

JUNE 13, 2021
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. One of the major themes of the Bible concerns the way God brings fruitfulness and growth out of what appears to be sterile and insignificant. Examples of this theme abound: Abraham and Sarah are given a child in their old age; a miserable group of slaves in Egypt are chosen as God's people Israel; Jesus, the carpenter's son from Nazareth, is revealed as Messiah and Lord. But the growth God gives is not divine magic; it always requires the responsible co-operation of human beings. Today's Gospel parable about the mustard seed gives us the chance to reflect on the growth God gives and the part we play in it.

The First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel describes the spread of God's Kingdom as the growth of a tree that provides shade for all creatures—a theme found also in today's Gospel.

In The Second Reading St. Paul tells us that whatever our circumstances in life, we should be intent upon one thing only: pleasing the Lord.

The Gospel contains two parables about the slow but steady growth of the Kingdom of God from insignificant beginnings. It is God who brings about this growth. God's kingdom is a kingdom of love, justice and peace. Each of us has a part to play.

Let us pray that we will play our part well and bring about God's Kingdom in the world of today.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	June 12
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: In Thanksgiving for Healing of the Sick

Sunday	June 13
8:00 AM	Mass: Doris Knott (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: For Healing of Maria Lourdes Neves

Monday	June 14
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: For Intentions of Robert Nadeau, Jr & Souls of Robert Nadeau, Sr & Charles Forrest
6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday	June 16
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Living & Deceased Members & Friends of the Nadeau & Forrest Families

Friday	June 18
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: David Riendeau (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: 2021 Graduates

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
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St. Paul's Council 95 KANDI Drive

The weekend of **June 19/20** after all Masses, members of our Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations for their Annual Kandi Drive to benefit individuals with intellectual disabilities. All funds raised go directly to local organizations & programs that directly help special individuals.

Congratulations 2021 Graduates

St. Paul's Parish would like to honor their accomplishments. All graduates at St. Paul the Apostle Parish are invited to attend the **10:00AM Mass on Sunday, June 20.**

Please let the church know of any graduates so we can include them in next week's bulletin.

2021 Catholic Charity Appeal

The CCA is underway in our parish. **To date, we have \$10,826 so far.** Please consider a gift to support the 2021 Appeal. Thank you.



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By The Numbers Update:

Our Parish Goal...\$166,788
Total Pledged..... **\$ 88,745**
Percentage of Goal... 53%

The Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar Committee has decided to go forward with this year's bazaar which will be held, **December 5/6.**

With that said, we will be asking for **input/support** from the parishioners.

What would be of interest to you on the Main Raffle? We usually have 4 items. So Far we have: \$1000 gift card tree, and a Handmade quilt. So we are **looking for 2 New Items.** (Items range in value from a couple hundred to the \$1000 gift cards... Remember these are all donated.)

We will be asking for **Table Items:** If you make or have any of the following, we'd appreciate your help. Hand Made Items. 'NEW' Items for Penny Social Table, Gently Used Jewelry, Empty Jewelry Boxes.

If you are canning jams/jellies/relishes this summer please consider setting aside a jar or two to donate to the bazaar. **Thank you!**

Supporting Life

A serious effort is underway in Congress to force all taxpayers to pay for elective abortions. The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years and is credited with saving the lives of over 2.4 million children to date. Do not let our government make you pay for the taking of innocent human life! Powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. It is critically important that we as Catholics send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Your voice could help save millions of lives! Congress needs to hear from a massive number of people, millions of Catholics need to sign the petition on No-TaxpayerAbortion.com. **Please encourage family and friends to do the same. Thank you for supporting LIFE!**

Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish meet its financial obligations, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/monthly offertory contribution. Or consider the convenient option of setting up an automatic contribution online. Details below.

Support St. Paul's

Set up a reoccurring donation (or make a gift at anytime) using our secure, online giving tool by ParishSOFT.

Visit our website at stpaulsfoster.org, and click the "Donate Now" button.

Second Collection—June 12/13

This weekend's second collection is in support of Catholic Communications Campaign, which focuses on ways to bring the gospel message to our society: on the Internet, podcasts, in social media, on television for news and sharing of the faith.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - June 5/6
\$ 2,840.00

Monthly 2nd Collection - June 5/6
\$ 2,185.00

Thank you for your support!

Letter from Bishop Tobin

Bishop Tobin has now signed a formal decree restoring the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in the Diocese of Providence, effective **Sunday, June 6, 2021**, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This means that Catholics, in observance of the Lord's Day and in fulfillment of the law of the Church, are once again obliged to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, unless they are otherwise dispensed for some serious reason such as health conditions. Attending Holy Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist Sacramentally are serious obligations.

Update: Normal Liturgical Practice

In light of updated health guidelines by the CDC, the Governor & RI Dept of Health, the following changes in procedure should be considered in our parishes. Visit stpaulsfoster.org.

Indoor Seating Capacity

Seating **increased from 80% to 100%**

Face Masks

Fully vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear a facemask indoors and outdoors.

Those who are not fully vaccinated should be asked to continue to wear a facemask indoors.

However, any form of discrimination should be avoided against those who are not fully vaccinated and those who do not use a facemask.

Continue to Observe the Following

Sufficient hand sanitizing dispensers should be made available at the vestibule of the church which can be used by parishioners upon entering. Parishioners should continually be encouraged to practice proper hygiene.

The distribution of the Precious Blood at Holy Communion to the lay faithful should remain suspended.

Livestreamed Mass

The 10:00 AM Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at facebook.com/foster.Catholic

Listen from your car

We will broadcast the Mass on 107.90 FM on car radios. Those who participate from the outside will be brought Communion if they choose to receive.