

June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Monday-Friday

8:45am-2:45pm

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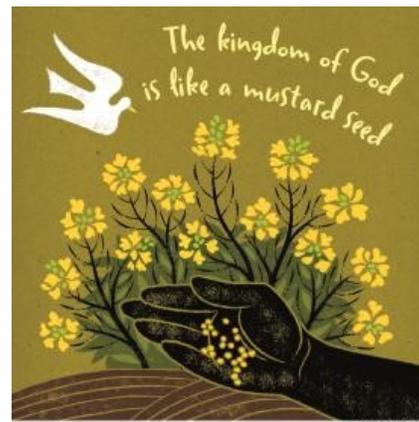
Deacon Ray Brown

Deacon Steven Mancuso

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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Mass Schedule Sunday

English 10:00am

Spanish 11:30am

Monday-Wednesday 12:00PM

Adult Faith Formation Classes

Meet every Sunday at 11:15 in church conference room. For more information please contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at (229) 794-9140

Rosary Ministry

Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364

Knights of Columbus

Round table meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
Next: July 10, 2018

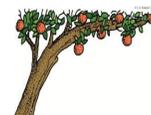
Adoration

Next: July 7, 2018

Starting: 7:00 PM

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor. At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare



to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ. On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the acts of giving from our abundance and attending to the needs of the poor open us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires. -Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

We need Cleaners to come help clean the Church Mondays and Thursdays. Please volunteer any time you can!

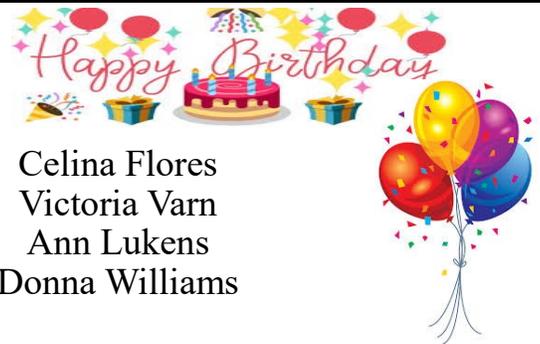


Food Sale
We will be having our food sale on **June 24, 2018.**



St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



Celina Flores
Victoria Varn
Ann Lukens
Donna Williams

thankful

**June 10, 2018
Collections**

Regular Collection	\$1658.23
Building Fund	\$2816.00
Bishop Annual Appeal	\$0

Let us pray for the health of:

Fr. Marvin LeFrois, Nathan, Melanie Sanders, Olivia Ursrey, Eva De Angel, Andrew & Mary Carrell Morrison.

For the Eternal rest of:
All Souls

