

A House Divided

One of the heaviest burdens people are forced to carry is the distress of “a house divided.” When Abraham Lincoln said “a house divided against itself cannot stand,” he was referring to the division within the country during the Civil War. We experience a similar, though not as lethal, separation when our two-party system of government engenders obstinate division—not merely acceptable political diversity. Perhaps the most heartbreaking example of a house divided is a family in which members are alienated from each other.

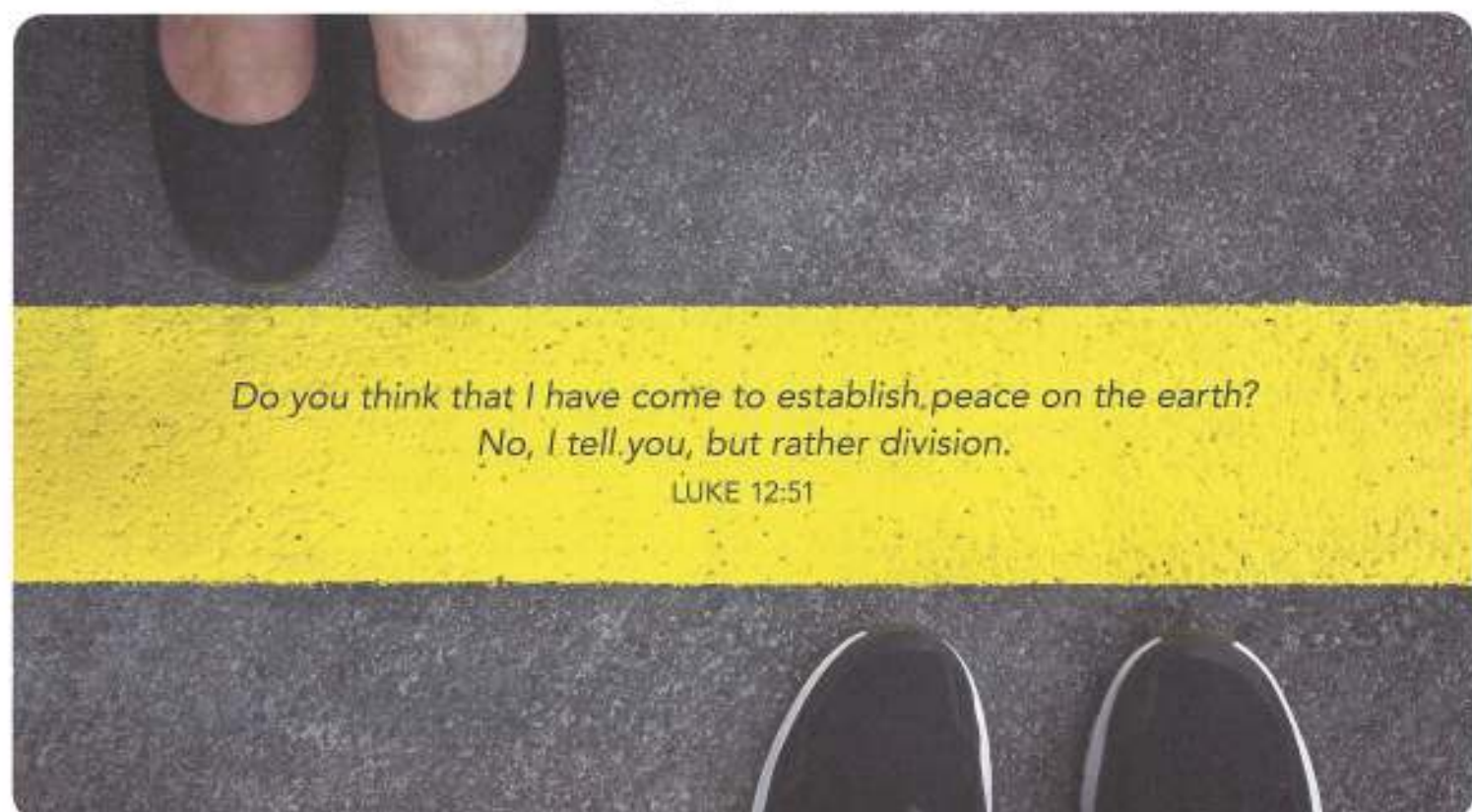
There are as many reasons for family division as there are families. Reasons include the betrayal of one member by another, inheritance disparity, parental favoritism, sibling rivalry, to name a few. One might think that those involved should be able to resolve such differences—after all, isn’t blood thicker than water? On the other hand, how are serious family rifts to be repaired if the reason for division is one’s faith or commitment to God? That is the situation that Jesus describes today.

We might wonder how faith in God can tear families apart. It often happens when someone leaves the religion of one’s family and converts to another tradition. This might be judged as a betrayal of the family’s values. This may be what many of Jesus’ Jewish followers faced when they claimed that Jesus fulfilled their religious expectations while other family members did not share their belief. That was a terrible price to have to pay for fidelity to their faith, but they paid it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

★ *What steps might you take to heal a family rift? What’s keeping you from taking them?*



*Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division.*

LUKE 12:51



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Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of August 15, 2022

Monday	8/15	8:00 am	STM (Assumption of BVM/Holy Day)	+ For the Parishioners
Tuesday	8/16	8:00 am	STM	+ Leonel Pommier
Wednesday	8/17	5:30 pm	HT (Rosary before mass)	+ Jerry Joiner
Thursday	8/18	9:00 am	HT	+ Clifford Sondgeroth
Friday	8/19	8:00 am	STM	+ Purgatorial Society

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions for the weekend of August 20-21, 2022

Saturday	8/20	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	+ Liz Olivero
Sunday	8/21	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Joyce Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St. Patrick	+ Dianne Smith
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	+ For the Parishioners



Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

On Aug. 15, Catholics around the world mark the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, commemorating the end of her earthly life and assumption into Heaven. The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary ended her earthly life, God assumed her, body and soul into heaven. While a site outside of Jerusalem was recognized as the tomb of Mary, the earliest Christians maintained that "no one was there". St. Juvenal, who was Bishop of Jerusalem told the emperor "that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven".

Four steps to sainthood

The path to sainthood is a long, thorough process that can take several years to complete. Here is a summary of the path to canonization.



Did you know that there are over 10,000 saints recognized by the Roman Catholic Church?
Can anyone become a saint?

Servant of God

Typically, a person is dead five years before being considered for sainthood. A bishop oversees an initial investigation and forms a tribunal. The tribunal interviews witnesses and the candidate undergoes examination by a panel of theologians. The results of the investigation are forwarded to the Vatican, which grants a *Nihil Obstat*, meaning nothing hinders, and the candidate is deemed a Servant of God.

Venerable

An advocate for the cause, called a Postulator, takes charge of the process and must prove that the candidate lived "heroic virtues." He examines documents and hears testimonies and delivers his findings to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican. Upon their approval, the candidate receives the title of Venerable.

Blessed

A canonical investigation is conducted to verify one miracle that can be attributed to the candidate's intercession. In most cases, miracles are miraculous cures. Alternatively, the Pope can make a declaration of martyrdom. After verification of a miracle or a declaration of martyrdom the candidate is beatified and called Blessed.

Saint

An investigation is conducted to verify a second miracle (or, in the case of a Martyr, a first miracle) that can be attributed to the intercession of the Blessed. The second miracle normally must occur after beatification. After verifying the miracle, the candidate is canonized and declared a Saint.

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

Remember in prayer, family and friends of

Harold "Mickey" Klein — Holy Trinity

Donna McDonald — Holy Trinity

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen



Again we are urgently seeking volunteer teachers and helpers. Otherwise if we continue to see a lack of interest among our members and parents, then the CCD program might have to be moved to another church. This will be a devastating thing that we don't want to happen to our churches.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND JULY 31ST

HT— \$1051.00

SP— \$808.00

STM— \$668.00

Please contact the church office whenever a member or yourself become sick, hospitalized or is in the nursing home. Fr. Thaddeus can visit. Also let us know if you would like a bulletin mailed.



Confessions

No confessions 8/20/22 due to a wedding.

The next confessions will be Sat, Aug. 27th 10:30-11:15 at St. Thomas More in the hall

Dear Padre,

A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?

The idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "when therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he *includes in it each person's free response to his grace*" (600; emphasis added).

The *Catechism* (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats, in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory...all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'....And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:31-46).

God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called *free will*. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus says, "I came to bring division." It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up....Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth, and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties.

ANGELUS, AUGUST 18, 2013

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday

AUGUST 16

Weekday

Ez 28:1-10
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

AUGUST 17

Weekday

Ez 34:1-11
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

AUGUST 18

Weekday

Ez 36:23-28
Mt 22:1-14

Friday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Ez 37:1-14
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 43:1-7ab
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

AUGUST 21

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30