

August 14, 2022: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindles! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”
Luke 12:39

Background on the Gospel Reading

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress.

The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: “Master, now you may let your servant go in peace.” Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships. We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

Bible Study:

Cancelled for summer.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
August 06th - August 07th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1931.55
Building Fund	275.00
St. Vincent De Paul	70.00
Good Friday	50.00
Development & Peace	50.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Wed. 7 pm	Late Roy & Josephine Noseworthy
Thu. 7 pm	Late George Musseau
Fri. 10:00 am	Intentions of Donor
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Bridget & Jordan Blackwood
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 20	
Gerry Buckle	Donna Mitchell Art Hall
August 21	
Basil English	Margaret Dalley Anna House
Communion to the Sick – Barbara Neville	

PARISH COUNCIL: Thank you to those who serve on our parish Council. Every year three council members finish their terms in September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election. Mike Leonard, Victoria Murphy, and Brian Sparkes are the three people that finish their term this September. Thank you very much to all who served on the parish council.

CHURCH ROOF: As you can see our church needs to have its roof replaced i.e., new shingles. This will be a major expenditure. Prices have doubled since last year. We are gathering quotes, but we expect the cost to be about \$75,000. To cover that cost we will need major fundraising or generous donations. Please keep this in mind as you see more information in the bulletin over the next weeks.

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION:

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. Since one of the blessings promised to all faithful disciples is victory over death, it is fitting that Mary, who is the first and model disciple of Christ, would be the first to receive this blessing. Catholics thus believe that the privilege of resurrection promised to all faithful Christians was given first to Mary and in a totally unique way.



While the rest of us hope to have our bodies raised to glory at the end of time, Mary experienced the resurrection and glorification of her body at the moment her earthly life ended. Thus, her assumption—which flows from her unique participation in Christ's victory as the mother of the Savior and as the first and most faithful of Christ's followers—anticipates to some degree our own share in the fullness of that victory if we persevere as followers of Christ.

INSURANCE: We have already received the first part of our bill for insurance. The total bill for the property, contents and liabilities of the church, the house and the priest vehicle will be in excess of \$12,000. We need to have a major contribution towards this bill. As you can see by our weekly bulletin, our weekend collections are lower than past years. We need your generosity to help us with this bill. Any contributions you can make towards the cost will help free up costs for other projects in the parish. Please be generous.

FINANCE COUNCIL: A Finance council meeting will be taking place at the Parish House on Monday 15th of August at 6pm.

MASS REQUESTS: Our current list is almost exhausted. This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

OUR LADY OF MERCY SPECIAL MASS: There will be a special Mass on August 15th held at Our Lady of Mercy Complex at 7:00 p.m. Rosary will be recited 30 minutes prior to Mass and the priest will be available for confession

POPE VISIT APOLOGY: In his first public event in Canada, Pope Francis addresses representatives of Indigenous Peoples of the First Nations, the Métis, and the Inuit gathered in Maskwacis Park near Edmonton. In his poignant speech, he again implores forgiveness for the evils committed by many Christians against the Indigenous Peoples in Canada in the residential school system.

MASS INTENTION FORMS: Now available at the church are mass intention forms and envelopes for your convenience.

E-TRANSFER: You always have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is sacredheartrcparish@gmail.com. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you."

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For the 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 communities.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 21st, at 7:00p.m. in the basement of the Cathedral. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.

