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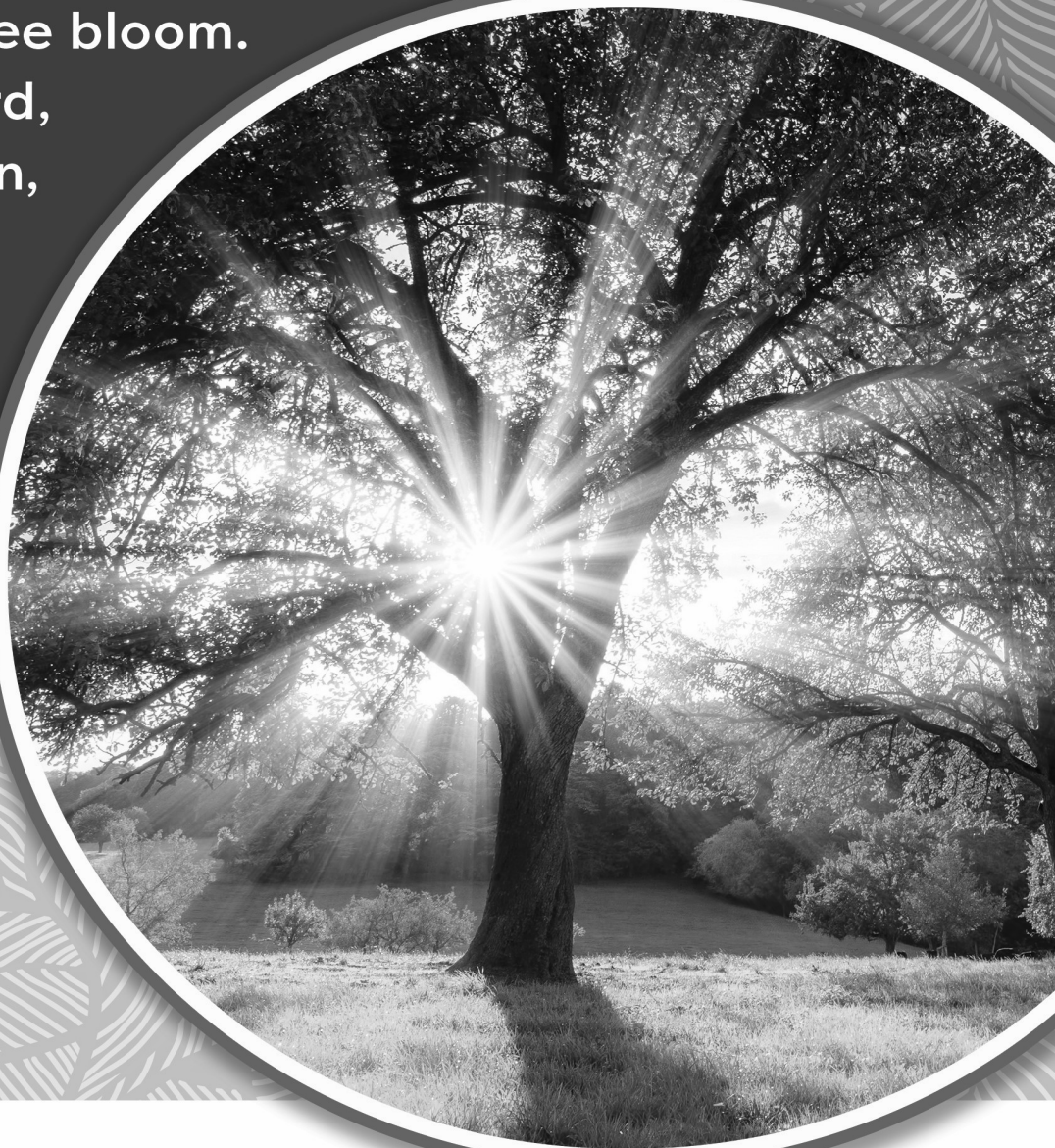
**Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

June 13, 2021

I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the
withered tree bloom.

As I, the Lord,
have spoken,
so will I do.

Ezekiel 17:24



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how, Mk. 4:26-27.

A man scatters, sleeps and rises. The seed sprouts and grows. The man knows not how. These few words could be a description of your life. You go to work, night comes, and you sleep, and you get up the next day and go to work, day after day. Blessed monotony! You wonder if anything good will come from what you do, whether it be raising your children, helping your church community, caring for patients entrusted to you, constructing buildings and roads, mining copper, teaching, policing, cleaning, or any number of ways that we spend our days "scattering seed". *Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening*, says the psalmist, Ps.104:23. We are happy if we see our work and effort bear fruit. If we are humble, we thank God. We really do not know how we could have done it without Him. More often, we do not see the good fruit of our labors. Often we go unappreciated and unrecognized.

It is normal to want our work and talent to be recognized. However, there is a fallacy in believing that our worth is in proportion to the recognition we receive. Being seen and heard can never be the measure of one's worth. Certainly, we seek affirmation. I am somebody. I need to be heard and seen and appreciated. This past year has been difficult for those who have experienced too much isolation. We are a social being. We are meant for other people. But we are also meant for God. In fact, only God truly recognizes us. He made us and we belong to Him. "God knows; God hears. This must constitute our dignity or nothing will."

St. Therese of the Child Jesus understood that the deepest mystery of our identity is known by God alone. We do well to entrust it to the Holy Spirit and seek ourselves in the heart of Jesus. St. Therese taught us to find peace in hiddenness and in the knowledge that God sees what we do to serve Him, to work for His Kingdom, to pray- *Thy Kingdom Come*- in the secret of our heart. Our simple, little, and unrecognized lives are the seeds of the Kingdom of God. The little acts of kindness, the smile, the helpful hand, the unrecognized work in the home caring for the family, the daily routine of going off to work another day, all these things have immeasurable worth in the eyes of God. There is so much that we do that is never heard or seen. Don't let this trouble you. The tireless, fruitless, and ultimately pointless pursuit of recognition, fame and uniqueness will kill you spiritually and even cause you depression and anxiety. *Whatsoever you do, do it from the heart, as to the Lord, and not to men*, Col. 3:23. The seeds of love we plant will sprout and grow. Let us be dead to the folly of the world. Our lives are *hidden with Christ in God*, Col. 3:3. God is at work in us. This is all that matters.

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

HOLY HOUR

Please join us for a Holy Hour in Honor of Saint Joseph with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the church.



The Parish has a new deacon.

Last Saturday, June 5th, Mrs. Ernesto Ramiro Lujan, known to us as Ernie, was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Tucson. The bishop has assigned him to Santa Cruz Parish. His wife, Becky, has a tremendous support to him in his journey to the diaconate. Ernie and Becky are life long parishioners of Santa Cruz Parish. Together they are entrusted with the ministry of preparing couples for marriage. Reverend Ernie will have other ministries as a deacon such as baptizing, graveside services, benedictions and blessings. We are grateful to God for this blessing bestowed on our parish.

Diocese of Tucson lifts the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation

As of July 1, 2021, Bishop Edward lifts the dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation for the Diocese of Tucson. The general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation for the general public will cease. However, the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in place for those at serious medical risk. Serious medical risk refers primarily to those with a chronic health condition, those providing direct care for the vulnerably ill, or those with a compromised immune system or other health condition that leaves them unable to be vaccinated.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 12th

8:00am Josephina M. Valenzuela/R.I.P.
5:30pm Burruel & Mendibles Deceased Family Members/R.I.P.

Sunday, June 13th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am Estevan Franco/R.I.P.
10:00am Daniel Amaro/R.I.P.
12:00pm Antonio Rodriguez/R.I.P.
6:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.

Special Int./Fr. Glenn Snow
Merced Gutierrez/R.I.P.

Special Int./Fr. Richard Kusugh
Rosie Garcia/R.I.P.

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Fernando Piña/R.I.P.

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Lucy Lee Woo/R.I.P.

Special Int./Fr. Isaac Fynn
Jimmy & Annie Vidal/R.I.P.

Parish Collection June 6th, 2021

Collection: \$ 4,389.54

*Thank you and God bless your generosity!
¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!*

Thanking You for Your Service to Our Parish

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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

Please note COVID protocols: masks required; distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

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