



As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance.

In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is through a newly planted cedar that God will bear fruit. As he says, "Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it... And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree."

We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works.

We often go through life wanting to be in control. We try to solve all our problems, as we think, "I can do it myself." We cling to our own ideas by putting certain events, future plans or even day-to-day moments into a perfect little box, "*This is the way I want it.*" We can even push back in moments of suffering by trying to find every possible way to get out of it... We are "**in control**."

Imagine what life would be like if we surrendered a little more. It is easier said than done — but, oh, how freeing it would be. What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, "Thy will be done"? What if we allowed God to be our problem solver or trusted in His plans for our lives? What if, instead of pushing away suffering, we actually resided in it with Christ Himself? We would become free from attachment and more blessed than we could ever imagine.

Only God can do all that He promised in our First Reading. We need Him. All we need to do is surrender.

To help us on this journey of total surrender, try starting each day with a prayer of surrender, "**Lord, I give You this day and all that You have in store for me, my family and friends.**"

Our Second Reading reminds us that we are not at home in this life, but in the next, as St. Paul says, "We would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord." This message is easy to say, but difficult to believe with our whole heart.

We might look at our lives and think, "*I like my home, I love my family and friends, and I enjoy the little comforts in my life. I don't want to give that up.*"

Eternal life will surpass anything we could ever imagine and hope for. It will fulfill our deepest desires and aching hearts, and we will be filled with lasting peace and pure joy. If we only knew how incredible our heaven is, then we would give God everything to get there. But as St. Paul reminds us, it is not something we can see — "**We walk by faith, not by sight.**"

We are called to have eyes of faith and hearts of trust. Pray for the grace to have overwhelming faith.

In our Gospel, Jesus expresses two parables about the Kingdom of God. The first mentions a man scattering seed on the land. As time passes, the seed sprouts and grows — yet, the man does not know how it happened.

This parable reminds us of our call to scatter seeds of faith to others. Over time, God will work with those seeds and produce fruit. It is not our doing, but God's doing. We need Him to produce the effects — all we can do is be good stewards of the knowledge and love for our faith. We must ask ourselves, what are the ways I am scattering seeds of faith to others?

There are countless ways to do just that — teaching a faith formation class, leading RCIA or a Bible Study; reading saint stories or discussing the Sunday readings with your kids; praying with your spouse; openly discussing your faith with those around you, both Catholics and non-Catholics; actively living out your faith through service, prayer and sacraments.

God will not only produce fruit from the seeds you scattered by your witness, but He will also grow more fruit in your life.

Jesus' second parable relates the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed. It is one of the tiniest seeds, that grows rapidly into a field of weeds. However, in the parable, Jesus compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed that grows into the largest of plants.

The beginnings of the Kingdom started out small, but have grown and continue to grow into something grand.

This seems unlikely, since Jesus is comparing it to a mustard seed, but we have to recognize that He is describing the Kingdom of God — something that is out of this world and beyond what we can imagine.

As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life.

As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 6, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,727.07
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 92.42
Facilities Improvement Fund.....	\$ 105.00
Retired Priest Fund	\$ 713.00
Father's Day Novena	\$ 290.00

Second Collection June 19 - 20:

No 2nd Collection



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD
ONLY GETS 10%?



From our STM School Principal - "Mrs. G"

Your child's faith is precious to you, and you want outstanding academics, too.

Shouldn't a school reflect your values and provide outstanding academics? At St. Thomas More Catholic school, spiritual virtue meets academic excellence.

We are enrolling for the upcoming school year. Children 18 months - 8th grade have a place in our parish school.

Scholarships and financial aid are available. Call for a personal tour.

School Office: (210) 655-2882



A hearty CONGRATULATIONS to the following STM students who have received this year's Knights of Columbus Scholarship Awards:

- 1) Co - Valedictorian - Bryan Le
- 2) Co - Valedictorian - Vy Nguyen
- 3) Salutatorian - Ethan Nguyen

Each recipient received a \$500 Tuition Award.

Once again... **Congratulations** to our students and a sincere **thank you** to our Knights of Columbus Council 7386 for making it possible.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our Deacon Tim on the recent 17th Anniversary of his Ordination, June 10th!

Thank you for the many years of dedication to the Lord and service to our parish members.

May God Bless you with many more!

Felicitaciones a nuestro Diácono Tim por el reciente 17º aniversario de su ordenación, el 10 de Junio!

Gracias por los muchos años de dedicación al Señor y servicio a los miembros de nuestra parroquia.

Que Dios lo bendiga con muchos más!



DESIGNER-BAG BINGO ***Its BACK!!!***

Friday, July 23, 2021

Doors open @ 5 pm

BINGO begins @ 6:30 pm

Tickets: \$35 (*Includes: 12 games and dinner*)

VIP Table: \$450 Table for 10 w/ premier seating
(*Includes 12 bingo games, dinner and swag*)

Ticket sales: Contact a PTC member or
call School Office @ 210-655-2882



PARISH UPDATE

The missalettes have been returned to the pews. We will be using the screens for music projection. We realize that not everyone is ready to use the missalettes. Below are a few options for you to consider.

- 1) The Word of God is to be proclaimed and no written materials are necessary. Pre-read the Sunday scriptures for a better understanding of The Word.
 - 2) Purchase a personal missal.
 - a. Daily Roman Missal - Autom, Amazon, Catholic Book Store
 - b. Reading God's Word 2021 Daily and Sunday Mass Readings - Amazon \$16.99 purchase 4+ a year
 - c. New...St. Joseph Sunday Missal Autom \$26.00
 - d. Give Us This Day - Liturgical Press
Monthly Sub. (12 months) - \$44.99 App - \$1.99
 - e. Magnificat - Monthly Sub. - \$47.00 App - FREE
 - f. The Word Among Us - Daily Readings / Meditations
Printed: \$33.20/yr (incl digital) or Digital: \$1.99/mo.
(WAU.org)
 - 3) Phone Apps
 - a. Go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store
Search Catholic Missal 2021
 - b. ****My personal favorite FREE app* ***
Laudate app includes order of the mass, daily and Sunday readings and so much more.
 - c. Breaking Bread eMissal 2021 - Oregon Catholic Press
App \$4.99
 - d. USCCB app
- If you have a cell phone these apps are easy to use. Technology can be scary. If you need help, please feel free to ask for help. There are people willing to help.

Becki Lacayo



Next Sunday, we celebrate Father's Day.
I thought I'd get a little jump on it this year... put a 'bug' in your ear... so to speak...
I know this really doesn't apply to you... you're here...

but maybe you know somebody who could use the reminder... Pass it on...
I'm sure we all realize that...
First and foremost we should ***all*** look to, and celebrate, our Heavenly Father!

Next we must celebrate and honor our own earthly father... as the 4th Commandment says-
Honor thy Father and thy mother.

- And, finally... we, men, have to look at ourselves as fathers (or simply as men) and our roles within (and outside of) the family.

- I hate to say this, guys... but a lot of us have kind of '*fallen down*' on the job!

- Our *traditional* role is that of Head of the Household (HoH).

- No offense to the ladies... I know many of you are also Head of the House... that's why I said '*traditional*'.

- Being the Head of the Household means more than just '*bringing home the bacon*'!

- In addition to caring for the family's physical needs it means, and in my mind more importantly so, caring for their spiritual needs!

- If any of you have ever been to one of my Baptism-Preparation sessions you've heard me ask the people what their 'primary mission in life is.'... Answer: Get to heaven! Then, if married, I explain that their 'primary mission' has expanded and ask the question again. Answer: Get yourself ***and*** your spouse to heaven! Then, as a parent, I explain that our 'mission' has expanded even further and again ask the question... By this time they see where the question is heading so they answer:

- Get yourself, your spouse and children to heaven! ***BINGO!!*** Nothing else really matters in the long run!

- Guys, we are called to set the example for our family!

- If, by our actions, we show that our Faith isn't that important to us... guess what...

- It won't be important to our kids either!

- We promise by our Baptismal Vows (ours and our children's) that we will raise them in a faith-filled environment. We want the best for our children... our spouse... for ourselves... what could possibly be better than eternal life with our loved ones?

- Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is the head of the Universal Church... the Pope is the head of the visible / world-wide church... and '*traditionally*' we, men / fathers are head of our "*Domestic Church*" - our family.

- It is up to us (*and to you Lady Heads of Households*) to build up this Church!

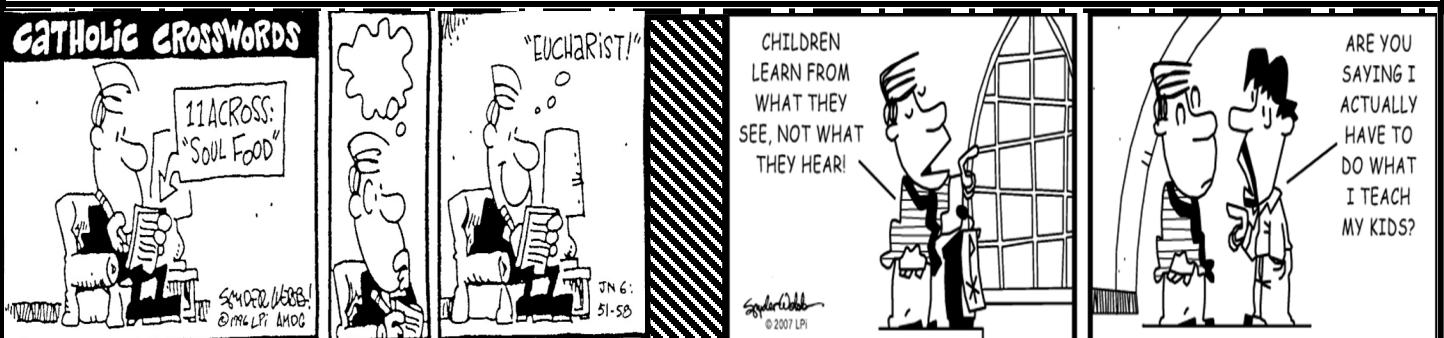
- Here are a few of tips that may help you along:

- Begin family traditions based on liturgical seasons and other devotions
(such as *Enthroning the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts in your home –or– praying the Stations of the Cross*)
- Pray a family Rosary together
- Attend Sunday Mass and monthly Confession... as a family -or-
- Simply have a crucifix prominently displayed in your home.

I'd love to 'discuss' this further but space limitations prohibit it.

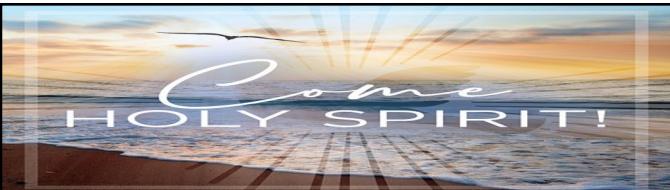
However, if you'd like to talk more... so would I.

'till next time... *Happy Father's Day* and God Bless- DT



This Week at Our Parish

Sunday,	June 13, 2021
8:00 am	CDA Plant Sale - <i>Playground</i>
Monday,	June 14, 2021
7:00 pm	KC 3rd Degree Mtg - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
Tuesday,	June 15, 2021
5:30 pm	Divine Mercy - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
7:00 pm	Coro Alegria - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i> Grupo Choir - <i>Church</i>
Wednesday,	June 16, 2021
Thursday,	June 17, 2021
6:00 pm	English Prayer Gp - <i>Church</i>
Friday,	June 18, 2021
7:00 pm	Coro Alegria - <i>Rectory Mtg. Room</i> Grupo de Oracion - <i>Church</i>
Saturday,	June 19, 2021
4:00 pm	Reconciliation - <i>Church</i>
Sunday,	June 20, 2021 - Father's Day
9:00 am	Guadalupanos General Meeting - <i>Carolan Hall</i>



Sanctuary Light Intention:
†David Sassenhagen

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, June 19, 2021
5:00 pm Altar Servers - (None) Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando Lector - M.Fisher
Sunday, June 20, 2021
8 am Altar Servers - (None) Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim Lector - C.Brown
10 am Altar Servers - (None) Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Briseno, L.Gifford Lector - Abi.Perez
12 pm Altar Servers - (None) Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Larios, L.Lopez Lector - J+M.Rodriguez

Lecturas de la Semana del 14 - 20 junio

Lunes: 2Cor 6:1-10; Sal 97:1-4; Mt 5:38-42
Martes: 2Cor 8:1-9; Sal 145:2,5-9; Mt 5:43-48
Miércoles: 2Cor 9:6-11; Sal 111:1-4,9; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Jueves: 2Cor 11:1-11; Sal 110:1-4,7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Viernes: 2Cor 11:18,21-30; Sal 33:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Sábado: 2Cor 12:1-10; Sal 33:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Domingo: Job 38:1,8-11; Sal 106:23-31;
2Cor 5:14-17; Mc 4:35-41

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 12, 2021
8:00 am †Pat and †Bill Carden by Marcia Traylor
† <i>All Souls</i> by Kim Nguyen
Special Intention - Daniel Acosta and Family By Lorenzo & Diana Acosta
5:00 pm †Adeline & Ed Richardson by Family
†Abe Garcia by Delia & Sandy
†Juan Urbano by Family
Sunday, June 13, 2021
8:00 am † <i>All Souls</i> by Kim Nguyen
Special Intention - Diana Acosta for swift / complete Recovery By Lorenzo Acosta
10:00 am †Jose Alcantar by Maria T. Sweet
12:00 pm †Katherine Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
Monday, June 14, 2021
8:00 am †Kathy Rendon by Family
†Katherine Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
† <i>All Souls</i> by Kim Nguyen
Tuesday, June 15, 2021
8:00 am †Katherine Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
† <i>All Souls</i> by Kim Nguyen
Wednesday, June 16, 2021
8:00 am †Kathleen Rendon by Rudy Rendon
†Katherine Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
† <i>All Souls</i> by Kim Nguyen
Thursday, June 17, 2021
8:00 am †Abe Garcia by Delia & Sandy
†Katherine Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
† <i>All Souls</i> by Kim Nguyen
All Ordained Clergy and Religious
Friday, June 18, 2021
8:00 am †Katherine Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
† <i>All Souls</i> by Kim Nguyen
Saturday, June 19, 2021
8:00 am †J.Jesus Esparza by Oralia Esparza
†Pat and †Bill Carden by Marcia Traylor
† <i>All Souls</i> by Kim Nguyen
5:00 pm †Abe Garcia by Delia & Sandy
†Katherine Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
Sunday, June 20, 2021 - Father's Day
8:00 am †Ed & †Adeline Richardson by Family
†Melba Tatum by Guadalupanos
† <i>All Souls</i> by Kim Nguyen
10:00 am †Robert & †Gabriel Estrada by Joe & Annabelle Garza
†Joe Weich by Joe & Annabelle Garza
†Melba Tatum by Joe & Annabelle Garza
12:00 pm †Andres Garza & †David Herrera Sr. by Joe & Annabelle Garza
†Vinicio Vera Silva, †Lourdes Olmedo Martinez, by Gonzalez-Vera Family
†Jose Jesus Cortez Guerrero by Cortez Family

Readings for the week of June 14 - 20

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Wednesday: 2Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1-4,9; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday: 2Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1-4,7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2Cor 11:18,21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Jb 38:1,8-11; Ps 107:23-26,28-31;
2Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-4