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## 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B





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.

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. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

It is good to give to you, O God, to make music to your name.

#### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. special intention (GJ) 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners †Josephine Siauciulis (R.L.S.Kuliavas) †Inocentas Jurcevicius and Klara Stankus (family) †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife) †Albina Laurinaitis (family for Zdencevicius' and Grygutis' deceased family members (family) †Jonas Miglinas, jr. and Antanas and Monika Bumbulis (family) †Astra Skupaite - Tatarsky (5th anniv.) (daughter and son) (D.A.Nausedas) †Stasys Strasius requesting grace of health for parish priests (GJ)



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**Because of** COVID-19, **Resurrection Parish** Office hours for June - July -**August** will be 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Tevai Pranciskonai

#### THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (June 14): 7 p.m. †Gintas Valaitis (G.Valaitis);

**TUESDAY** (June 15): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors;

**WEDNESDAY** (June 16): 7 p.m. †Juozas Bansevicius (B.B.Degutis);

**THURSDAY** (June 17): 7 p.m. for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus living and deceased family members (JMC); †Zenonas Kucinskas (D.Kucinskas);

**FRIDAY** (June 18): 7 p.m. †Vitas and Matilda Mazulaitis (K.Buozis);

**SATURDAY** (June 19): 9 a.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (June 20): 9 a.m. †Rita Radziunas (GJ); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; † †Steponas Gimbutis (V.Zaleckaite); †father Vytautas, grandfathers and Mikas Slapsys, sr. (Gitana); †Jonas Dirmantas (daughter Vida); †Rita Radziunas (1st anniv.) (family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Jonas Greiciunas (family); †Algimantas Syvokas (R.R.Syvokas); †Jonas Ragainis (J.Ragainis); †Gediminas and Jurgis Smolskis and requesting grace of health for Vytautas Uspalis (R.R.Smolskis).

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#### Dear parishioners,

The imposition of COVID 19 restrictions on churches by the Ontario provincial government remains. All previous precautions remain in effect to ensure the health and safety of all:

- \*If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay home
- \*Upon arrival at church, please check in with the volunteers
- \*Disinfect your hands and wear a face covering while you are in church
- \*Always maintain a safe distance of 2m. from others

The maximum number of Mass participants is currently limited, including priests and those participating in music ministry. As a result, we are temporarily implementing a mandatory registration system for Sunday Masses.

We regret that we may not be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass in person. We will only be able to accommodate Mass participants who have pre-registered, and we ask for your patience and understanding.

Please use the link below to register for Mass on Sunday, June 13th. https://prisikelimoparapija.flocknote.com/signup/59864

When a new window opens, select the Mass you wish to attend and fill in your name and e-mail address. You may register up to three people. **IMPORTANT** 

\*Please check for a confirmation email after you register; if you don't see one in your inbox (or junk), your registration was not successful.

\*If you register and then realize you will not be able to attend, please cancel your registration to free up the spot for someone else.

Understandably, some of you will not feel comfortable or safe returning to church at this time. Live streaming of Mass from our parish in Lithuanian will continue Sundays at 11, as will the streaming of English language Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

Until we can all safely worship together, let us remain united in prayer.

## Prayer to St. Anthony in commemoration of the Deportations to Siberia

St.Anthony, conqueror of all wrongdoings and oppressions, from the depths of our heart we call for your help during the loss of our most precious possession – our freedom. We beseech you obtain it for us and teach us to cherish, love and defend it. Help us to overcome personal slavery so that there would be no more favouritism complaints, revenge, hate in our midst or interference in the affairs of others – that I not become the instrument of destruction of other peoples' freedom.

St.Anthony, help me and my Nation to rise above our mistakes and guide us to a brighter tomorrow. *Amen.* 

Our FOOD DRIVE will be back again in September.

A sincere THANK YOU to ALL who contributed...

The parish cafeteria cooks wish everyone a beautiful, sunny, healthy and safe summer and announce that they will return in September with their Lithuanian dishes.

#### Pope: Together in love, we Christians can change the world

Pope Francis has sent a video message to members of the John 17 Movement, an ecumenical initiative that helps build communion of friendship and love among Christian Churches towards unity.

Everything is born of a fraternal encounter. Love changes the world, but it changes us first. Pope Francis shared these thoughts in a video message to the John 17 Movement, an ecumenical group whose members began a



The John 17 Movement was started by Pentecostal pastor Joe Tosini in 2013. Despite being a non-Catholic, he felt a strong urge within him to pray for the newly-elected Pope Francis. Tosini has met the Pope several times.

two-day retreat on Wednesday at St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers, New

The Movement takes its name from St. John's Gospel, chapter 17, where Jesus prays, "That they may be one". The Movement is holding its retreat on the theme, "Relational Reconciliation, a New Way to Christian Reconciliation".

#### Children of the one Father

In his message, delivered in Spanish, Pope Francis explained that the John 17 Movement is about people who, while having a cappuccino, dinner or an ice cream around the table, discover they are brothers. They realize this not because of their colour, their nationality, their place of origin or the various forms of living their faith, but because they are brothers, "children of the one same Father". And even if there were no tables, cappuccinos, ice creams or coffee because of poverty or war, the Pope said, we would still be brothers, something we must remember to say to one another. "Without thinking of our place of origin, our nationality or the colour of our skin, we are children of the one same Father", he stressed.

#### Encounter with Christ

The Holy Father pointed out that love does not require profound theological knowledge, which is nonetheless necessary. "Love is an encounter of life, first with the person of Jesus; and from this encounter of love are born friendship, brotherhood and the certainty of being children of the same Father". "Everything", he said, "starts from a fraternal encounter". With life shared and dedicated to a higher purpose, "love can change the world, but first, it changes us." "Together in love, we Christians can change the world, we can change ourselves, because God is Love!"

#### Love is lived, not taught

Noting that his encounters with the John 17 Movement and their witness have given him hope and joy, he encouraged them to continue walking together and sharing life and brotherly love.

Very often love is confused with platonic, idealistic philosophy; but love, he stressed, is concrete, as it gives its life for others, just as Jesus did. "Whether you love or not", he said, "the love that became flesh, the love that gave life for us is the way". Love is not taught but lived, and the John 17 Movement teaches love by living it, the Pope added.

(JM / Vatican News)

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