



August 14, 2022

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My mom loved her Nintendo 64. We especially enjoyed “Paper-boy,” a video game where a paperboy riding a bicycle attempts to deliver newspapers along Easy Street, Middle Road, or Hard Way. He has to avoid obstacles that pop up along the way – barking dogs, mailboxes, skateboarders, trash cans, you name it! Sometimes life can seem that way. We can’t predict which obstacles will pop up, but the author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to persevere, “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” Whether we’re riding along “Easy Street” or “Hard Way,” we can look to Jesus to help us overcome the hardships that may come our way because we are his followers. As Jesus tells the disciples, following him will not always be easy and may even result in conflicts within our families. When that happens, we can look to the example of Jesus and the great “cloud of witnesses” to whom the Letter to the Hebrews refers, knowing that peace and reconciliation await us at the finish line.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I used to have great fun watching my boys at our neighborhood swim meets. Even as my then-7-year-old zig-zagged into the lane lines during the backstroke, I would yell “Go! Go! Go! You’ve got this.” (And, please, someone catch his head at the finish!) He couldn’t hear a word I said. I wonder if it’s a bit like this when it comes to the “cloud of witnesses” – the saints, known and unknown, who encourage us in our faith. We can’t see them or hear them, but we know they are there. In turn, we can become cheerleaders for others running the race alongside us: offering encouragement, prayers, and reminding one another of the joy that awaits us. Spoken or silent, our prayers can help us and others persevere in our faith and place our trust in Jesus when times are tough.

**STUDY** The *catechism* chapter 3, The Characteristics of Faith (153-165), references this passage from Hebrews on being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Read especially #165.



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### Let Us Pray

- **For the sick, today we pray for:** Betty Anne Tomney, Celena Komarnicki, Maren Bradford, Ron Hittel, Larry Shepel, Dominic Zyla, Marc Cheriyan, Bob Kudel, Bernie Kudel, Arlene Sawa we pray to the Lord.
- **For all those who have died, today we remember,** Robert Svoboda, we pray to the Lord.
- **And on the anniversary of death,** Nelson Abarrientos Sr, we pray to the Lord.



**Adoration - everyone welcome!**

**No Wednesday evening Adoration in July and August**

**Fridays @ 9 am - 12 noon**

**Sundays @ 1pm - 4 pm**



**Join Us for**  
**Weekday Mass**  
**Tues. - Fri. @ 8:30am**

*"As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another."*





CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
Questions or want to join? questions call:  
Margaret Schwab 306 227-8930

[2022 JUNE NEWSLETTER](#)  
[HOLY SPIRIT CWL WEBPAGE](#)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8905

Thinking about joining?  
Have questions? Call:  
James Nestmann (306) 260-8206  
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## Coffee Time!

Starting August 17, we will be hosting coffee time after morning Mass on Wednesdays.

We invite you to stay for a cup of coffee (or tea) and a visit with your fellow parishioners.



### Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Grey Cup Ticket Raffle

**2 TICKETS  
109TH GREY CUP  
REGINA,  
NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

Lottery License #SR220737



Tickets \$10 each  
Maximum of 1000 sold  
Draw date: November 8th, 2022

**SECTION 117, ROW 14, SEATS 12+13  
VALUED AT \$875**

Tickets will be sold after each mass or  
contact Duane at 306-241-7152

### ***Knights of Columbus Grey Cup Parish Breakfast***

Treat yourself, your family or your friends to a pre-Grey Cup fund-raising breakfast.

Mark you calendars for 11am September 18th in our parish hall.

\$7 for Adults      \$5 for children 10 and under

All proceeds to our needy charities.

## MINISTRY OF CARE



If you need prayer, support, a visit (with the Eucharist or otherwise), Anointing of the Sick, or assistance with funeral planning, Ministry of Care is just a phone call or email away. Please contact:

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Pastoral Associate, Ministry of Care

Have a safe and blessed summer!



*Dear Congregants,*

*Thank you for being amazing friends to the Inn and the many guests we serve. Your gifts help to keep us cooking and we appreciate you!*

*-Laura*

Every week 5% of our Sunday Offering is donated to local charities. We received this thank you note from the Friendship Inn. We join them in thanking you for your generosity!

### FUNERAL LUNCHES

The care and compassion of the parish community is exercised in many ways. We offer a special **"Thank You"** to members of the funeral hospitality teams of Holy Spirit Parish. This dedicated group provides baking and/or serves lunch following funeral liturgies.

If you (women and men!) are able to give a few hours of your time periodically throughout the year, please consider joining this vital ministry to those suffering the loss of a loved one.

Contact Kelly at 374-1425 for more information.



Have you been told by others that you are a kind, caring person or that you are a good listener?

Would you be comfortable visiting the elderly and homebound?

Is this the time for you to become more involved in parish ministry?

Consider volunteering in Ministry of Care.



When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our faith community who are unable to be with us because of ill health or confinement.

Members of our parish community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite them with us in the Eucharist.

If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry please contact Kelly at 306-374-1425.

Training is provided, and the diocesan Covenant of Care protocols apply.



### 2022 INFANT BAPTISM

***Do you have a new baby and would like to baptize him/her? Perhaps you expecting a new baby? If either of these are true for you. I would love to hear from you!***

If you have attended a baptism preparation session in the past couple of years you may not need to take prep sessions before the baptism. If you are brand new parents or have not taken any baptism prep sessions, please contact me to register for the prep sessions and the baptism of your child at 306-374-1425 or email me at [spowell@rcdos.ca](mailto:spowell@rcdos.ca). We have one last baptism date until the Fall: **July 31**. I am happy to answer any questions you may have and we can talk about both the prep sessions and the celebration itself. I am looking forward to hearing from you! ~ Sharon Powell – Faith Formation Coordinator



### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN

For the past few years we have had inquiries from parents of a number of children who have not been baptized as infants and now the child is showing a keen interest in receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion). Is this happening in your home too?

We, at Holy Spirit Parish, are trying to meet this need and have created a process for children 8 to 15 years who would like to explore the possibility of being baptized and also receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. If your child has been questioning I would love to talk with your family. I look forward to telling you more about this encouraging and gratifying process. Please either call or email me at [spowell@rcdos.ca](mailto:spowell@rcdos.ca) or 306-374-1425.



### CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - RCIA

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Have questions about our Catholic faith? Do you know someone who would like to learn about the Catholic faith? Call 306-374-1425 or email [egratton@rcdos.ca](mailto:egratton@rcdos.ca).



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Witness to Love is a new approach to marriage preparation and renewal. This program connects couples to their parishes through mentors and powerful online resources. It prepares couples for a sacramental marriage and fosters their transition

into a welcoming community of faith before and after they are married. For information and to register contact Nicole Gursky at 306 229-0384 or email [ngursky@sasktel.net](mailto:ngursky@sasktel.net).



## McClure United Church



Click the image to check out their website.

*Holy Spirit and McClure United* have a shared covenant in the spirit of Ecumenism. To keep in the loop with our friends and neighbours we have exchanged website information so that we can all keep in touch. Please keep McClure United Church staff and parishioners in your prayers!

## DONATING TO YOUR PARISH

### *ways to submit parish donations:*

1. **Sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving** Registration forms are available at the church office, online on our parish website, or via email. Donate using debit or credit card. **Form**
2. **Interac e-Transfer using online banking:** send e-transfer to [finance@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca](mailto:finance@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca) (it is directly deposited, no password needed). **Please put your full name and envelope number in the message box along with any special offering designation.**
3. **Parish Offertory:** <https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/>
4. **Mail envelopes to the church:** 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 3V7
5. **Drop envelopes off at church:** Put envelopes into the office door mail slot.



## Holy Spirit Parish

Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon



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PARISH OFFERTORY  
QR CODE



# Summer Choir Camp

MORNINGS OF AUGUST 17TH - 20TH AT  
ST. PAUL'S CO-CATHEDRAL

## Who

Children ages  
7 -12 with or  
without previous  
musical training



## What

Morning camp with  
singing instruction,  
games, prayer, and  
a snack



## Where

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral  
720 Spadina Crescent  
Saskatoon, SK

## When

August 17th to 20th  
from 9am to 12pm each  
day with mass at  
12:10pm on the last day



## Why

A chance to sing, have fun,  
and work with Katrina  
MacKinnon (incoming  
Children's Choir director) and  
Michael Raney (St. Paul's  
Choirmaster)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND  
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# Diocesan Announcements

**Donations of new children's pajamas, children's story books and back packs** - As part of a project to help fathers in prison improve parenting skills and stay connected to their families, the Office of Restorative Ministry in the diocese of Saskatoon is participating in a project to record men reading bedtime stories to send to their children. The diocesan office is seeking donations of short children's story books and new pajamas sizes 4 to 12, to accompany the recorded bedtime stories, as well as small child backpacks to carry everything for delivery to the children. (*\*Please note larger sizes of pyjamas – 10-12 are especially needed.\**) Monetary donations to purchase the supplies for the project are also welcome. Please drop off any donations at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, during regular hours of 9 a.m. to noon / 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (closed over noon hour), or contact Dianne Anderson (306) 659-5845 for more information.

**Catholic Saskatoon News** – Our diocese has an online news portal featuring local, national and international Catholic news. Go to “Catholic Saskatoon News” at <https://news.rcdos.ca> to check out the latest coverage, or to sign up to receive headline updates via e-mail. The diocese also has a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/saskatoonrcdiocese> and can be found on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/SaskatoonCath>

**The St. Mary Parish Community Garage Sale** will be held **Aug. 19-20** at St. Mary Parish Hall, located on the corner of 20th Street West and Avenue O South, Saskatoon. The parish is seeking donations of clean saleable household items, such as books, toys, collectibles, kitchen wares, small electrical appliances, camping gear, garden tools, etc. Donated items may be dropped off at the parish hall beginning in August – call the parish office for more information or to inquire about pick-up: (306) 244-2983. All are invited to attend the sale at the parish hall between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Aug. 19 and Aug. 20 to find bargains (includes a lunchtime barbecue).

## **From Mourning to Dawn is a diocesan grief support program for widows and widowers.**

“From Mourning to Dawn” is an eight-week journey of transformation and healing, offering support and encouragement for bereaved spouses, led by those who have also experienced this loss. It is open to participants who have been widows/ widowers from between two months to two years. From Mourning to Dawn will be offered in the diocese from **Sept. 13 to Nov. 1, 2022**, held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, located at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. (The time of the sessions is to be announced.) Cost: \$35. To register or for more information, please contact Dianna Knaus at [dknaus@sasktel.net](mailto:dknaus@sasktel.net) or (306) 382-0535.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: St. Therese Institute of Faith and Learning at Bruno, SK is seeking an Executive Director.**

Could it be you? Do you have business experience? Does the Catholic faith excite you? Does the thought of being a leader in a growing Catholic apostolate energize you? Do you dream of developing a good organization into a great one? Does the tranquility of working in a small town put a smile on your face? **Then maybe your next mission is with us!** Visit [www.St-T.ca/Jobs](http://www.St-T.ca/Jobs) or call 306-369-2555, or email [employment@sttherese.ca](mailto:employment@sttherese.ca) for more information.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon is seeking a Director of Administration and Finance** to work as a full-time member of the leadership team reporting directly to the bishop, overseeing financial services, human resources, communications, safeguarding, information technology, building and maintenance, and migration services. For more info, e-mail: [vtowriss@rcdos.ca](mailto:vtowriss@rcdos.ca), or phone: (306) 370-9429. See [rcdos.ca/employment](http://rcdos.ca/employment) for the full job description.

**Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation Program is now accepting applications for both men and women candidates for the year 2022-2023.** This program aims to form young adult Catholics in pursuing holiness while living in the world. It consists of academic formation (through Saint Thomas More College or other approved program), and spiritual, human, and pastoral formation, which is provided through community living, prayer, and training in our house of formation. This program may be a period of vocation preparation and discernment and preparation for priesthood, religious life, or any form of lay vocation and ministry. Please check the diocesan website for further details: [rcdos.ca/sts-benedict-and-scholastica](http://rcdos.ca/sts-benedict-and-scholastica) or for more information, contact Fr. Daniel Yasinski at [dyasinski@rcdos.ca](mailto:dyasinski@rcdos.ca) or Sr. Malou Tibayan at [mtibayan@rcdos.ca](mailto:mtibayan@rcdos.ca)

**Rebuilding Catholic Culture Mini-Conference Sept. 2-3** will feature Fr. Gregory Hrynkiw speaking on "*Pinocchio: A Theological Tale for Our Times*" at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. Working from the famous Pinocchio story by Carlo Collodi, he will give four talks about what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God, and reflecting upon the spiritual, moral, and even political dangers of abandoning a Christian anthropology. Reading this tale through a theological lens helps us in contemplating the deep problems of our current state and remind us of what it means to be free and fully human. The opening keynote will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, featuring a free dessert night (free will offering). The full-day Saturday, Sept. 3 event requires pre-registration and features an opening Mass, three talks, lunch, and a question period/social. Cost of the full-day event is \$50/person, \$80/couple, and \$20/student. To reserve a ticket contact Celene Sidloski at [csidloski@stmcollege.ca](mailto:csidloski@stmcollege.ca) or phone (306) 715-1541.

**CWL Clothing Depot continues to depend on donations**, including: cutlery, towels, blankets, pots and pans and small appliances in good working condition. Donations may be dropped off Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the alley entrance of the Clothing Depot, 619 20th St. W., Saskatoon.

**Food Pantry Appeal** -- The emergency food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is seeking donations of a range of food staples, including powdered milk, peanut butter (small sizes), coffee, tea, canned beans, canned meat and fish, canned soups, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, canned vegetables, and ramen noodles (nothing out of date, please). Monetary donations permit the parish to purchase exactly what is needed to respond to those coming to the door in need. Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish office is located at 426 Ave. J S., Saskatoon, phone (306) 653-4945.

**Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education** is a continuing education program for Catholic Indigenous and non-Indigenous clergy and lay ministers, educators and parishioners, led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors, modelling respectful and reconciling relationships, jointly sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, St. Thomas More College and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. Participants completing all four courses will earn an Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Certificate. The program is offered **online only** from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (SK time) on Tuesday afternoons, with the first of four courses "Introduction to First Nation Studies" running from **Sept. 20 to Nov. 15**. The fee is \$200 for each course. Register and/or find reflections from previous program participants at <https://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education> or for more info call (306) 659- 5831.

**Catholic TRC Healing Response** - Bishop Mark Hagemoen has announced a diocesan five-year goal of \$1.25 million to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors and their communities. The diocesan commitment will be part of a national \$30-million pledge announced by the Catholic bishops of Canada, following their apology to the Indigenous Peoples of this land. See: <https://dscf.ca/catholic-trc-healing-response/>



**Sunday, Aug 14, 2022**

**Make some noise for justice**

Civil rights activist and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Congressman John Lewis hoped young Americans might get in trouble. "Good trouble, necessary trouble," he specified. Lewis wished that a passion for what's right might compel our young citizens to "find a way to get in the way" of injustice. A young prophet named Jeremiah once got in the way, winding up at the bottom of a well and nearly starving to death for causing trouble for his king. Jesus promises the same sort of trouble in our families if some members are baptized with fire while others don't feel the burn. Find yourself some good trouble.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53 (120). *"He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city."*

**Monday, Aug 15, 2022**

**Grief requited**

Given that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was likely in her teens when she gave birth, she was probably only in her late 40s when Jesus died 33 years later. Life expectancy was a lot shorter then, but potentially Mary could have been alive for many years after seeing her son for the last time. One ancient historian wrote that she died 11 years later. It must have been a time of intense longing for her. Whether she died before she was bodily assumed into heaven or was assumed before she died is left open-ended by the church. Either way, it was an extraordinary reunion with the Lord befitting her status. Consider your own reunion with God. Plan ahead!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (NOT AN OBLIGATORY SOLEMNITY THIS YEAR)

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). *"He has looked with favor on his lowly servant."*

**Tuesday, Aug 16, 2022**

**Embrace the mystery of communion**

Brother Roger Schütz, founder of the Taizé movement, died on this date in 2005. Brother Roger began Taizé in 1940 in the French countryside, envisioning a humble monastic community to respond to the needs of war-torn refugees—but also to welcome followers from all Christian denominations. The simple house he purchased eventually blossomed into a global place of pilgrimage, especially for young people. Taizé is especially known for beautiful chants still used in congregations all over the world. "The Church is a mystery of communion," Brother Roger wrote, where we "can discover an aurora of reconciliation and the practicing of a simple joy." Pray with Taizé through their website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). *"For God all things are possible."*

**Wednesday, Aug 17, 2022**

**To each is given a mission**

On this day in 1887, Marcus Garvey, one of the most influential black activists of his generation, was born in Jamaica. Founder of Universal Negro Improvement Association, a fraternal organization that he grew into an international powerhouse after emigrating to the United States, he is credited with coining the term "Black is beautiful" to encourage racial pride. Though controversial in many of his views, he is remembered for his advocacy for racial

equality and economic justice. Be a voice for equality and justice as you live out your unique Christian mission.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). *"You have made them equal to us."*

**Thursday, Aug 18, 2022**

**Be willing to look closely**

On this day in 1998 the renowned Holocaust scholar Harry James Cargas died. Most of his teaching and writing focused on the Christian response to the Holocaust. What haunted him, he once said, was that "probably every Jew killed in the Holocaust was murdered by a baptized Christian." Cargas could have chosen an easier academic path, but instead he forced Christians to take stock of their complicity. Today's Psalm is a good help for examining our own cooperation with contemporary sin: "A clean heart create for me, O God."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14 (422). *"Many are invited, but few are chosen."*

**Friday, Aug 19, 2022**

**Keep it simple**

Saint John Eudes, a 17th-century priest and mystic, worked tirelessly to spread the gospel message, which he feared was being corrupted by various heresies. For Saint John, Christianity wasn't complicated: "The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on Earth, continuing His life and His works, laboring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus." And just what was Christ's work? Look no further than the two great commandments he gave us: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). *"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."*

**Saturday, Aug 20, 2022**

**Schism-saver**

In 1130, Pope Honorius II was dying. In anticipation of his death, a group of cardinals agreed on Cardinal Gregory Papareschi as the next pope. Upon Honorius' death, Papareschi was elected Pope Innocent II. But another group of cardinals had another cardinal in mind for the position, Cardinal Pietro Pierleoni, and elected him as Pope Anacletus II. The church then had a pope and an antipope. Question was, which was which? Saint Bernard of Clairvaux threw his considerable weight and hard work behind Pope Innocent, who eventually prevailed, preventing what easily could have spiraled into a schism. Remember this lesson from Bernard: "If you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a sceptre but a hoe."

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, FOUNDER, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). *"The greatest among you must be your servant."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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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.

***Prophets listen  
with one ear to the Lord  
and another to society  
in order to speak wisely  
to their contemporaries.***

## 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?

# 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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*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.*

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## 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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