

# SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christi simus, non nostri  
*We belong to Christ, not ourselves.*

## ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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### Office Hours

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

Daily Mass: Wednesdays 9:00AM

*Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass*

### Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: By Appointment

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

*The church may be opened upon request*

*during office hours for private prayer.*

### St. Vincent De Paul

*Providing emergency assistance for those in need.*

**Help Line:** 360-458-1904

Please leave your name, phone number, and details of your need.

## ST. PETER MISSION

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### Office Hours

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### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM

*Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass*

### Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

First Friday Devotions: 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: Following First

Friday Devotions or by appointment

*We are a Catholic faith community that seeks to place God first, to know Him, and to grow in holiness together. We strive to live the Gospel through the Eucharist, in our teaching and way of life.*



*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower  
All who come to him will live forever*

## June 13, 2021

### *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Today's Readings

**Entrance Antiphon:** *O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Savior!*

**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 17: 22-24

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

**2nd Reading :** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

**Communion Antiphon:** *There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

### MASS RESERVATIONS

In obedience to the COVID Safety Guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed with the following safety measures in place.

- ◆ Masks will be required. Those with a medical exemption will be seated according to Archdiocesan guidelines.
- ◆ Attendance is limited according to the most current guidelines.
- ◆ The cry room at St. Columban is limited to one family per Mass and will be reserved on a first come-first served basis.

**Reservations at St. Columban:** call the parish office at 360-458-3031 ext. 5

**Reservations at St. Peter:** call the mission office at 360-264-2124

If you are unable to call during office hours, please leave your name, phone number, and how many will be in your party and we will call you back to confirm your reservation.

**Please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation**

### Important Things to Remember

- ◆ **Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass.** You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher. Seating is first come, first –served.
- ◆ Please do not sing along with the Cantor in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.



*Let me not only be called a Christian, but prove to be one*

You have never begrudged the martyrs their triumph but rather trained them for it. And so I am asking you to be consistent with the lessons you teach them. Just beg for me the courage and endurance not only to speak but also to will what is right, so that I may not only be called a Christian, but prove to be one. For if I prove myself to be a Christian by martyrdom, then people will call me one, and my loyalty to Christ will be apparent when the world sees me no more. Nothing you can see is truly good. For our Lord Jesus Christ, now that he has returned to his Father, has revealed himself more clearly. Our task is not one of producing persuasive propaganda; Christianity shows its greatness when it is hated by the world.

I am writing to all the churches to declare to them all that I am glad to die for God, provided you do not hinder me. I beg you not to show me a misplaced kindness. Let me be the food of beasts that I may come to God. I am his wheat, and I shall be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may become Christ's pure bread.

I would rather that you coaxed the beasts to become my tomb and to leave no scrap of me behind; then when I have died I will be a burden to no one. I shall be a true disciple of Christ when the world no longer sees my body. Pray to Christ for me that by these means I may become a sacrifice to God. I do not give you orders like Peter and Paul. They were apostles, I am a condemned criminal; they were free, I am still a slave. But if I suffer, I shall become the freedman of Jesus Christ and I shall rise again to freedom in him.

Now as a prisoner I am learning to give up my own wishes. All the way from Syria to Rome I am fighting wild beasts, by land and by sea, by day and by night, chained as I am to ten leopards, I mean the detachment of soldiers who guard me; the better you treat them, the worse they become. I am more and more trained in discipleship by their ill usage of me, *but I am not therefore justified*. How happy I will be with the beasts which are prepared for me! I hope that they will make short work of me. I shall even coax them to devour me quickly and not to be afraid of touching me, as sometimes happens; in fact, if they hold back, I shall force them to it. Bear with me, for I know what is good for me. Now I am beginning to be a disciple. May nothing visible or invisible rob me of my prize, which is Jesus Christ! The fire, the cross, packs of wild beasts, lacerations, rendings, wrenching of bones, mangling of limbs, crushing of the whole body, the horrible tortures of the devil—let all these things come upon me, if only I may gain Jesus Christ!

## Financial Stewardship

### Weekly Offering

	St. Columban	St. Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
May 30	\$1,773	\$453

### Called To Serve As Christ Campaign

*As of: May 24, 2021*

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307,368  
Total Pledged: \$114,549 37% of Goal  
Number of Families Participating: 49

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327  
Total Pledged: \$26,897 50% of Goal  
Number of Families Participating: 17



**Goal for St. Columban: \$25,692**

Total Pledged as of June 3, 2021  
\$22,662 90% of Goal

**Goal for St. Peter: \$ 3,984**

Total Pledged as of June 3, 2021  
\$6,616 166% of Goal

*Thank you to all who have returned your pledges!*

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## Faith Formation



RCIA will resume in the fall for all inquirers. Registration remains open until classes resume. Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Faith Formation office for additional information.

### Faith Formation: Grades K-12

Faith Formation classes have ended for the 2021-2022 school year and will resume in September. All current students will be automatically enrolled in the next grade.

Registration remains open for the summer.

Please contact Katie in the Faith Formation office for enrollment or more information.

### Saint of the Week



#### *Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Celebrated on June 12th to commemorate the joys and sorrows of the Mother of God, her virtues and perfections, her love for God and her Divine Son and her compassionate love for mankind.

### FORMED For Kids

*Keeping Your Kids Connected to the Faith*

#### The Eucharist for Little Children



### In Our Prayers

*Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands:* Joseph Waters, Jess & Jessica Nash, Maria Luisa Fregoso, Paul Hennigan, Pam Henslee, Teresa Gonzales, Mary Taylor, Sarah Siegemund and all those in harm's way.

Pray for all those affected by COVID-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

Rest In Peace: Michael Ludders



### From the Chancery

Please visit the *Seattle Archdiocese website* for more information and to register for events. [archseattle.org](http://archseattle.org)

#### Ordinations to the Transitional Diaconate

These events are closed to the public. All are invited to join the livestream via the link listed below:

**Chad Hill: June 19—10:00AM** [www.saintcharlesb.org/mass-streaming](http://www.saintcharlesb.org/mass-streaming)

**Josh Nehnevaj: July 2—7:00PM** [www.ollparish.org](http://www.ollparish.org)

#### Ordinations to the Priesthood Saturday June 26th @ 10:00AM

The Archdiocese of Seattle joyfully announces the ordination to the Priesthood of **Deacons Michael Barbarossa, Val Park, and Kyle Poje!**

Although the Mass of Ordination will be closed to the public, we invite you to join us online on the Archdiocese of Seattle Vimeo and Facebook pages.

#### Pope Francis's Vision for the Post-Covid Church—June 20 @ 10:00AM

British papal biographer Austen Ivereigh outlines five ways Pope Francis is preparing the Church for a new era. Live on Facebook @ [archdioceseofseattle](https://www.facebook.com/archdioceseofseattle)

## Parish Ministries

*Please contact the parish office for more information*

### Women's Club

**July 4** **Welcome Coffee Social for Fr. Thompson**  
11:45AM Parish Hall

**July 13** **Monthly Meeting**  
10:00AM Parish Hall 



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

**June 16** **Council Meeting**  
6:00PM Parish Hall 

**August 21** **Coats for Kids Car Show**  
9AM—1PM Parking Lot/Parish Hall  
*Come and Support our Knights!*



### ALTAR SOCIETY

**Cleaning the Church**  
Every Thursday 9:00AM  
*Volunteers Needed!*



### St. Vincent de Paul

**June 17** **Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM Parish Hall



*Please contact the parish office for more information, the latest updates, or schedule changes.*

**June 14** **Rosary Prayer Group**  
7:00PM Kimball's Ranch

**June 15** **Spanish Prayer Group**  
6:00PM Parish Hall

**June 16** **Daily Mass**  
9:00AM St. Columban  
+ In Memory of: *Eugene Dvorak RIP*

**June 17** **Bible Study**  
10:00AM St. Peter (Tenino)  
6:30PM St. Columban

**June 19** **Confession**  
3:30—4:30PM St. Columban

### Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners. Sign up at [flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm](http://flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm) or visit our website [saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org)

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# Finding God



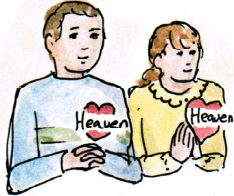
This Week's Winner Is:

*Lucy Hennigan*

*(5<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

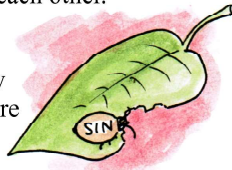


# the kingdom of HEAVEN

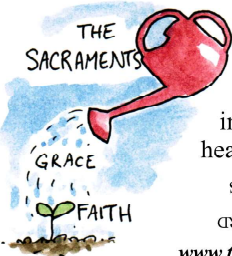


In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven isn't just where we will go when we die if we were good. Jesus was telling us that Heaven grows in our hearts when we choose to love God and each other.

Our Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to plants that grow up from little seeds. When we were baptized we received the gift of Faith. When we receive the other sacraments, especially Holy Communion, the Faith grows in us, like a plant that has water and sunshine. If we sin it's like little bugs or sickness that start to kill the plant. Confession will take those away so that our Faith can grow again.



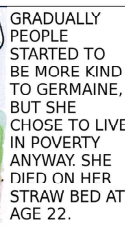
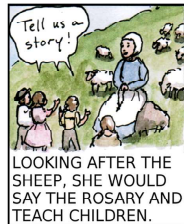
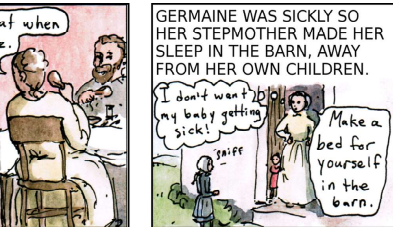
How can you help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in you? Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion whenever you can, and going to Confession often are the best ways. Praying every day and learning about the Faith and about the saints will also help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in your heart like a strong, healthy plant!



Answer to puzzle on front page: LIKE A MUSTARD SEED... THE GREATEST OF SHRUBS.  
Answer to Word-find: GROW IN OUR HEARTS

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## Saint Germaine June 15



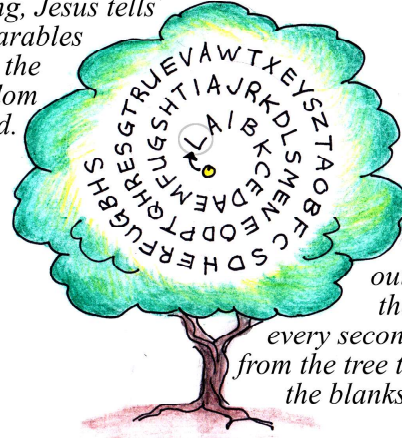
GERMAINE DID NOT SEEM IMPORTANT. SHE WAS NOT A RELIGIOUS OR A MISSIONARY OR A QUEEN. SHE BECAME HOLY BY BELIEVING IN GOD, LOVING HIM AND FORGIVING THOSE WHO WERE CRUEL TO HER. WE CAN THINK ABOUT HER WHEN PEOPLE ARE MEAN TO US. REMEMBER THAT SAINTS, LIKE JESUS, ARE FORGIVING.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 13th, 2021

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells two parables about the Kingdom of God.



To find out one of them, use every second letter from the tree to fill in the blanks below.

The Kingdom of Heaven is

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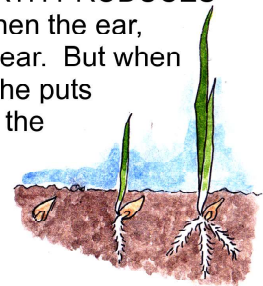
When it grows up it becomes

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## A Kingdom of God Word-Find

"The KINGDOM of GOD is as if a MAN should SCATTER seed upon the GROUND, and should SLEEP and RISE NIGHT and DAY, and the SEED should SPROUT and GROW, he KNOWS not how. The EARTH PRODUCES of itself, first the BLADE, then the ear, then the full GRAIN in the ear. But when the grain is RIPE, at once he puts in the SICKLE, BECAUSE the HARVEST has come."

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W P R O D U C E S A  
B E C A U S E S T N



Find the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The Church helps our love for God to

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June 13, 2021

## WATCH

### LIGHT OF LOVE

When most of us think about religious life, we might imagine kneeling in a convent or assisting the poor on the streets. While both of these scenes are essential to life as a sister, Light of Love takes a deeper look into understanding the call... the “why” of religious life.



## LEARN

### FORMED NOW! DEALING WITH BOREDOM



In this episode of FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Scott Hefelfinger to discuss something that many of us face on a daily basis: boredom. In this conversation, these two teachers reveal how to remedy boredom with wonder.

## LISTEN

### FAN OR FOLLOWER? YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BY JEFF CAVINS

In this talk, Jeff Cavins shares how he has come to see that Jesus wants us to surrender every bit of our own comfort to follow Him. We are all fans of Jesus, but how many of us are truly his disciples?



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ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

# At Home with Faith

**The parable of the mustard seed teaches us** that, when we plant small seeds of faith in our children, the Holy Spirit works with us, helping those seeds of faith grow strong with time.

Photo: Adobe Stock



## Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

**Don't have access to a Bible?**

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

The older our children get, the more we discover how difficult it is to communicate messages of faith in an environment where the constant stream of videos, music, social media and advertisements can make our efforts to inspire faith in our children seem weak in comparison. It's easy to lose heart.

Jesus' parable of the mustard seed can help us remain strong in our commitment to share the faith. Seeds of faith planted in our children may seem small when compared to all the other distractions of life, but with the support of the Holy Spirit those seeds can grow strong and 'put forth large branches' that sustain a life of faith for our children.

**Exodus 17:22-24**

I the Lord lift high the lowly tree.

**Psalms 92:2-3, 13-24, 15-16**

The just will grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

We walk by faith, not by sight!

**Mark 4:26-34**

The Kingdom of God is like a small seed that grows.

# At Home with Faith

## Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Create an environment where seeds of faith can grow:

- **Create zones of silence for prayer in your own life.** Start by committing to prayer and silence in your own life. No screens or electronics an hour before your children's bedtime, none at the dinner table and none in your room overnight. Go to our [Make Space for God](#) page for full details.
- **Use that zone of silence for 15 minutes of prayer.** Take 15 minutes a day, during that time of silence to pray. If you need suggestions for prayer check out these online prayer resources [here](#) and [here](#). Make sure to use part of this time to ask God to guide you as a parent.
- **After you have done this for a week, create those same zones of silence for your children.** Now that you have modeled the behavior, you can introduce the [Make Space for God](#) norms to create a space of silence for them.
- **Now, introduce opportunities to pray with your children.** With the ground prepared, seeds of faith will grow more readily. Use some of these [family prayer resources](#) if you need ideas.



Sometimes we forget that it took **years of living the faith** before these teachings made sense to us.

**"St. John Paul II proposed the so-called 'law of gradualness' in the knowledge that the human being 'knows, loves and accomplishes moral good by different stages of growth.' . . . For the law itself is a gift of God which points out the way, a gift for everyone without exception; it can be followed with the help of grace, even though each human being 'advances gradually with the progressive integration of the gifts of God and the demands of God's definitive and absolute live in his or her entire personal life and social life."**

### **Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #295**

Reflecting on the parable of the mustard seed can help us be patient when we observe our children not fully understanding or embracing the teachings of the Church. Sometimes we forget that it took years of living the faith before these teachings made sense to us.

Provide your children consistent, gentle and friendly reminders that a relationship with Jesus calls us to a different way of doing things. Encourage them to talk with Jesus about what we should do. Keep planting seeds of faith. Then ask the Holy Spirit to nourish those seeds so they may grow.

**For more resources, visit us online at:**

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlarchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>



# The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



## June is the start of wedding season!

The Catholic Church has a long history of helping couples to prepare for marriage. It has learned a great deal that can benefit any couple, regardless of religion.

Because the Catholic Church wants couples to form strong, lasting marriages, couples who wish to marry in the Catholic Church are asked to:

- Contact and meet with your parish priest as soon as you are engaged.
- Take at least six months to intensively prepare for your marriage. This goes beyond choosing a date and church, reserving a place for the reception, and picking out dresses. It means using this time to delve more deeply into your relationship and approach this momentous day with prayer and reflection.
- Attend an approved marriage preparation program. There are many different formats for marriage preparation programs ranging from intensive weekends, to a weekly series, to “in home” mentor couple programs. Check out the most common national programs here. To find what programs are available near you, contact your diocesan family life office. Catholic marriage preparation programs are usually presented by a team of lay married couples and a priest or deacon. They are not restricted to Catholics, but they are always in keeping with Church teaching.
- Most dioceses ask couples to take a marriage preparation inventory (such as FOCCUS, PMI, or PREPARE). These are not “tests” to determine whether you can get married in the Church, but rather discussion starters to assess what issues you already agree on and what you might need to discuss further.

Marriage is a vocation to holiness. Whether you are just starting out in marriage or have fifty years under your belt, the advice, real life stories, and Church teaching here can help strengthen and bless your marriage. Explore resources from For Your Marriage! <https://www.foryourmarriage.org>





**SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021**

# 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30-32b

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

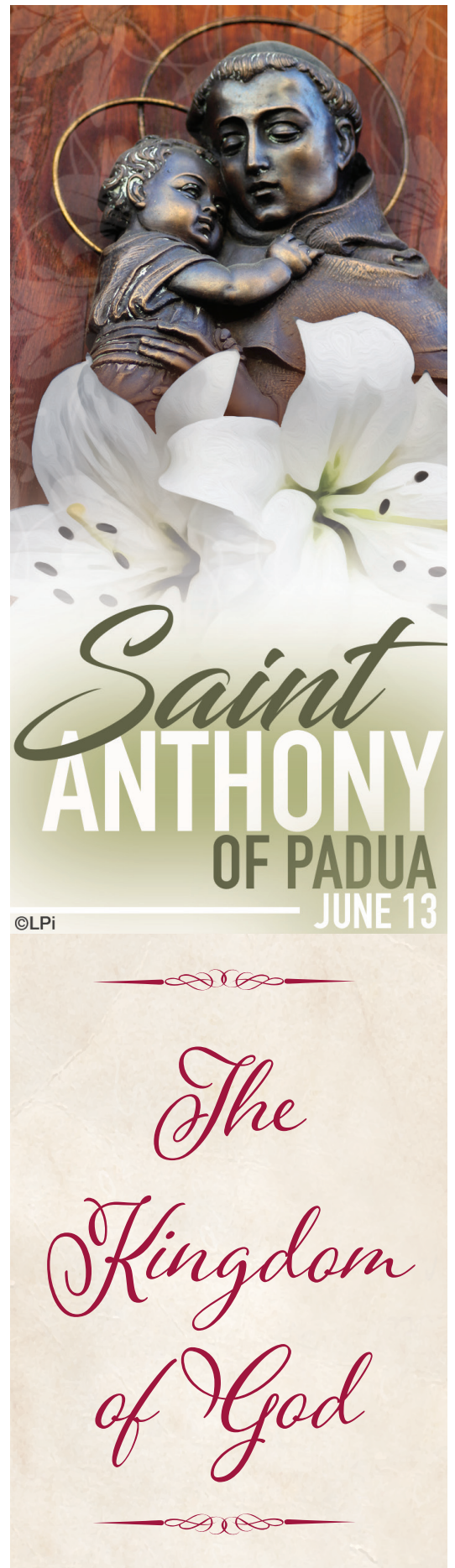
<b>SUN 6/13</b>	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
<b>MON 6/14</b>	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
<b>TUES 6/15</b>	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
<b>WED 6/16</b>	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>THR 6/17</b>	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
<b>FRI 6/18</b>	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
<b>SAT 6/19</b>	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
<b>SUN 6/20</b>	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

Sunday:	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Flag Day
Saturday:	St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
Next Sunday:	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING:

And all the trees of the field shall know  
that I, the LORD,  
bring low the high tree,  
lift high the lowly tree,  
wither up the green tree,  
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)



## PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)



## SECOND READING:

We are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in  
the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)



## GOSPEL:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in  
the ground,  
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.  
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the  
largest of plants  
and puts forth large branches,  
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its  
shade." (Mk 4:31-32)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

*St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You*

“Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found.”

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That's what you're looking for,” he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

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#### Answer:

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

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**“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land...Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.”**

**- Mk 4:26, 28-29**

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## **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### **First Reading:**

The prophet Ezekiel's image of God growing Israel into a mighty majestic cedar tree bearing fruit, with birds nesting in its branches was intended to be words of comfort for the exiled Israelites in Babylon. How do you find God's comfort in times of distress?

### **Second Reading:**

Paul encourages the believers in Corinth to be courageous in knowing one day all will appear before "the judgment seat of Christ." How confident are you in reflecting on judgment day?

### **Gospel:**

Mark tells us that Jesus often spoke in parables to the crowds about the kingdom of God. Today's parables speak to the often unseen and subtle growth of the kingdom of God in our midst. How might you better observe the kingdom of God at work in your life?



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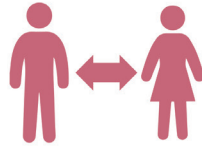


# LITURGICAL LIFE

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

*“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”*

- Mk 4:30-32b

**WE JUDGE**

**ALL THINGS**

**ACCORDING**

**TO THE**

**DIVINE TRUTH.**

**ST. AUGUSTINE**

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# KIDS CORNER

READ THE  
GOSPEL AND  
COLOR THE  
IMAGE.

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

You and a few others believe in God. You do not think you can do much because you are a very small group. Like the very small mustard seed, God will help you grow into the largest church in the world. Its branches, like the mustard tree, will grow large enough to hold you and all God's other children. He will teach you his ways and help you share his love.

## PRAYER

Holy Spirit, show me how to teach the word of God to others.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will share the word of God with my family and friends.







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