

June 16, 2024: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

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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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses:
Weekday Mass:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.
10 am – Tuesday to Friday
Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

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First Friday of each month - 2 pm
***Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:
Holy Hour of Adoration:
Reconciliation:
Marriages:
Baptisms:
Family Connections:
St. Vincent de Paul:

To resume in September.
Postponed until further notice.
By request.
Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.
Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
on June 8 & 9

Regular Sunday	1573.00
Loose Offering	43.32
Envelope Cost Contribution	20.00
Building Fund	35.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Votive Candles	44.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works	30.00
Living with Christ	43.15

MASS INTENTIONS June 18 - 23

June 18-21	No Mass
June 22 nd	Liturgy of the Word
June 23 rd	Liturgy of the Word

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

June 22	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Noseworthy	John Carroll
June 23	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Calvin Gillis	Wayne Dicks
Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore	

MASS SCHEDULE JUNE 18 – JULY 11:
There is no mass from June 18 – June 30, **Liturgy of the Word services** are on June 22, 23 and June 29 & 30 at Sacred Heart and Our Lady Star of the Sea. Bishop Bart Van Roijen will hold mass at Sacred Heart Church on July 6 & 7 and at Our Lady Star of the Sea on July 6.

NOTICE: Father Lainey will be away from June 18 - July11th. We will take mass request only for July 6 & 7. The office will still be open during regular hours.

In Memory for Father’s Day:
For the Late John Joyce, John Griffin and George Joyce from Clara and Family.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY:
Blessings to our fathers and all who have shown a Fathers love. Today we honor all the Father figures in our lives.

“FRIENDS OF JACKIE” CONCERT:
Third Annual “Friends of Jackie” Concert
Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00,
Bartlett’s Point Park
Music by “Griffins and Friends
Please bring a food item or a monetary gift to support the Bay of Islands Food Bank Network
Or your monetary donation can be made through E-transfer to
foodbanknetwork@nf.aibn.com

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CELEBRATION:
Thank you to everyone who came to The Sacred Heart of Jesus Special Celebration on Friday, June 7 and stayed for the potluck. We had more people than expected and it showed your dedication to the parish which was very appreciated. The food was spectacular, and we had more than enough for everyone. All the hot dishes, cold dishes, coffee, tea, etc. and all the smiles would not have been possible without the time and dedication of the people who volunteered to put this event together, thank you to everyone. Our new Statute is awesome, our thanks go out to Anna House on the excellent work.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:
Bingo Draw:
The draw for the Bingo donation will be on the last Sunday of this month.
Coffee Sunday:
The last Coffee Sunday will also be held on the last Sunday in June.
Book Sale:
Our book sale last weekend brought in \$217.25 Thank you to everyone for your support.

LECTIO DIVINA (DIVINE WORD) SEMINAR:
There will be a seminar conducted at Holy Redeemer Church on Saturday, June 22nd., 10:00am. to 11:30am., on making the most of the proclaimed word of God - especially at Mass. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this is for everyone and we’re all invited to participate. Father Ed Terry, Faithful Friar will facilitate this come together. Refreshments will be served. The Word of God is an invitation to encounter a life giving message every Sunday. Do come and bring great expectations to this gathering.

PILGRIMAGE:
OUR LADY OF LORDES PARISH GROTTTO:
On Monday, July 22nd, 2024 starting at 8am from the church we will be having a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Grotto on the Port au Port Peninsula. Rosary will be held in the Grotto weather permitting, followed by Mass inside the Church. Lunch will be held in the Parish Centre and a donation for the upkeep of the grotto will be gladly accepted.

To Register: Contact the parish office 709-785-5025 Monday to Friday 9-1pm or call Elizabeth Carew at 709-785-5094. Once we have a total number of participants, we will be able to figure out the cost to each of us for renting a bus instead of carpooling.

ADVANCE NOTICE - CEMETARY MASSES:
Sacred Heart Cemetery Masses:
Mount Cecelia Cemetery - Curling -
Wednesday, July 31st at 7:00 pm.
Old RC Cemetery - Benoit’s Cove
Thursday, August 1st at 7:00 pm.

WALK-A-THON: September 21, Saturday 10a.m. from the parish parking lot to the Rock wall and return. Refreshments to follow at the church.

Reflection: *The seed that grows itself*

On many an idle day
have I grieved over lost time.
But it is never lost, my Lord.
You have taken every moment of my life
in your own hands.
Hidden in the heart of things
you are nourishing seeds into sprouts,
buds into blossoms, and ripening flowers
into fruitfulness.
I was tired and sleeping on my idle bed and
imagining all work had ceased.
In the morning I woke up and found my
garden full with wonders of flowers.
Rabindranath Tagore

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B,
Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.221-222