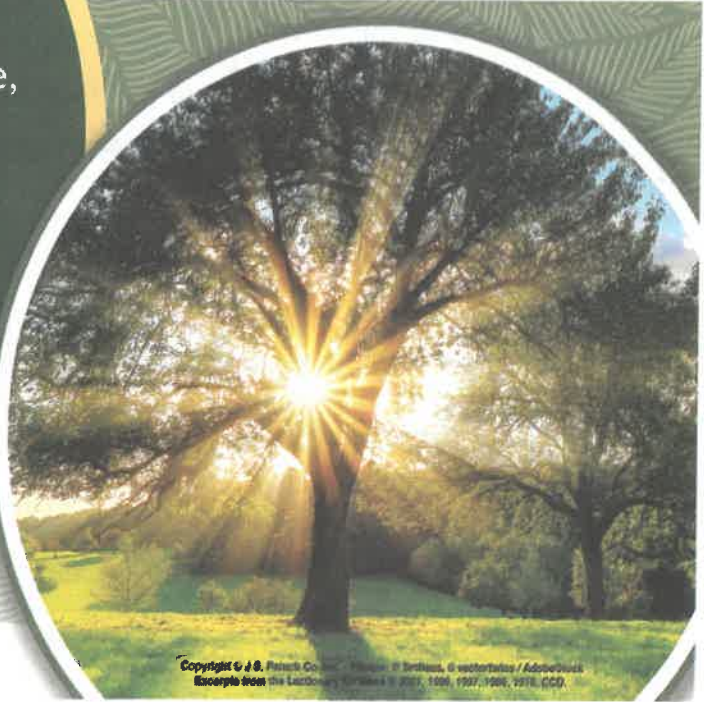


Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the
withered tree bloom.
As I, the Lord,
have spoken,
so will I do.

Ezekiel 17:24



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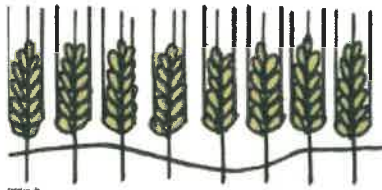
June 13, 2021

Today's scriptures connect the towering cedars of Lebanon from the prophet Ezekiel to the mustard plant of the famous parable of Jesus. Both plants represent the Kingdom of God. Both are also to be understood as symbols of the Church, where "birds of every kind shall dwell" (Ezekiel 17:23) and shelter in the cedar's branches, and the shade of the mustard plant's large branches provides dwelling for the "birds of the sky." Even today's psalm tells of the just one who is

like a cedar flourishing in the house of the Lord.

Now, the Church is not the Kingdom, but rather a sacrament, a visible sign of it. They co-exist in the here-and-now but also in the "not yet." As Paul reminds us, we must constantly work to continue building and growing the Kingdom by everyday good works of "the just one." So we are all birds and just ones.

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11th SUNDAY IN
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JUNE 13, 2021

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 12, 2021- 5:45 pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, June 13, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Craig Cieply req. by Carmen & Jerry Kinsella

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday NO MASS

Friday, June 18, 2021 - 10:45 am - Adoration until 10:45am

Saturday, June 19, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, June 20, 2021 – 9:00 am

+William & Martha Albrecht req. by Marge Flint

DATE	LECTOR	USHER/GREETER
SATURDAY, June 19 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	Roberta Stauffenberg & Howard Bieschke
SUNDAY, June 20 - 9:00am	Grace Niemiec	Dan & Tricia Knowles

COUNTERS FOR JUNE 20, 2021 – Mooi

PLEASE HELP

We need volunteers for Usher/Greeter at the weekend Masses

Please contact Roberta Stauffenberg at 815-592-8774

ALSO

Volunteers for Lector are needed – Contact Linda at 815-546-4715

THANK YOU

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, the weekly
Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, June 6, 2021.....\$1,771.50

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in
your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving.

To enroll in Online giving, please go to our website:
www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and follow the online
giving link. *Thank you*



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal

*Thank you for pledging a gift to the CMAA! Monthly pledge payments should be made
in the next few days. It is important these pledges be paid, so our parish will reach our
goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal
will be returned to our parish for our needs.*

Parish Goal:	\$ 9,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,070.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 8,810.00
Balance Due:	\$ 260.00

Thank you for your generous response.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
TO HELP WITH
ST. PATRICK CEMETERY
No grass cutting involved
PLEASE CONTACT
PARISH OFFICE IF INTERESTED



Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
SPECIAL INTENTION
Of
Dan & Lynne Phelan

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone has resumed
service to walk in clients the third Thursday of any month from 10am to 3pm.
Face masks are required. For information on specific services, please leave your
name and phone number at 708-258-6917 then press 5.



Father's Day Collection for Diocesan Infirm and Elderly Priests

*"The heart of Christ's priests knows only two directions: the Lord and His people."
-- Pope Francis, Jubilee of Mercy for Priests, June 3, 2016*

These words of Pope Francis strike a chord as we approach the Father's Day Collection for Diocesan Infirm and Elderly Priests on June 19-20 in parishes throughout the diocese. This annual collection helps meet the needs of our elderly, infirm and retired diocesan priests, especially those who have extraordinary medical expenses beyond what insurance can cover.

"It helps out with unusual expenses that a priest might encounter, like a huge dental bill or a hearing aid," said Father John Balluff, episcopal vicar for clergy for the diocese.

This second collection also helps to pay for repairs at the St. John Vianney Villa Priest Retirement Home in Naperville, an assisted living facility for retired priests. But we all know that few priests really retire, as they often fill in for a pastor who becomes sick or goes on sabbatical. They also celebrate daily and weekend Masses, hear confessions, perform funerals, celebrate weddings and anoint the sick.

Let's give generously to this second collection on Father's Day weekend:
<https://www.givecentral.org/scfd21>

Your donation to this special collection can be dropped in the offertory box next weekend.

Phase 5 COVID-19 Protocols

The state of Illinois is expected to enter Phase 5 on Friday, June 11, which means that all sectors of society will fully reopen. The diocese of Joliet will follow Illinois public health guidelines and offers the following details for all church services effective June 11, assuming the state does enter Phase 5.

If the state does not enter Phase 5, we will continue with the previously issued "Bridge Phase" protocols.

In accordance with current CDC guidance, fully vaccinated individuals can participate in indoor and outdoor activities. Large or small, without wearing a mask or physical distancing. ("Fully vaccinated" refers to people who are two weeks past their last required COVID-19 vaccine dose.) Individuals who have not been vaccinated should continue to wear masks.

- Fully vaccinated priests, Deacons, and Eucharistic ministers are no longer required to wear masks and face shields
- Hand sanitizer is available, but not required for entering/exiting the church and/or at the reception of Holy Communion
- Church is required to be sanitized only once a day.
- Holy Water fonts will remain empty. However, mechanically filtered and chlorinated baptismal fonts can be used.
- We will continue to refrain from offering the chalice at Communion for the time being.
- Communion on the hand is still preferred. Communion on the tongue is allowed, father will sanitize his hands after each person who received on the tongue.
- Paper worship aids, are allowed for display and use.
- We will keep our present system of depositing your donation in the container as you enter the church.

SUNDAY MASS WILL NO LONGER BE LIVE STREAMED. WITH THE NEW PROTOCOLS IN PLACE THERE IS SPACE AVAILABLE. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US IN PERSON. WE'VE MISSED YOU!

FEAST OF FAITH - The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that "the altar is Christ" (Dedication of an Altar, 4). The altar is a table "on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes"; but it is also the place for a festive meal: "a table at which the Church's children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ" (Dedication of an Altar, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for "body") over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the Sacramentary or Roman Missal, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

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"Flag Day is a celebration of the American flag that occurs each year on the anniversary of the flag's official adoption, June 14," according to the Old Farmer's Almanac article "Flag Day 2021: What Is Flag Day?" When the Declaration of Independence was adopted during the American Revolution the founders thought a national flag was necessary because each colony "had its own flag," according to the same

article. Then on June 14th the Continental Congress issued a resolution that states "The flag of the United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field ..." However, an official announcement about the country's flag was not made until Sept. 3, 1777.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan,
Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim
Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp;
Cathy Engler; Don Smith; Steve Niemiec;
Mike Phelan

**Please call the office to be included on
the new list. Thank You.**

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF JUNE**

- Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
They that are planted
In the house of the LORD
Shall flourish in the courts
Of our GOD
-Psalm 92:14

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JUNE 13, 2021**



Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps
34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133,
135; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-
19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 – 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab,
10-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6;
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;
2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Monday: Flag Day
Saturday: St. Romuald;
Blessed Virgin Mary





“LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD . . .”

The Gospel of Mark is nothing if not a testament to the power of parables to illustrate the Good News through story. Jesus was a master storyteller who understood the importance of using images and concepts to which his listeners could relate. A seed, a mustard plant, would symbolize one of Mark’s signature focuses: the Kingdom of God.

Centuries earlier, the prophet Ezekiel proclaimed most poetically to the Israelites, recently liberated from Babylonian captivity, that their God was still their hope, their comfort, their rescue, and their shelter. Those refugees would understand the image of the towering cedar as a symbol of their kingdom, cut down, fallen, captured. By restoring their kingdom, their God was giving them a new creation (the replanted shoot) and a new covenant.

THY KINGDOM COME . . .

Ezekiel said that God would tear off “a tender shoot” (17:22) for this replanting. What does this sound like? Why, Advent, of course, and specifically the words of the prophet Isaiah: “A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom” (Isaiah 11:1); and again in Isaiah’s Messianic texts we hear: “He grew up before us like a tender shoot” (53:2). Jesse was the father of the great king David and, as we know, Jesus came to be that tender shoot, that blossom, the new Davidic King whose throne, the cross, was once a tree.

God’s incarnation in Jesus, born fully human, is the fulfillment of the promise to Ezekiel of the renewed and restored cedar, the new Kingdom. That new creation and covenant exists for us in the Church, through the Holy Spirit making the seed planted within us grow, flourish, and spread. Thus we have the faith and courage to be that visible sign of the Kingdom bringing hope and renewal to the world. We must live Kingdom lives before we can convince others to do so.

Today’s Readings: Ez 17:22–24; Ps 92:2–3, 13–14, 15–16; 2 Cor 5:6–10; Mk 4:26–34

6/13/2021