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JUNE 13, 2021 – ORDINARY TIME 11TH SUNDAY

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The Parable of Mustard Seed

And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed,



which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth...



...yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."



With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.



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MASSSES - MESSE

SATURDAY JUN 12TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – The Lobo Family

SUNDAY JUN 13TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Annebella Bautista

10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Salvatore Simone e defnti famiglia

Francesco Falsetti

Restituta Rea

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglia

Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. – + Michael Abreu

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

MONDAY JUN 14TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Patrick & Mary Nicol

11:00 A.M. – Oto Lam & Family

TUESDAY JUN 15TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – Alicia Ranche

11:00 A.M. – Lynette Lobo

WEDNESDAY JUN 16TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Patrick & Mary Nicol

11:00 A.M. – + Marie Blady

THURSDAY JUN 17TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – Michael De Souza

8:30 A.M. – Alexander II & Alexander Amizola

FRIDAY JUN 18TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Gavino Manca

7:00 P.M. – + Mary Lucas

SATURDAY JUN 19TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – Peter Riseborough

10:00 A.M. – + Tony Dassnaik

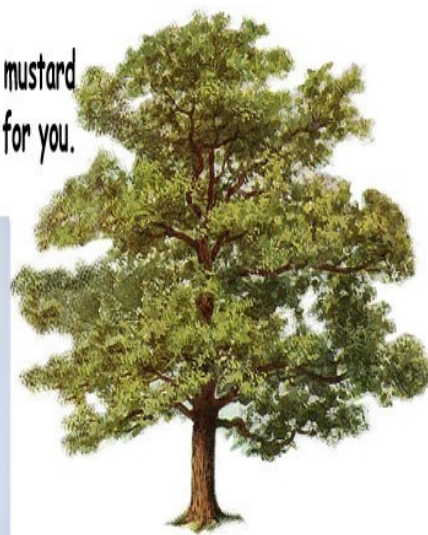
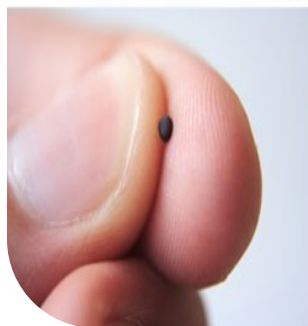


MARK 4:26-34

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

The fourth chapter of Mark's Gospel focuses entirely on parables. In the first part of the Gospel, Seed Grows of Itself, Jesus is pointing out that the growth of the Kingdom of God is a hidden reality that operates under God's power rather than through human work and effort. In the second part of the Gospel, the parable of the Mustard Seed, Jesus is offering the crowds words of encouragement. What at first might seem small and insignificant will, under God's power, become "the largest of plants."

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.



REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

In the parables, or simple stories that Jesus told, he used everyday objects such as salt, light, coins, yeast, and even a father and his sons to teach moral lessons. Jesus wanted people to relate to the stories he told, and to understand his teachings about the ways in which children of God are called to live. Children of all ages love to hear good stories, especially those they can relate to because the situations, settings, characters, or objects are familiar to them. How long has it been since you've shared a good story with your children? What books are on your family bookshelf? Be mindful of making story and reading choices that reflect and reinforce the kingdom values that Jesus taught.

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BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Place a small, empty bowl and a container of various kinds of seeds on your family prayer table or kitchen table. Remind your family that every person can plant seeds of goodness, kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity, thankfulness, and love in the lives of family members, friends, and those in need in the world today. Share ideas about ways to do this. Invite family members to put one seed in the glass bowl for every seed of God's love they plant in the coming week. At the end of the week, reread the parable of the Mustard Seed and—if possible—plant your seeds and be surprised by what grows!



DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. Someone who planted the seed of love in my life this past week is . . .
2. One seed I want to plant this week is . . .
3. One way our family can help the Kingdom of God grow is . . .

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please remember in your prayers: those who are sick and for those who love and minister to them – John Miceli, Gianna Ramzi, Francisco William, Stephanie Solomon, Antonio Sorbera, Bill Matthews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Bill Cook, Domingo Catolos.



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Today's readings remind us that great things often have small beginnings.

If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call :

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations,
Archdiocese of Toronto. Tel No. 416-968-0997
Email vocations@archtoronto.org
Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>

Dear Padre

June 13, 2021



I care for my mother, who has dementia. I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping out at church. I'm getting very depressed. What should I do?

I care for my mother, who has dementia. I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping out at church. I'm getting very depressed. What should I do? I Have several ideas. First, make your prayer life part of your mother's routine, and you'll find it easier to fit prayer into your day. People with dementia find it soothing to listen to repetitive prayer, so consider praying the rosary aloud in her presence. Sometimes people with advanced dementia can still remember and recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary, so you could end up praying the rosary together. That would truly be a gift.

Next, try reading aloud Scripture stories from a youth Bible. They'll be easier for her to understand than passages from an adult Bible, and you'll get some time with God's word.

Last, but absolutely not least, it's important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, he or she can help you find respite care, in which someone takes your place with your mom so you can get away for a while, or a caregiver-support group where you can talk with other people in your situation. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, your diocese can give you the same information.

Remember, attending to your spiritual health doesn't just help you—it helps your mother, too.

*Fr. Patrick Keyes , CSsR
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Making the Church a Home: In today's readings we hear about small things having large impacts. In the Gospel, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven "is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." The mustard seed in this parable represents the Gospel that Jesus came to proclaim. It started with just a small handful of people but now, 2000 years later, has spread to all the corners of the world. The birds that come to find refuge in the tree represents all of us who come to find rest and shelter in the Gospel and the Church. As stewards, we should play our part in helping the tree continue to grow through the gift of our time and talents. We should seek ways to help spread the Gospel message in our parish, whether it be through assisting at liturgies, helping with catechesis or serving the poor in our community. We should also spread the message that God desires all of us, even those who have fallen away from their faith, to find healing, safety and comfort in the Church. Let us be committed to making the Church a home for all who seek Christ.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

explains the growing of the kingdom of God from the smallest beginning to a worldwide shelter for mankind.



Summary: In today's Gospel we hear about the parable of the mustard seed in which Jesus explains that the tiniest seed can grow into the largest tree that houses many birds of the air. The mustard seed represents the Gospel message that began with a few people 2000 years ago and has now spread all over the world. As stewards, we should play our part in helping the tree continue to grow through the gift of our time and talents.

For your ongoing support of our parish, (including those for the St. Vincent de Paul) may be dropped off in person when the church is open for private prayer or sent through the mail.

Worship Through Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all-sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:

A set of offering envelopes will be prepared for you to pick up at the parish office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:

This new way of supporting the church is now being offered in our parish and many of our parishioners may find this method practical and convenient.

Please call the parish office (416-759-9359) for the way of giving that is right for you.

TO DONATE ON-LINE:

Alternately to donate to St. Lawrence Martyr Parish on-line, please [click here Archdiocese of Toronto](#) and select St. Lawrence Martyr Parish from the drop list.

REGISTRATION OF NEW PARISHIONER:

Please [click here](#).

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS you

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First Confession and First Holy Communion

2020/2021



June 19, 2021 (Saturday)

1:00 PM Confession

Followed by

First Holy Communion Mass 2 PM

You will receive an email for confirmation.



Sacrament of Confirmation

2020/2021



June 21, 2021 (Monday)

Confirmation Mass

6:00 PM

7:30 PM

You will receive an email for the assigned Mass time.



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BUNDLE UP SUNDAY:

Bundle Up June 19-24 for Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothes, shoes, linens to support neighbors in need the weekend of June 19-24.

The truck will be open all day Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you for your support".



ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION FOR SEPT 2021:

Children born in 2017, are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten at St. Lawrence Martyr School in September 2021. The Elementary Student Online Application for Registration (S.O.A.R.) for enrolment September 2021 is now available. Due to current COVID-19 conditions all applications (including the upload of required documents) must be completed online at <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. If you have any questions



regarding registration, please leave a message on the school phone at 416 393 5264.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

Members of the Parish Finance Council shall serve a three-year term and may be appointed to a second or third three-year term.

Responsibilities:

Members of the Parish Finance Council are expected to

- 1-Maintain discretion and confidentiality.
- 2-Attend all Parish Finance Council meetings.
- 3-Serve on at least one committee and attend all committee meetings.
- 4-Actively participate in the Parish stewardship program.
- 5-Participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal.
- 6-Assist with parish social activities involving fund raising.
- 7-Learn all duties of membership.
- 8-Have a good understanding of all aspects of parish life .
- 9-Be a goodwill ambassador of the parish.
- 10-Be active in decision making.
- 11-Be willing to assume leadership positions.
- 12-Continue their development and education in the Catholic faith.
- 13-Be prepared to discuss the agenda.

SHARELIFE: Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have **raised \$13,591.53 toward our goal of \$42,500.**

Rose of Sharon is an agency you support through ShareLife. It provides support and educational services to almost 300 young mothers each year.

Deanne Kukulewich is the Executive Director at Rose of Sharon. She says, "COVID-19 has forced many young single mothers into seclusion, not for themselves, but to protect their babies, or unborn infants. Through generous donors like you who support ShareLife, young mothers can receive weekly support. Your donations help the Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers to provide counselling services to help young women and their families cope through these uncertain times."

When you give to ShareLife, you support more than 40 agencies doing vital work that is truly living the Gospel message. You can make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or sharelife.org. Please give generously.

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Becoming a Catholic

If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please inform that person of this information and encourage him/her to start the process by calling the parish office to register.

Completing the process of Initiation

If you or someone you know wishes to complete the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation or increase your knowledge and understanding of our Catholic Faith, call the parish office.

Requirements to be a sponsor/godparent

Anyone who wishes to be a sponsor for Confirmation or a godparent for Baptism must have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) and be a Catholic in good standing to qualify for sponsorship.

Quotes on the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy. St. Mother Teresa

There is in the Sacred Heart the symbol and express image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return. Pope Leo XIII

Love overcomes, love delights, those who love the Sacred Heart rejoice. St. Bernadette Soubirous

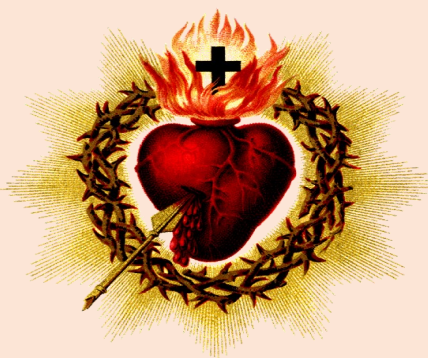
To keep me from sin and straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems. St. Pope John XXIII

Let the soul who is desirous of advancing in perfection hasten to My Sacred Heart. St. Gertrude the Great
You heard me, only Friend whom I love. To ravish my heart, you became man. You shed your blood, what a supreme mystery!... And you still live for me on the Altar. If I cannot see the brilliance of your Face Or hear your sweet voice, O my God, I can live by your grace, I can rest on your Sacred Heart! St. Therese of Lisieux

Every time I hear anyone speak of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or of the Blessed Sacrament I feel an indescribable joy. It is as if a wave of precious memories, sweet affections and joyful hopes swept over my poor person, making me tremble with happiness and filling my soul with tenderness. St. Pope John XXIII

O most sacred, most loving heart of Jesus, thou art concealed in the Holy Eucharist, and thou beatest for us still. Thou art the heart of the Most High made man. Thy Sacred Heart is the instrument and organ of Thy love. It did beat for us... It yearned for us. It ached for our salvation. It was on fire through zeal, that the glory of God might be manifested in and by us. In worshipping thee I worship my incarnate God, my Emmanuel. St. John Henry Newman

When we appeal to the throne of grace we do so through Mary, honoring God by honoring His Mother, imitating Him by exalting her, touching the most responsive chord in the sacred heart of Christ with the sweet name of Mary. St. Robert Bellarmine



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Prayers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

"The prayers of the Sacred Heart take us deep into the heart of our self, and lead us to God. We do not find confusing and over-complex intellectuality, but a simple 'heart to heart' with the Lord, in the silence of our hearts." - Cardinal Thomas Collins

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Collect prayer of the Mass of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from the fount of heavenly gifts.

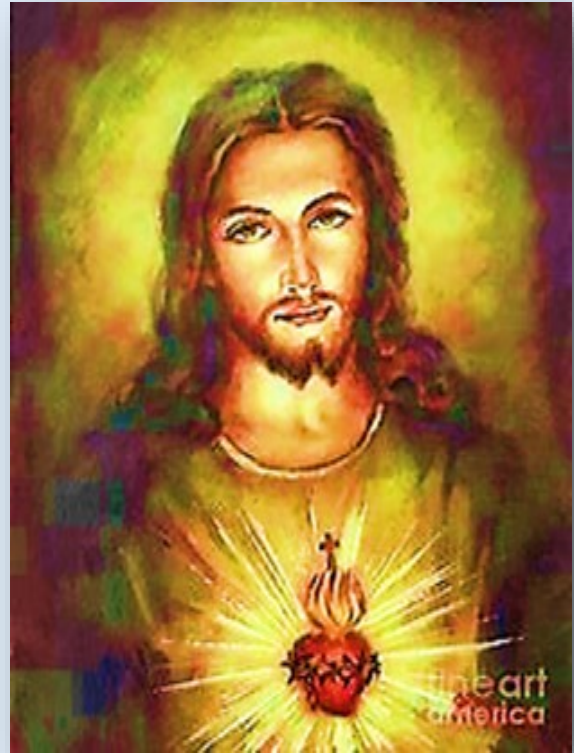
Morning Offering Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all of the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father, Amen.



Sacred Heart of Jesus –

Pastoral Letter & Resources Available



Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are encouraged to read Cardinal Collins' latest Pastoral Letter, "Heart Speaks to Heart", a deep reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Visit www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart to read the letter and to access numerous resources that can be used in the home, school or parish setting. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is observed in 2021 on Friday, June 11 and you are encouraged to offer a special focus on the Sacred Heart in the month of June. The theme of the Sacred Heart, however, is pertinent throughout the year and the resources, prayers and reflections are helpful tools to utilize year round.

Heart to Heart – Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins – Resources for Church, School & Home

Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, "Heart Speaks to Heart", offers thoughtful reflections on how our faith can help sustain and guide us in a challenging world. Visit www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart to read the letter and access resources that can be used at home, school or in your own local parish.