

Sunday, August 14, 2022
The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
- 2) Hebrews 12:1-4
- 3) Luke 12:49-53

FOCUS: Persevere in running the race.

Faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus will face opposition for living the truth and values of God's kingdom. When confronted, we must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and persevere in running the race.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Jeremiah is thrown into a cistern and left to die. He is then rescued by a court official. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages the community to persevere in running the race, keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself faced persecution. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he has come not to bring peace but division.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Confident in God's providence, we place before him these needs and concerns.

- 1) For all who are in leadership in the Church, may God guide them in courageously living in accord with the teachings and example of Jesus, even in the face of opposition, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those who lead our nation, state, and local communities, may God give them a spirit of humility and generosity in leadership, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who face persecution for any reason, may God's love strengthen them and help them find support in God's people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in our local community who face hunger, unemployment, poverty, or discrimination, may God look graciously upon their every need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died marked with the sign of faith, may they soon rest in God's loving embrace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty and merciful Father, look kindly upon these petitions we bring before you today. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus, who is Christ the Lord.