

**August 14, 2016**  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:**

"I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing...Do you think that I came to establish peace on the earth? No I tell you, but rather division".

This is hardly the image we have of Jesus. What can it mean? The best explanation is that the Gospel writer, Luke, did not use the exact words of Jesus (not uncommon in the gospels) but created the words to help the first Christians, who were being rejected by their own families. "Don't lose faith. Jesus knew this could happen".

Another interpretation is that Jesus was much more aggressive and fiery than he usually is portrayed in the Gospels. "This world is coming to an end. The Kingdom of God is at hand and everyone will be tested".

Or Jesus was not speaking literally but metaphorically. The fire is in our hearts burning up our selfishness and purifying our minds.



**COLLECTION:** the collection for last Sunday August 7, 2016 was \$3,800.

This Sunday we will have a second collection which will be the collection for the Assumption of Mary Offering (August 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Food collection:** thanks to your generosity we were able to fill 17 bags for the needy in our community. Once again thank you for your generosity.

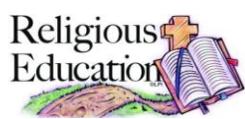
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** It is head to hear what the Good News is in today's Gospel. Jesus tells us that he has come to bring division, rather than peace, to the earth. When we look at our history or look at the Middle East today, we see that faithful Christians are often persecuted. Jesus himself was slain. And therein lies our Good News, if we are willing to hear it. Jesus rose again, and so will all his faithful disciples.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6(page22)** – some leaders regard Jeremiah as a traitor only one member of the royal court knows that the prophet speaks the truth.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40 (page 23) - "Lord, come to my aid!"**

**Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4(page 23)** – we are reminded of the many Christians who persevered in faith, Jesus is the most inspiring example for he faced the cross with joy.

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 (page 23-24)** –Jesus proclaims that hard teaching that following him will cause strife and division between family and friends.



**Religious Education News:**

Registration for Religious Education 2016-2017 school years has begun and will continue until August 13, 2016 from Mondays to Thursdays from 9am to 1pm and Saturdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm; New Parents to the Program please bring:

- ❖ Birth Certificates
- ❖ Baptismal Certificates
- ❖ Copy of First Holy Communion Certificates  
(For 1st year confirmation students)

- ❖ Two Small Photos of your Child

Returning Parents will need to reregister their children again for the coming year.

**Program Fees:**

✚ Cost for one Child: \$95.00

✚ Cost for two Children (*Brother/Sister only*): \$160.00

✚ Cost for three Children (*Brother/Sister only*): \$195.00

✚ Cost for Four Children (*Brother/ Sister only*): \$185.00

✚ Sacrament Fee for First Holy Communion (*in addition for each child*):\$75.00

✚ Sacrament Fee for Confirmation (*Children in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade; in addition for each child*) \$95.00

✚ There will be a orientation meeting for all parents and students on September 10, 2016 –Grades Pre-Kinder-4<sup>th</sup> Grade will meet at 10:00am in the Parish Hall- Grades 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> will meet at 12:00pm in the Parish Hall



**Msgr. Corrigan's Book on the History of our Parish: Is on sale in the rectory Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sunday after the Masses. The cost of the book is \$30.00 as a Donation to the Church. If you would like it mailed to you there is an additional \$5.00 fee for the postage.\**