

**August 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 12:49 – 53**

<sup>12-49</sup> I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? <sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

<sup>51</sup> Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: <sup>52</sup> For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

<sup>53</sup> The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

<p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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In this week's gospel Jesus speaks about the division that can come between families when they disagree about how Jesus expects us to follow him. He tells us it is not going to be easy to follow him but that through our Baptism and Confirmation we have the grace and courage to stay strong in our beliefs. Jesus Himself was troubled in His carrying out of His Father's wishes so much so that He called on Him "to save Him from this hour" in the garden of Gethsemane.

How do we react when people disagree with our beliefs?

Do we go on the defensive or do we bring them in our prayers to Jesus who is also there for them?

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for your word spoken to us and the people who travel our Faith journey with us which is not easy at times. When we journey together we can support each other.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we acted defensively and angrily to people who disagree with our beliefs.

**Help us Lord** to spread your word and desires for all your people through compassion and love, and our belief that you are with us and helping us.

