of the Church, to worship Him and meet Him at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and so grow in Catholic Faith, Hope and Love.

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in sponsoring someone who is in the process of being initiated into the Church, please call the Parish office at 415-334-4646.

## SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the **Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.**

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children. Thank you for your support.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is conducted during the 9:30 am and 12:30 pm masses. All school age children are invited to participate. Parents are urged to consider supporting this ministry to help our children to understand the Sunday Mass Readings better at their own level. If you would like your child to participate in the Children's Liturgy on Sundays, please arrive 15 minutes before the mass starts to sign up your child and for the children to stand in line at the front of the church ready to be part of the procession. The sign up material will be supplied to you before the Mass.

**To sign up please talk to Sonia Urquilla, the person in charge of the program.**

## Save the date for the "San Lorenzo Ruiz dinner and dance"

The FPC (Filipino Pastoral Council) of St. John the Evangelist will have their annual dinner and dance to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz. The dinner and dance is scheduled for September 28, 2019 in the school gymnasium. Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00. For further information please contact Lety Tomas at (415) 585-5081.

## ST. JOHN SCHOOL

St. John School, mindful of its mission to be witnesses to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, natural and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or make available to students of this school. St. John School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

### COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

August 5<sup>th</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll. ....\$ 78.00  
Tues. On-line giving .....\$ 5.00  
Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,463.92  
Weekend On-line giving.\$ 285.00  
AAA Offering.....\$ 1,339.00  
AAA On-line giving.....\$ 130.00

## ON FIRE

Jesus' intentions to [set the earth on fire] and to cause division were disturbing to his listeners, and may be disturbing to us, too. In the Old Testament, fire was seen as the means of God's purification and judgment, truly a gift to the people. The fire destroys our illusions about ourselves and our behaviors. It burns away obstacles to a loving relationship with God. God's fire melts any institutions, beliefs, or practices that enable evil and injustice.

Jesus came to expose evil and thereby force decisions about God's true nature and purposes. Divisions emerged because of the diverse choices people made. Does Jesus represent some demonic power, or the true God? Do we fight to preserve current attitudes and behaviors, or do we enter the path offered by Jesus? In evoking fire, Jesus is certainly not suggesting violence or disrespect toward others. Jesus lights a fire, and then in his death, bears its results. It is a fire of sacrificial love, melting cold hearts and bringing light to a darkened world.