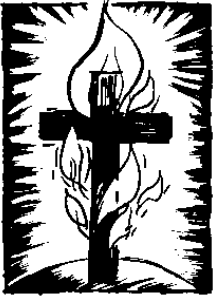


August 18, 2019
Ordinary Time
Twentieth Sunday

A Cloud of Witnesses

That Jesus would have his disciples fully aware of the cost of discipleship is clearly enunciated in today's gospel. He had come to kindle fire, to experience a baptism of suffering and death and to cause a crisis of decision that would divide and sever even the deepest of human blood bonds. Those who would follow him would become shareres in all three aspects of his saving work, in the fire, the baptism and the crisis of decision and division. To accept this ultimatum is to accept that we, his faithful witnesses on earth are also dead men and women walking towards a life that never ends, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have already made the trip.



Today's Bulletin is in memory of Venice Kouba,
sponsored by Gilleta & Stan Kouba.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Barbara Meyer, Special Int. – For The
Beatification of Fr. Charles Kram

Saturday, August 24

6:30 p.m. The Reindl Family

Sunday, August 25

6:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Darilek & Schoenfeld
Families

9:30 a.m. Special Int. In Thanksgiving to God for All
His Blessings

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*.
Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from
your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Venice Kouba.

Congratulations
Mary Ann & Charles Rother
on your Golden Wedding Anniversary
August 23, 2019



**C.C.D. BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY
AUGUST 25**

REFLECTION

Fire! Baptism! Division!

The words of Jesus in today's gospel are confrontational and adversarial in tone. By announcing his purpose on earth in terms of *fire*, *baptism*, and *division*, Jesus made it clear that those who would follow him would, by their decision, become vulnerable to the same suffering that he would bear for the salvation of sinners. Baptism, in this particular context, did not refer to the sacrament through which believers would be initiated into dying and rising of Jesus. Rather, baptism in this gospel refers to the suffering which Jesus would endure for the salvation of sinners.

From the outset and through his infancy narratives, Luke had presented Jesus and his mission in such terms. Recall the prophecy of Simeon: "Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be contradicted so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Lk 2:34-35). In other words, through Jesus, and hinging on their acceptance and/or rejection of him, mankind will become divided into believers who will share in his life and disbelievers who have chosen death. Moreover, an individual's acceptance of Jesus' words and works will set him/her at odds with those who reject him; even familial bonds are less binding than those formed by faith.

Until Jesus comes again to definitely and universally establish the Kingdom of God, the twin specters of fire and division will confront his followers.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – CDA Rosary & Meeting, 6 p.m., Family Room

TUES./THURS. – Quilting Group Meets

WED. – KC Meeting, Parish Hall

THURS. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral
emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 18 – Fallon Fojtik, Lindsey Kirkland,
Gussie Machalec, Angie Pilat, Mary Ann Wenske

Aug. 19 – Sharon Etlinger, Beatrice Krejci, Abigail Siegel,
Lily Simper

Aug. 20 – Scott Wenske

Aug. 21 – Paul Kocian, Joe Pilat

Aug. 22 – Doris Barta

Aug. 23 – Felipe Nieto, Charles Rother

August 24 – David Schoenfeld

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Aug. 19 – Betty & Clement Petras

Aug. 20 – Amy & Charles Greive

– Martha & Stephen Gold

– Diana & Harvey Kloesel

Aug. 21 – Congratulations Brittania & Wyatt Darilek
on your 15th Wedding Anniversary