

June 14, 2015

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sunday Scriptures: After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday’s Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable’s meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’ part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith. © 2015 Loyola Press All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with Permission.

Married in Christ: Congratulations and best wishes to Stephanie Uremovich and Samuel Klein who celebrated the Sacrament of Christian marriage this weekend. We pray they will always enjoy the union of life and love to which they are called. We also congratulate their families on this happy occasion.

The Friday Discussion Group will meet in the Parish Hall on June 19th after the 8:15 a.m. morning Mass. Our topic will be “The Psalms”. We will view a DVD to help us. Bring your questions and come and grow in your Catholic faith!

Registration is open for the 2015 Annual Diocesan Assembly! The Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 10, at Marshall School in Duluth. The theme is “Transforming Catholics for the New Evangelization.” Presenters from the Augustine Institute will help our parishes and schools form life-long intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. Breakout sessions for Catholic Educators/Catechists, Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA are included. For more information or to register, please visit www.dioceseduluth.org or call Annette at 218-724-9111

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Saturday	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	06/13/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Joann Ostendorf Reader: Harold Ek Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Beth Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
Sunday	11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/14/15
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Louis Button Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Joanne Button & Nancy Olsen Servers: Nathan Campbell & Corey Sandretsky	
Monday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/15/15
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/16/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Fr. Anselm	
Wednesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/17/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Mary Hagen	
8:45 a.m.	Holy Hour with Exposition	
Thursday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/18/15
6:30 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group	
Friday	SAINT ROMUALD	06/19/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Steve Beyering	
Saturday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/20/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Margaret Erickson Reader: Gloria Uremovich Plate: Liz Scheidt Chalice: Carol Anderson & to be assigned Servers: Spencer Ross & to be assigned	
Sunday	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/21/15
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Shannah Groothausen Plate: Dave Hendren Chalice: Shari Hendren & Laura Lien Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	

Do you have questions about your Catholic faith? Put them into the Question Box at the back of church and you will receive an answer! You can also join the Friday morning discussion group. We meet every first and third Friday of each month after the 8:15 a.m. morning Mass. Our next meeting will be June 19th. Coffee and a treat will be provided. We are all one body in Christ, come let us grow in our faith together.



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Margie Giacomini, and Patty Harrison-Isakson.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Ryan Ray, James Mickle, Christopher Uremovich and Craig Moe.



Prayer Requests: Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Mark your Calendars!!!

V.B.S. : We are looking for parents and kids (7th & up) to assist in teaching Vacation Bible School June 21—25th, 5:30—7:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Connie, 834-4433 or Cheryl, 830-0578. We are also in need of adults to serve a light meal each of these nights as well.

We are having a rummage sale on Saturday, July 19th from 8am-12pm. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and donate baked goods. Please bring items on Wednesday, July 16th, between 5-8pm. There will be a pre-sale on Friday, July 19th, from 4pm-7pm for \$5.00.

We have some great opportunities coming soon this summer for our youth:
June—Vacation Bible School
July—D-Week—Steubenville Mission
August—Camp Survive

Watch for further details!

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

Last Week's Contributions	
Weekend Collection.....	\$2,224.20
Bldg. Fund.....	\$375.00
UCA.....	\$900.00
Peter's Pence.....	10.00