

## **The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time    Year C**

**Sunday, August 18, 2019**

Readings: 1) Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10    2) Hebrews 12:1-4    3) Luke 12:49-53

### **Sunday Liturgy**

The Focus for today's Mass is: **God's love is like a raging fire!**

In today's Gospel, Jesus outlines many of the ways in which his coming into the world will cause division, and not peace. He comes to *set the earth on fire* – not to destroy it, but to emblaze it with the fullness of God's love for us. The divisiveness arises not from Jesus himself, but from peoples' response to him: choosing either to build up that fire, or to tamp it down. Let us be those who feed the fire of the kingdom, not extinguish it.

Jeremiah is imprisoned under the authority of King Zedekiah because the people are upset by his words. But a court official convinces the king to release him. The writer of Hebrews challenges the community to *rid [themselves] of every burden and sin* and to keep their eyes fixed.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

#### **PRIEST:**

With confidence and trust,  
let us bring our prayers and petitions before our heavenly Father.

**For Church leaders, prophet's and martyrs of this age,  
may they preserve in the path of Jesus.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For nations divided in ancient conflict,  
may their divisions be healed.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For all those who are sick in mind, body and spirit,  
may the love of Christ and His Church bring them healing and relief.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For all those who have died,  
may experience the joy of the kingdom.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For all members of this faith community,  
may we be a source of hope for one another.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)**

We Pray to the Lord.

#### **PRIEST:**

**Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.**