

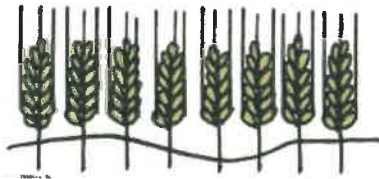


June 17, 2018 • Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Very few of us have ever seen an actual mustard seed or held one between our fingers. Yet Jesus' parable of the mustard seed captivates us today as we imagine an unlikely, tiny seed bursting into fullness. Today's readings are full of unlikely, unexpected fullness. The prophet Ezekiel praises the Lord who lowers the tallest trees and raises up the small ones, even making "the withered tree bloom." Believing in this transforma-

tional power of God, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians to live courageously; one day, the Lord will accept our fragile, earthly bodies and welcome us home to eternal health and strength in heaven. At some time or another, we have all felt small, outnumbered, discouraged, incomplete, friendless, or unsatisfied. Today's readings promise that God embraces our smallness and transforms us, little by little.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 17, 2018

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 16, 2018
5:00 pm †Jerry Robbins req. by Mary & Jim Baskerville

Sunday, June 17, 2018
9:00 am †William & Martha Albrecht req. by Marge Flint /
Fathers of St. Patrick

Monday, June 18, 2018
9:00 am †Robert & Gloria Oliver req. by The Stauffenberg Family

Tuesday, June 19, 2018—NO MASS
6:00 pm Adoration until 9 pm

Wednesday, June 20, 2018—NO MASS

Thursday, June 21, 2018
9:00 am †Judy O'Connor req. by Linda Cakora

Friday, June 22, 2018—NO MASS
9:00 am Adoration until 11 am

Saturday, June 23, 2018
5:00 pm †Elane Nowak req. by Pat Latham

Sunday, June 24, 2018
9:00 am †Jerry Robbins req. by Paul & Cathy Engler /
The Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, June 23 - 5:00 pm
Brent Bieschke, Nick Phelps

Sunday, June 24 - 9:00 am
Bridget & Kylee Knowles

Lector

Saturday, June 23 - 5:00 pm
Jerry Kinsella

Sunday, June 24 - 9:00 am
Lisa Price

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, June 23 - 5:00 pm
Jerry & Carmen Kinsella

Sunday, June 24 - 9:00 am
Josh Kreske

Usher:

Saturday, June 23 - 5:00 pm
Mark Tillitson, Howard Bieschke

Sunday, June 24 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle, volunteer

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Hoehn & Cakora

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, June 10 \$2,058.01

Thank you for your support of our Parish

***Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,940.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 7,721.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 0



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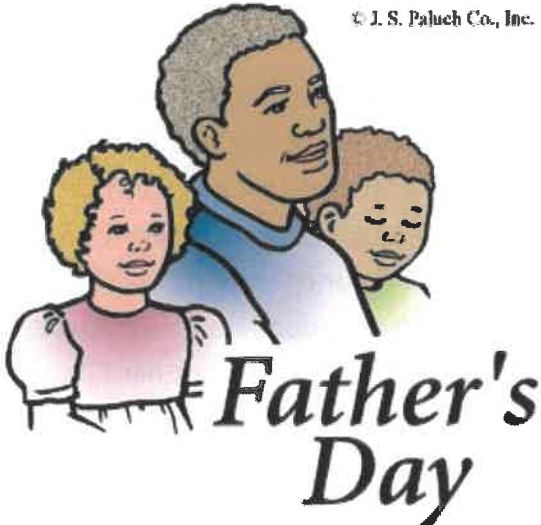
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THE MASTER STORYTELLER

In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow.

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They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

--Psalm 92:14

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR



The Council of Catholic Women has again been asked to help with the Catholic Charities Back to School Fair. We have been asked to focus on dry markers &/ or hand sanitizer, but they will of course accept any school supplies. Also requested are new or like new books appropriate for children from pre school through 12th grade. Cash donations are accepted and appreciated. Please make checks out to Catholic Charities,

Back to School Fair. Please have donations in church by July 22. Thank you for your continuous support.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, Father's Day is celebrated on June 17. There will be a special collection taken at Masses on June 16-17 to care for our infirmed and senior priests. The **Fund for Diocesan Infirm and Elderly Priests** is a special way for the people of the Diocese of Joliet to express their concern for the welfare of those who have dedicated their lives in service to our pastoral care.

The money in this fund goes toward priests who need help with extraordinary medical expenses or suffer a catastrophic illness. It also provides for the care of the St. John Vianney Villa, home to several senior priests in the Diocese of Joliet.

Prayerfully consider making a donation to help our aged and sick priests as an expression of appreciation for all they have done in exemplifying Christ's mercy, through their spiritual guidance and celebration of the sacraments.

On behalf of all the active and senior priests of the diocese, I am grateful for your prayers and for your generous support of the Father's Day Collection for our aged and infirm diocesan priests. Please be assured of my prayers for you.



Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

2nd Semester
Honor Roll
Providence High School
Joseph Nugent
Congratulations



Our Two Week
Candle is burning for
Barb Flatt
Req. by
Deacon Milt &
Juliet Leppert

Catholic Charities Desperately Needs an Angel. Please Help Today.

Thousands of local families are in crisis right now and need your help. Mothers of young children are on the verge of homelessness. Seniors don't know how they will afford critical prescription medication. Veterans are struggling with mental health concerns and seek support. These scenarios are reality for so many individuals who reach out to Catholic Charities for help.

We are in danger of not reaching our donation goal and we desperately need your help. **Please donate today so that we can help as many people as possible.**

Catholic Charities has a very special angel who will match your donations (up to \$50,000). What a great opportunity to double your gift and your impact on the poor and vulnerable.

Please send in a donation TODAY. Make checks payable to:

Catholic Charities Angel Fund

16555 Weber Rd.

Crest Hill, IL 60403

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath, Father Roger; Sister Anne Ellen Quirk; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright; Frank Wahlen; Cecelia Mundt; Don Tures; Ron Wagner; Kyle Cassidy; Derek Knauer

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JUNE

- That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK June 17, 2018



Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

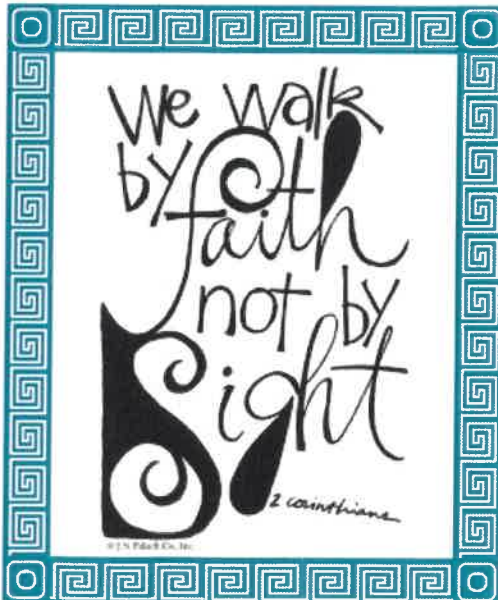
Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Tuesday: St. Romuald

Thursday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins

Friday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary





ONCE UPON A TIME

Let me tell you a story. . . That sentence enchants us. We feel our bodies relax and our anticipation grow. *Let me tell you a story*, Jesus seems to say, as he searches for vivid images that will help us love the mysterious reality of God's kingdom. The kingdom of God, Jesus explains, is like a seed growing. The person who planted the seed doesn't have a clue how it achieves its fullness. Modern time-lapse photography can record the second-by-second development of a seed into a plant, but Jesus' contemporary audience had never seen such pictures. To Jesus' listeners, a seed's growth—imperceptible yet unmistakable—seemed miraculous. Jesus taps into the knowledge and wonder of his audience to help them have an experience of what he wants to convey: although we cannot always see or prove it, God works for us in all times and places. God's kingdom is everywhere, and there is nowhere that God does not guide our growth.

GROWTH POTENTIAL

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells many parables to help explain the kingdom of God. Both of today's parables from Mark's Gospel involve seeds, strangely enough. Seeds really are a bizarre emblem for a kingdom. Can you imagine a mighty kingdom whose royal banners boast a picture of a tiny seed? Jesus doubles down on the image, however, inviting us to picture first a seed of grain, and then a mustard seed. Jesus longs for us to understand that God's kingdom is full of unexpected strength. A withered tree blooms, a virgin bears a son, a dead man bursts out of his tomb. Our scriptures are a long catalog of unlikely victories. We walk by faith, as Saint Paul says, and not by sight—we must believe that God transforms all weakness into strength, all death into life. We may prefer swift, demonstrable victories in our lives, but God's style often resembles the gentle way of seeds.

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

6/17/2018