KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ANGUISH
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DISCIPLES
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DIVISION
EARTH
ESTABLISH
FATHER
FIRE
HOUSEHOLD
PEACE
WISH

Catechizing Corner!

Jesus came to bring peace, but not the peace understood in human terms. Sometimes we want to focus on the positive side of Jesus' mission rather than on the hard message. It is unthinkable that following Christ may cause divisiveness and discord in our own families. However, God will not tamper with our freedom. People are free to choose to follow Christ or not to follow him. They will either be open to the light or they will not. All must decide; people are either with Jesus or they are not.

Throughout scripture fire had multiple layers of meaning. It was used as a metaphor for God and God's protection. It was a natural symbol of both anger and judgment and connoted testing and purification. Fire was the medium of the theophany with Moses (burning bush) and Israel in the desert (pillar of fire). Fire was used as a metaphor for God and God's intervention in human affairs. The use of fire in today's gospel is to assert that Jesus' mission is to purify the earth with fire.

The baptism Jesus spoke of was not the kind that incorporates Christians into the paschal mystery. Rather, Jesus' baptism in this instance is the horrifying ordeal he is about to endure for the sake of all people. It is a baptism of purification, suffering, and death. Only through such baptism will the Spirit be released as tongues of fire to emblazon the earth. Such a radical occurrence naturally will prompt controversy and discord. In the midst of the purifying fire, families stand before God and must choose.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C Paulist Press, 1998

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Luke 12:49-53

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Glossary

To **be baptized** means to be plunged completely into something. Jesus is referring to the suffering he will have to go through.

Anguish is terrible suffering and pain.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:
Choose one

Name a time when you may have risked your life to help someone, or at least did not take the easy road to help them.

What can you do to help someone who is sick or needs something.?

Closing Prayer

God,
may we love you in all things
and above all things
and reach the joy
you have prepared for us
beyond all our imagining. We ask
this in the name of our God, who is
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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