

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

– Luke 12:49

**XX Sunday of the Ordinary Time – August 17, 2025**

**St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Lakeport  
& St. Peter Mission , Kelseyville**

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Monday—Thursday / Lunes —Jueves:  
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**Mass Schedules:**

**St. Mary Immaculate Church, Lakeport**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (English)  
Sunday 10:30 am (English) & 12:00 pm (Spanish)  
Wed, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am (English)

**St. Peter Mission , Kelseyville**

4085 Main St. Kelseyville, 95451

(Mail and telephone to St Mary’s office)

**Mass Schedule:** Sunday & Tuesday at 9:00 am (English)

**Reconciliation / Confesiones:**

Saturday/Sabado 4:15 pm & by appointment/con cita

**Parish Registration:** If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please fill out the form below and return it during the offertory collection or mail it to the parish office.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

In today's Gospel (Luke 12:49-53), Jesus says: *"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"* In California, we know the danger and destruction that wildfires bring. Every summer, our skies fill with smoke, homes are threatened, and families are forced to flee. We pray for all firefighters, families, and communities affected by these fires.

But the "fire" Jesus speaks of is not one that destroys—it is the fire of God's Spirit that purifies, gives light, and brings warmth to hearts. Just as firefighters work to control and direct fire for good purposes—like clearing away what is harmful—so Jesus wants to set our hearts ablaze in a way that clears away sin, selfishness, and fear, and makes room for love, truth, and mercy.

Like the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10), speaking God's truth may lead to rejection or suffering. In today's world, we see this when people stand up for justice, protect the poor, defend human dignity, or speak against lies. And just as wildfires spread quickly, the fire of God's love—when we live it boldly—can spread through families, neighborhoods, and communities, bringing light to a darkened world.

The Letter to the Hebrews (Heb 12:1-4) reminds us to "run with perseverance" and to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, even when life is difficult. In our society—filled with division, dishonesty, and even hatred—Jesus calls us to be people of light, courage, and compassion.

**Today's challenge:** Let the fire of Christ burn in you. Be a source of warmth in a cold world, a light in dark times, and a voice for truth even when it is unpopular.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, in the midst of the wildfires that threaten our state, we pray for safety and protection for all. Set our hearts ablaze with Your love, that we may bring light, hope, and courage to our world.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 + **Julie Sullivan**

Sunday 9:00 am + **Eleuterio Perez**

### Pre-Baptismal Class

Pre-baptismal instruction class will be held on Thursday, September 4th at 6:00 PM in St. Mary's Parish Hall. For more information, contact the office (707) 263-4401.

### Attention!!!!

Do you know of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive communion? Please contact Carol Dvorak @ (707) 489-9425

### Weekly Collections:

#### August 9 & 10 2025

First Collection \$3,403

Second Collection (PR) \$4,973

**The Second Collection, this Weekend is for parish and parish hall reparations.**

### Support Christian families in Holy Land

On the weekend of **August 23 & 24**, *Piece of Peace Ministries* will be offering beautiful, **handcrafted olive wood carvings** made by Christian artisans in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus.

Because of the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land, Many Christian families have lost their main source of income. Buying these carvings will bring direct help to these families and strengthen the Christian witness in this sacred place.

### Mission Appeal – Diocese of Kumasi, Ghana

On the weekend of **August 30–31**, we will welcome **Fr. Augustine Owusu** for a Mission Appeal to support the **Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana**.

The Archdiocese serves people through building rural health clinics, caring for street children, and providing clean drinking water by constructing wells—especially in schools and rural areas where water is far away. They also build schools, provide education for young people, and train catechists to share the Gospel. Your prayers and generous support will help bring health, education, and spiritual growth to many in need.

### Religious Education Program 25-26

Our Religious Education program prepares our children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation with weekly classes beginning September 9 for FHC and September 10 for Confirmation. This is a two-year preparation program. Regular attendance at scheduled classes, as well as Sunday Mass, are essential for the spiritual formation of each child

All families participating in the Religious Education Program at ST. Mary Immaculate must be active, registered members of our parish family. An active member attends Mass regularly.

Do you have any questions regarding these requirements? Please call our office at 707 263-4401 and someone will be happy to help you!

### Prayers:

For all the people who are suffering from an illness, especially for: Alex, Chris Pokorny, Tom Kalk, Sally Ann Thomas, Lily Toledo, Edmore Toledo and Mary E. Sachse

### Passion Play Fundraiser

Enchanting Evening under the pines! Passion Play Fundraiser.-Saturday September 13th, at 4PM Hosted by Pat and Lisa Lambert 10650 Gifford Springs Rd Cobb Ca Live Music by Fogg, Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert and Dancing! Live and Silent Auctions! \$80 Single ticket or \$600 table of 8. Tickets available after mass or Call Lisa Lambert 707-245-7281 or Maryann Sanderson 707-489-8820 Please support the Lake County Passion Play! You can purchase tickets at the end of each weekend's Mass.

### Spiritual Retreat for Men - FAITH IS FAITH

- Saturday, August 30, 2025
  - 9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall, Cotati, CA
- An opportunity to renew your faith and learn to trust God, especially when the path seems uncertain. All men are invited to live this day of encounter, prayer and reflection!  
For more information: [pastor@sjcotati.org](mailto:pastor@sjcotati.org) or (707)-795-4807 ext. 113

### A Prayer to Bless Our Children as They Begin a New School Year

Dear Parents and Grandparents,  
As your children embark on this new school year, let us lift them up in faith and call down God's protection, guidance, and blessings upon them.  
Heavenly Father, Almighty and Ever-Loving God, We entrust our beloved children into Your hands as they begin this new school year.  
We ask You to anoint their minds with wisdom, Their hearts with courage,  
And their spirits with joy and wonder.  
May Your Holy Spirit guide them in every lesson they learn,  
Every friendship they form, and every choice they make.  
Guard them from harm, protect them from discouragement, and surround them with Your angels.  
Lord Jesus, be their teacher, their friend, and their guide.  
May they grow not only in knowledge, but in faith, virtue, and love for You.  
We, their parents and grandparents, lay our hands upon them now,  
Blessing them in Your mighty Name.  
May they shine with Your light, walk in Your truth, and bear the fruits of Your Spirit wherever they go.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

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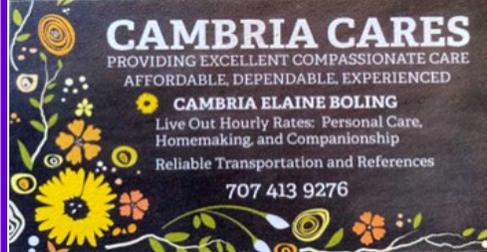
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