



Resurrection Our Lord Church

3900 Meramec St. St. Louis, MO 63116

Tel: 314-832-7023; Fax: 832-7024

Email: GxChuaPhucSinh@gmail.com

Emergency Only: Fr. Francis 202-368-6828; Fr. Peter 773-888-3088

Fr. Francis X. Binh Thanh Nguyen SVD, Pastor

Fr. Peter Son Le, SVD, Parochial Vicar

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Aug 17, 2025

Parish Council:

Mr. Long Dao

314.679.0313

Finance Council:

Mrs. Thuong Hoai Nguyen

314.691.6508

Children Religious Education:

Sr. Mary Hanh Nguyen, LHC

314.736.9337

Liturgy Committee:

Mr. Hung Bui: 314.783.7266

Offering for Aug 10, 2025

Total Sum. Collection \$4,853.00

Capital Improvement \$ 250.00

Votive Candle \$ 126.00

Nail Supplies \$1,000.00

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal. (Luke 12)

luhal@dwci.edu or call
1-800-553-3321

Baptism : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:35 am or by appointment.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 8/17: * All souls, thanksgiving and intention by 1 person

* Peter and intention by Chi Tran

Mon 8/18: * All souls, thanksgiving & intention by 1 person

Tue 8/19: * Dominic and all souls by 1 person

* All souls and unborn babies by Thuy Le

Wed 8/20: * Ann and Joseph by Quyen Nguyen

* All souls and unborn babies by Thuy Le

Thurs 8/21: * All souls and unborn babies by 1 person

* John the Baptist and Ann by Lap Sam family

Fri 8/22: * Peter, thanksgiving & intention by Phuong Cao

* Dominic and ancestor both sides by Ca Do

Sat 8/23: * Thanksgiving and intention by 1 person

* All souls, thanksgiving & intention by 1 person

Today's Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Lord, come to my aid!

Holy Father's Intention for August:

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Today's Gospel:

Today we hear shocking statements from the lips of Jesus: "I have come to set the earth on fire" (Luke 12:49); "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). The truth divides in the face of lies; charity in the face of selfishness, justice in the face of injustice...

In the world—and within us—there is a mixture of good and evil; and we must take sides, make choices, being aware that fidelity is "uncomfortable." It seems easier to compromise, but at the same time it is less evangelical.

We are tempted to tailor a "gospel" and a "Jesus" to our liking, according to our tastes and passions. We must convince ourselves that the Christian life cannot be pure routine, a "getting by" process, without a constant desire for improvement and perfection. Benedict XVI affirmed that "Jesus Christ is not just a private conviction or an abstract idea, but a real person, whose becoming part of human history is capable of renewing the life of every man and woman."

The supreme model is Jesus (we must "keep our eyes fixed on Him," especially in difficulties and persecutions). He voluntarily accepted the torment of the Cross to restore our freedom and recover our happiness: "In his crucified flesh, God's freedom and our human freedom met definitively in an inviolable, eternally valid pact" (Benedict XVI). If we keep Jesus in mind, we will not allow ourselves to be discouraged. His sacrifice represents the opposite of the spiritual Luke warmth into which we often settle.

Faithfulness demands courage and ascetic struggle. Sin and evil constantly tempt us: that is why struggle, courageous effort, and participation in Christ's Passion are necessary. Hatred of sin is not a peaceful thing. The kingdom of heaven demands effort, struggle, and violence within ourselves, and those who make this effort are those who conquer it (cf. Mt 11:12).

New Mass Schedule:

In ensuring the efficient time and better quality for PSR program and youth activities the mass schedule must be changed. This new schedule has been consulted widely among parish council, youth leaders, and catechists. All are graciously supportive. The new mass schedule will be as follows:

Mass in Vietnamese: 07:30 am - 08:30 am

Mass in English: 09:00 am - 10:00 am

Mass in Vietnamese: 10:30 am - 11:30 am.

This new schedule will be in effective on September 7th, 2025.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 17, 2025

The Christian:

Life Although Jesus is the Lord of peace, Jesus never promised us that the life of a Christian disciple would be easy or peaceful. In fact, the Gospel tells us that Jesus comes not to bring peace, but division, to set the world on fire. This division comes from those who reject the teachings of Jesus and refers to the way in which the Gospel will divide those who accept or reject it.

Jesus was aware that those who would follow him would face opposition from the people around them. Not everyone is keen to hear the message of the Gospel, and as a result, some pushback and resistance is expected. This happened throughout the entire history of Israel, and in the first reading, we observe how even the prophets were rejected and persecuted. Moreover, we read how certain men hated Jeremiah for his teachings and sought to put him to death. If the people rejected and persecuted the prophets, the disciples, and Jesus himself, then we too must be ready for similar treatment.

Despite the challenges however, we can take heart in knowing that God does not abandon the faithful who are persecuted for his sake. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us to consider how much opposition Jesus endured, and to keep our eyes fixed on him when we ourselves encounter similar challenges. As we live a life of stewardship, let us make sure to frequent the Lord in prayer to seek his help in our own struggles. If we aren't spending time with Jesus in prayer, let us make an earnest effort to spend a few minutes each day with the Lord, asking for his strength to courageously face every challenge that comes our way.

Summary:

Jesus never promised us that the life of a Christian disciple would be easy. On the contrary, he tells us that it will be difficult since his teachings are divisive and hard for many to accept. If the people persecuted Jesus and the prophets before him, how much more will the world persecute those who believe in Christ? Although the Christian life is not meant to be easy, let us take courage knowing that Christ has faced it all first, and will strengthen us when we face opposition ourselves.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 17, 2025



Thoughts on Today's Gospel:

“Let us allow that fire to burn our lives. Let us feed the desire to spread that divine fire throughout the world, making it known to all the people around us. They too can experience the peace of Christ and find happiness there.” (Saint Josemaría Escrivá)

“The fire that Jesus speaks of is the fire of the Holy Spirit, the presence living and working in us from the day of our Baptism. Jesus wants the Holy Spirit to blaze like fire in our heart” (Francis)

“In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a "Baptism" with which he had to be baptized. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist (...)” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1225)