

St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of June 15 & 16, 2024

Established 1917



Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday–Thursday

8:30 - 3 pm

Or as posted

Prayer to

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 10 am

Weekdays

Tuesday - Friday 8 am



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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

Background on the Gospel Reading

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.

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Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, June 15: For the People

Sun, June 16: All Fathers Past and Present

Tue, June 18: +Joseph "Joey" Jurich

Wed, June 19: +Brenda Moreno

Thu, June 20: +Wayne Kopszywa,

Fri, June 21: +Lonnie Arnold

In Our Parish

June 20: Ultreya, 7m at the Family Life Center

July 3: Mass Honoring Deceased Fisherman 6pm

July 6: 95th Blessing of the Fleet Mass, 4pm

July 6: Crowning of the Shrimp King & Queen, 6pm

July 7: Blessing of the Fleet, 11am-5pm, Great Lawn

In Our Diocese

July 17-21: 10th National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis, Indiana

September 15: *Wedding Anniversary Mass:* The Bishop will recognize couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years or more with a Mass and reception. Please fill out the form in the vestibule.

Prayer for Protection of Hurricanes

O God, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten our Gulf Coast during this hurricane season. Spare us from the memories of past tragedies and from the storms that threaten our homes. Blessed Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and with a spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of you Son, Jesus to reach Heaven where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen

Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike Stewart

Sometime ago, I talked to a woman whose husband passed away only months before. I asked her how she was doing, and she shared, "Some days I just need to talk to him. And then I come to the realization all over again that he's not here. That's the hardest part of all for me."

My Dad's been gone now for over 20 years. It's hard to believe in many ways, and in others, it seems as though he's just a phone call away. I can't help but think about him on Father's Day. As many of us who are blessed to be entrusted by God with the gift of God's children, it has occurred to me on more than one occasion that I never appreciated my Dad as much as when I became a Dad myself. For many of the things over which I found fault with my Dad through the years, my perspective has changed.

I recognize now that the balance of the demands of work and family often leave us with empty tanks, disappointments and short-changed commitments.

I recognize what it means to over-promise and under-deliver.

I recognize that saying 'no' often means 'I love you too much to say yes.'

I recognize that parents don't teach their children anything when they don't let their children see them fail and make mistakes once in awhile.

I recognize that while we can't kiss their grown-up problems to make them go away, holding a hand or lending an ear is just as sacred.



**Altar Flowers are in honor of
+Sharon Girouard's
Wedding Anniversary**

And I recognize that being a Dad isn't just another thing I 'do' ... but rather it defines who I 'am,' and it gives the world a snapshot of the kind of man God made me to be.

If it's possible, I'm pretty sure I'm closer to my Dad now than when he was with me physically rather than spiritually. Maybe that's because I'm coming to the realization that, in many ways, I've become my Dad. And if my Dad loved me even half as much as I love my daughters, then I know that God has given my Dad a very special place in his kingdom.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Romans 8:14

Happy Father's Day



*Collections June 8-9, 2024
\$4405.00*

**Next Week's Second Collection is for
Altar Society**

*In Loving Memory
of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb,
Ryan & Aken Families*



*In Memory of Kathy Theriot
11/27/45-12/28/20
We love you a bushel and a
peck and a hug around the
neck. You are forever in our
hearts.
Love, Bubba and your family*



In Loving Memory of
Berniece Louise Garner
Dec. 8 1932–Dec. 22, 2022
Truly an example of Amazing
Grace.



*In loving memory of
Nicolas & Loyce Hire
Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021
Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022
Together in Heaven*



Show Your Love

If you would like to have Mass said in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the office.

Or honor your loved ones past or present with an arrangement of fresh flowers on the altar for a week. Honor your loved one's birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or any milestone you wish.



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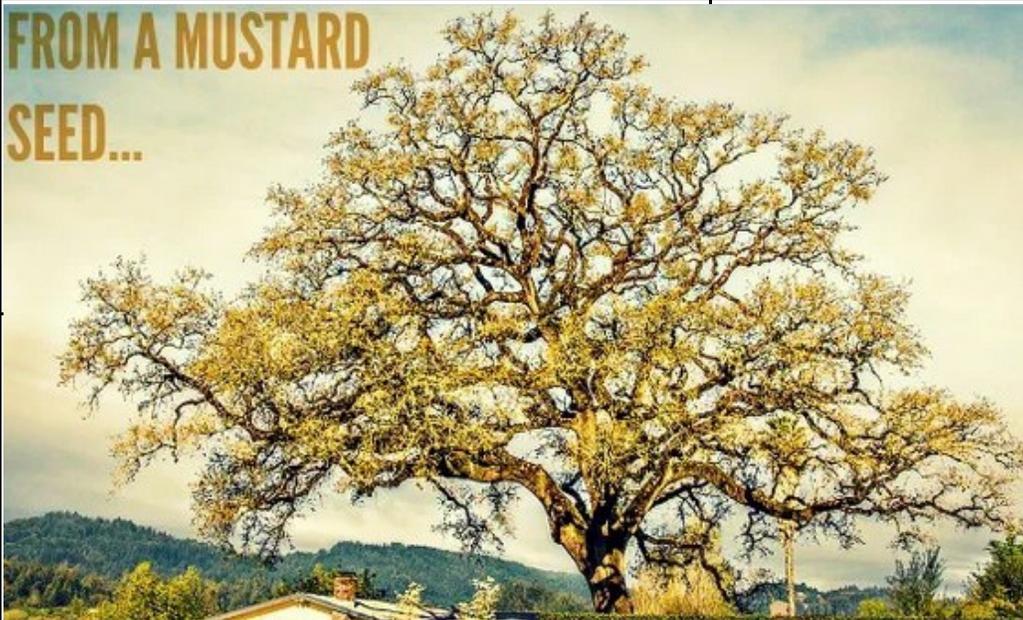


Always in our hearts

*Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen,
Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard,
Aldo & Anna Caprari, Evorise Boudreaux Broussard
& Cyrus A. Broussard*



**FROM A MUSTARD
SEED...**



Heavenly Father, help us to trust in Your plan and be faithful in our small efforts. Give us the courage to live by faith and to act with humility. Use our lives to build Your kingdom and bring glory to Your name. Amen.