



**Clement
Manor**

PASTORAL CARE

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RESOURCE PACKET

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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."

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

**You are welcome to join us in person
for any of our chapel services. If you
have family or friends visiting, you are
welcome to invite them to join you!**

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Spiritual Unity

“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.” Luke 12:51–53

Jesus introduces this passage by saying, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” The “fire” of which He speaks is His purifying fire of mercy that He poured forth from the Cross as He offered His life for the salvation of the world. His mercy is given to free us from our sins and to cleanse our souls so that God Himself can come to dwell within us. This is why we exist. God wants to dwell within us, and He wants us to be in perfect union with Him.

One of the glorious effects of uniting yourself to God is that this union also brings about a spiritual bond with others who are united to God. We are made for communion with God, but also for communion with each other. God especially invites family members to share in this unity. Though there are many levels of friendship and unity we can have with each other, the deepest bonds come from two souls each being united to God. For example, two people may both like the same sports team or have the same interests, resulting in a bond or form of friendship. This is good. But when each of those friends also is deeply united to God, the unity comes from God and not from something more superficial.

The challenging Gospel passage above reveals to us what happens when one or more members of a household fail to open themselves to the cleansing fire of God’s love and, therefore, fail to live in union with God. The result is disunity, at least on the deepest and truest level. God is not the cause of disunity; sin is. When one person is united to God and another is immersed in a life of sin, true spiritual unity is not possible. Of course the two might still share some common interests and might even superficially get along each day, but there will never be an experience of authentic spiritual friendship and communion if God is absent from one or both hearts.

When Jesus says that He has come to establish division within a household, He is simply pointing out that there will indeed be a division within a household when all are not united to God. Additionally, Jesus is warning us that if someone within our household tries to draw us into a life of sin with them, that person’s invitation must be rejected. And when that happens, that rejection is often experienced as a rejection of the person and results in even greater disunity. The bottom line is that it is not possible to be authentically united in sin or any form of lie.



Reflect, today, upon the deepest spiritual desire you have. If you are honest with yourself, you will discover that this deepest desire in your heart is the desire for love. We are made to give and receive love. First, this desire is fulfilled by opening ourselves to the love of God. When that happens, we will be able to share God's love with others and receive God's love from them. Nothing in life could be more fulfilling than this.

Most merciful Lord, You came to unite all people in Your love, but when Your love is rejected we live in disunity. Please come to me and dwell more fully within me so that Your presence in my life will not only bring about a spiritual communion with You, but also with those who share this same love. Jesus, I trust in You.

Join us on Clement Manor

Channel 3.1

Word & Communion Service
Monday & Tuesday—9:30am

Mass Wednesday—Friday &
Sunday 9:30am
Saturday — 4:00pm

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September 11, 2025

Mass with Archbishop Jeffrey Grob

9:30am

There will be a reception in the
North Star Dining Room following the Mass

If you have any personal intentions you would like to add they will be added to our list, contact Tom 546-7980 or tbrefka@clementmanor.org:

Weekly Prayer Intentions:

- **For those residents who are sick:** May they feel the healing presence of God
- **For the Church:** That we may hunger for the living Bread from heaven and be strengthened to share Christ's love with the world.
- **For leaders of nations:** That they may promote justice, peace, and dignity for all people.
- **For those who are hungry in body and spirit:** That they may be nourished through the generosity and compassion of others.
- **For the Clement Manor Community:** That the Eucharist we receive may transform our lives and deepen our unity in Christ.
- **For those discerning a vocation:** That God will guide them in the decision and help give them strength and courage.



Summertime

**May you walk with God
This summer**

**In whatever you do
Wherever you go**

Walking with God means...

Walking with honesty

And with courage,

Walking with love

And respect

And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God

This summer

And every day and

In every situation

Talking with God means...

Praying words of praise

For the beauty of creation

Saying prayers of thanks

For friends and good times,

Asking God's help

In all your decisions

Expressing sorrow

When you have failed

May you talk with God

Every day. Amen.



Prayer for the Children

As they start school for the first time - give them joy in new experiences

As they move to new classes - give them confidence in growing friendships

As they move to new schools - give them strength in their growing independence

As they move on to college or university - give them wisdom in their maturity

And for all the teachers, assistants, helpers, carers and volunteers who teach and nurture our children and young people, we ask for your blessing, your joy, your wisdom and your patience as they re-charge their batteries over the summer break, ready for the new term!



Changed by the Eucharist

My Eucharistic Lord, I do believe; help my unbelief. I thank You for the very gift of Yourself, given to me in the reception of Holy Communion. Please continue to teach me about this Gift, dear Lord. Open my mind to understand so that I will always come forward to receive with the utmost faith, love and hope. Jesus, I trust in You.

AMEN

A Prayer For Teachers

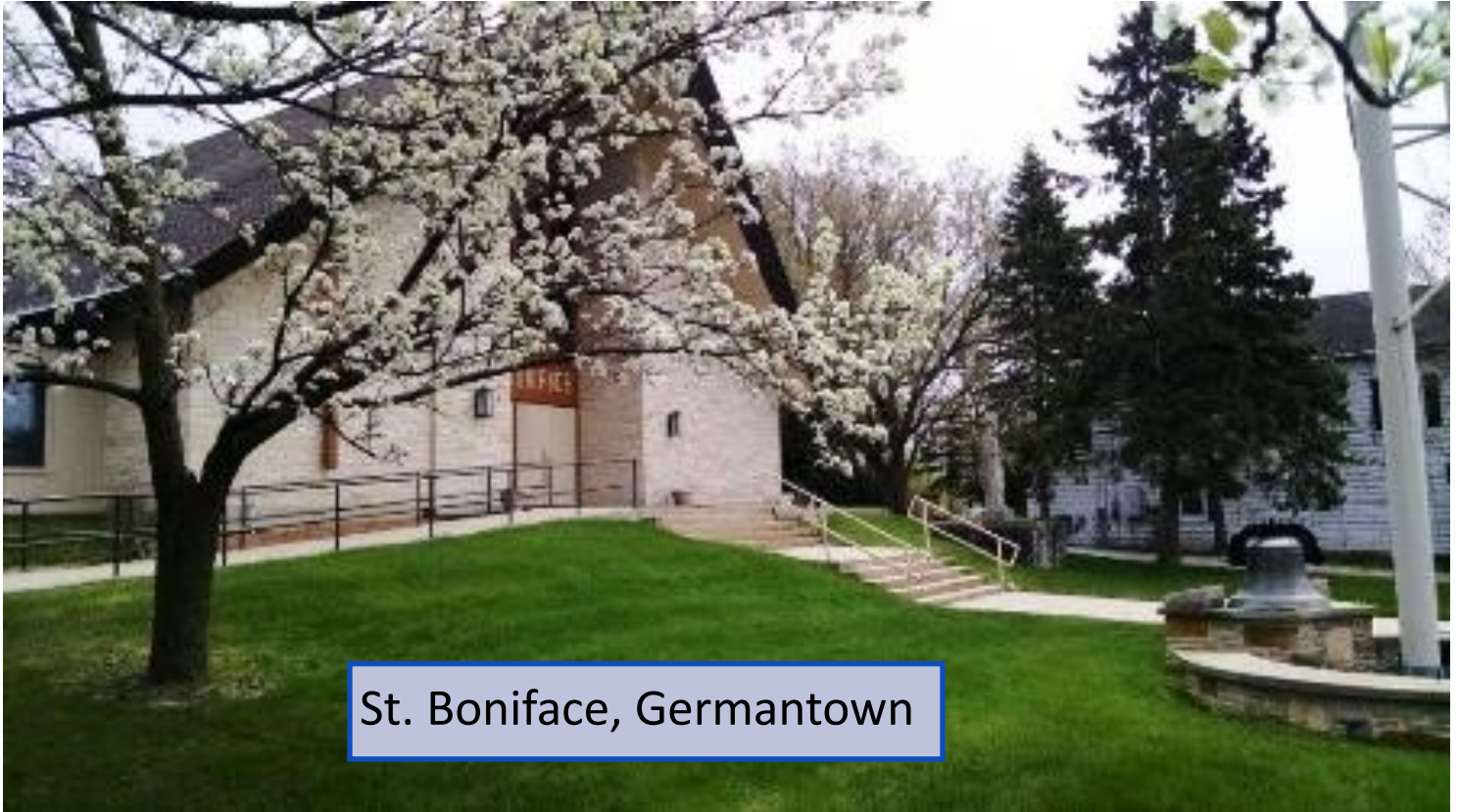
Teachers have a great responsibility, and they need our prayers, too. Remember to pray for those who instruct your children! If you are a homeschooling mom, you can pray this prayer for yourself and for the other homeschooling moms that you know.

“Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us in your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that we may follow Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, forever and ever.”

Holy Father's Monthly Intention August 2025

Monthly Intention: 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.



Loving and Merciful God,

You have created all people in Your image and called us to live as brothers and sisters. We pray for communities and nations where living together in peace is difficult. Remove from our hearts the seeds of division, prejudice, and hatred. Replace them with compassion, patience, and respect for one another's dignity. Grant wisdom to leaders and courage to peacemakers, that dialogue may triumph over confrontation and reconciliation over violence. Help us see in every person a reflection of Your love, regardless of ethnicity, politics, religion, or ideology. May Your Holy Spirit guide us to build bridges, heal wounds, and create a world where mutual coexistence flourishes in justice and harmony. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

August 20 Saint Bernard

Holy and Triune God,

You inspire and support the common life.

Generously, You gave Saint Bernard many talents: leader, preacher, peacemaker.

Grant us the grace to share one of our talents today.

Open our hearts to Your Spirit of Love, through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Saint Bernard, PRAY FOR US.

August 21 St. Pius X

Glorious Pope of the Eucharist, Saint Pius X, you sought "to restore all things in Christ."

Obtain for me a true love of Jesus so that I may live only for Him. Help me to acquire a lively fervor and a sincere will to strive for sanctity of life, and that I may avail myself of the riches of the Holy Eucharist in sacrifice and sacrament. By your love for Mary, mother and queen of all, inflame my heart with tender devotion to her.

Blessed model of the priesthood, obtain for us holy, dedicated priests, and increase vocations to the religious life. Dispel confusion and hatred and anxiety, and incline our hearts to peace and concord. so that all nations will place themselves under the sweet reign of Christ. Amen.

Saint Pius X, PRAY FOR US.

August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness. O thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen.

Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign! Amen

Mary Immaculate Queen, PRAY FOR US.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Daily Reading for

Sunday August 17, 2025

Reading 1, Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Gospel, Luke 12:49-53

Reading 2, Hebrews 12:1-4



Daily Reading for

Monday August 18, 2025

Reading 1, Judges 2:11-19

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43, 44

Gospel, Matthew 19:16-22

Daily Reading for

Friday August 22, 2025

Reading 1, Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 146:5-6, 7, 8-9, 9-10

Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40

Daily Reading for

Tuesday August 19, 2025

Reading 1, Judges 6:11-24

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 85:9, 11-12, 13-14

Gospel, Matthew 19:23-30

Daily Reading for

Saturday August 23, 2025

Reading 1, Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4, 5

Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12

Daily Reading for

Wednesday August 20, 2025

Reading 1, Judges 9:6-15

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16

Daily Reading for

Sunday August 24, 2025

Reading 1, Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 117:1, 2

Gospel, Luke 13:22-30

Reading 2, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Daily Reading for

Thursday August 21, 2025

Reading 1, Judges 11:29-39

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 40:5, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Gospel, Matthew 22:1-14



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