

## June 13<sup>th</sup> - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**WE WALK BY FAITH,  
NOT BY SIGHT.**

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, June 12**

9:00am *Father's Day Novena (1)*

**Sunday, June 13**

8:00am † *Rufino Labari*

10:00am *Father's Day Novena (2)*

12:00pm

**Monday, June 14**

9:00am *Father's Day Novena (3)*

**Tuesday, June 15**

9:00am *Father's Day Novena (4)*

**Wednesday, June 16**

9:00am *Father's Day Novena (5)*

**Thursday, June 17**

9:00am *Father's Day Novena (6)*

**Friday, June 18**

9:00am *Father's Day Novena (7)*

**Saturday, June 19**

9:00am *Father's Day Novena (8)*

#### The Parish Office is open

The Parish office is now open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Today's second collection is for the **2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal as of June 8, 2021.**

Parish Assessment \$ 33,576.00

YTD we paid: \$ 13,753.00

Balance we owe: \$ 19,823.00

Kindly consider helping meet our goal. Thank you for your continued generous support.

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

**COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA**

May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Tues. On-line giving .....\$ 5.00

Weekend Offering.....\$1,437.25

Weekend On-line giving...\$ 865.00

Reserve Fund.....\$ 50.00

Reserve On-line giving...\$ 100.00

#### May 2021

#### COLLECTION DATA

#### COLLECTIONS:

May 2 .....\$ 3,023.17

May 9.....\$ 2,687.76

May 16.....\$ 2,456.05

May 23.....\$ 3,933.35

May 30.....\$ 2,302.25

**Total ..... \$14,402.58**

### *From the Desk of the Pastor ....*

On this Sunday we embark upon a long stretch of what the Church calendar calls the "Ordinary Time". This period of twenty-three weeks will bring us to the threshold of Advent, rooting us firmly in the school of discipleship that will unfold in the coming months.

This year the Gospel readings selected for the upcoming Sundays will present St. Mark's and St. John's vision of Jesus, as he reveals the requisites of discipleship to us.

Everybody knows that if you plant an acorn in the ground, given time, it will grow into an oak tree. Yet nobody knows how... and how extraordinary that a huge oak should have such humble beginnings. Jesus says this is how it is with the reign of God in our lives and in the world. It begins in a small way, but given time, it grows into something great.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of God's Kingdom. He says that it is like a mustard seed which a man plants in his garden. Even though it is tiny, given time it will grow into a large shrub in whose branches the birds of the air will find food and shelter.

What is he teaching us?

Perhaps, it could be put like this: How God having taken the initiative of beginning the new life in us, now depends on us and expects from us to let that life grow to full maturity and bear fruit.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

**Sunday masses are celebrated at 8am & 10am in English and 12noon en espanol**

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church

#### Father's Day Novena

The Father's Day novena started on June 12<sup>th</sup> and will end on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Weekday masses are said privately but all intentions for fathers living, and deceased will be prayed for.

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. 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; 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.

#### What Does it Look Like to Walk By Faith and Not By Sight?

Walking by faith and not by sight requires you to go to a place you do not know, one that God will reveal as you walk in obedience. Just look to Abraham as an example. Walking by faith means that you continue to cling to the dreams God has planted in your heart, even when you've been thrown away, taken to prison for crimes you didn't commit. Just look at all Joseph endured. Walking by faith requires a strong determination to follow God's plan regardless what life throws your way. Look to Daniel to discover how to have the resolve not to sin. Walking by faith means you have the courage to stand up for the hurting, broken, and down-trodden, to face death yourself for the good of others. Look at Esther and how she risked the death penalty to save the Jews. If you choose this path, you must be willing to get out of your comfort zone. You must be willing to let God take your world and turn it upside down, shake it up, and start all over again. You must be willing to let God out of the neat little box that you have put him in, to let him show up as he sees fit.