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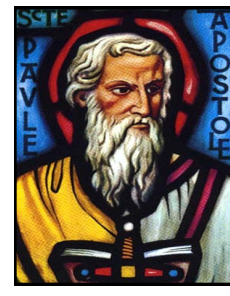
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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Summary

The fourth chapter of Mark's Gospel focuses entirely on parables. In the first part of the Gospel, Seed Grows of Itself, Jesus is pointing out that the growth of the Kingdom of God is a hidden reality that operates under God's power rather than through human work and effort. In the second part of the Gospel, the parable of the Mustard Seed, Jesus is offering the crowds words of encouragement. What at first might seem small and insignificant will, under God's power, become "the largest of plants."

Reflection for Parents

In the *parables*, or simple stories that Jesus told, he used everyday objects such as salt, light, coins, yeast, and even a father and his sons to teach moral lessons. Jesus wanted people to relate to the stories he told, and to understand his teachings about the ways in which children of God are called to live. Children of all ages love to hear good stories, especially those they can relate to because the situations, settings, characters, or objects are familiar to them. How long has it been since you've shared a good story with your children? What books are on your family bookshelf? Be mindful of making story and reading choices that reflect and reinforce the kingdom values that Jesus taught.

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Place a small, empty bowl and a container of various kinds of seeds on your family prayer table or kitchen table. Remind your family that every person can plant seeds of goodness, kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity, thankfulness, and love in the lives of family members, friends, and those in need in the world today. Share ideas about ways to do this. Invite family members to put one seed in the glass bowl for every seed of God's love they plant in the coming week. At the end of the week, reread the parable of the Mustard Seed and—if possible—plant your seeds and be surprised by what grows!

Discussion Starters

1. Someone who planted the seed of love in my life this past week is . . .
2. One seed I want to plant this week is . . .
3. One way our family can help the Kingdom of God grow is . . .

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 15

4:30pm
 • +Julia Camilleri

Sunday, June 16

• For all Fathers, Living & Deceased

Monday, June 17

• +Joseph Farrugia

Tuesday, June 18

• +Joseph & Angela Azzopardi & Family

Wednesday, June 19

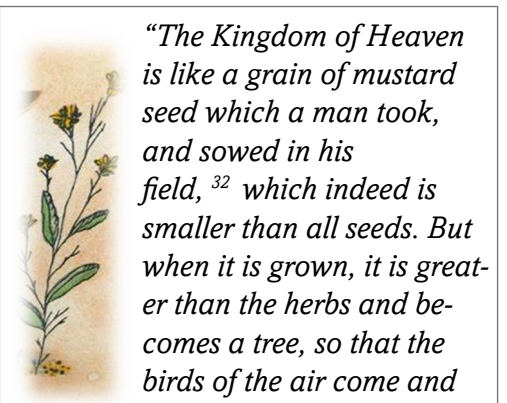
• Intention of Malcolm Persaud

Thursday, June 20

• +Antonia DaSilva

Friday, May 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga
 • +Cutajar & Zammit Family



"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took, and sowed in his field,³² which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and

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Daily morning Mass:
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:15am (Maltese/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9:15am (English)
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)
Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every
 Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Secretary
 Mrs. Rita Apalit

OFFICE HOURS
 Monday to Friday
 9:00am to 4:30pm
 (Priest is always available by appointment)

SACRAMENTS
Baptism: Please contact the priests. Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am
Marriages: Contact the priest one year in advance of the wedding. A marriage preparation course is mandatory.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 First Friday: 8:40am to 9:10am
 Saturdays: 4:45pm to 5:15pm
 Anytime by appointment.
Anointing of the Sick:
 Contact the priests. Parishioners are reminded that this is not a sacrament that should be left for the last possible minute. It is a Sacrament for the sick, not just for the dying.

June 16, 2024

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Being a father involves a multitude of responsibilities, including providing for the family, being a role model, and nurturing the emotional and physical well-being of their children. It requires a delicate balance of discipline and love, guidance and support. Fathers often face difficult decisions and challenges, whether it's balancing work and family life, teaching important life lessons, or being there to support their children through ups and downs. It takes dedication, patience, and selflessness to be a great dad, and I admire all the fathers who strive to be the best they can be for their children. On this Father's Day, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation and best wishes to all the dads out there, for the incredible effort they put into raising their children and shaping their future. May this day be filled with love, joy, and recognition for all that you do. The foremost duty of a father is to be present. Being a father is more than just a biological function. Fatherhood is about providing the good soil for the seed to sprout.

If fathers strive to please God with their behavior and values in their homes, it would have a profound impact on the overall atmosphere and dynamics within the household. Firstly, fathers would prioritize love, kindness, and forgiveness, creating a nurturing and supportive environment for their family members. They would actively seek to promote moral values, integrity, and honesty, instilling these principles in their children through their own actions and teachings. Fathers would prioritize spending quality time with their family, engaging in meaningful conversations, and fostering open communication. They would prioritize serving others and practicing empathy, teaching their children the importance of compassion and selflessness. Additionally, fathers would prioritize spiritual growth, encouraging their family members to seek a personal relationship with God and fostering an environment of faith and prayer. By making pleasing God the controlling force in their homes, fathers would create a space where love, respect, and righteousness thrive, ultimately shaping individuals who contribute positively to society.

I came across a story that speaks for itself. A father was watching his young son trying to dislodge a heavy stone. The boy couldn't budge it. "Are you sure you are using all your strength?" the father asked. "Yes, I am," said the exasperated boy. "No, you are not," the father replied. "You haven't asked me to help you."

Father's Day is a special occasion that allows us to honor and appreciate the role of fathers in our lives. It is a time to reflect on the love, guidance, and support they have given us. We remember the countless sacrifices they have made to ensure our happiness and well-being. For those fortunate enough to still have their fathers with them, it is an opportunity to express our gratitude and love towards them. We can take this day to make them feel cherished and celebrated, showing them how much they mean to us.

However, for those who have lost their fathers, Father's Day can be a bittersweet time filled with longing and memories. It is important for us to take a moment to acknowledge their absence and give thanks for the impact they had on our lives. We can find solace in the memories we shared, the lessons they taught us, and the values they instilled in us. Let us remember and honor our fathers, whether they are physically present or watching over us from above.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Making the Church a Home In today's readings we hear about small things having large impacts. In the Gospel, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven "is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." The mustard seed in this parable represents the Gospel that Jesus came to proclaim. It started with just a small handful of people but now, 2000 years later, has spread to all the corners of the world. The birds that come to find refuge in the tree represents all of us who come to find rest and shelter in the Gospel and the Church. As stewards, we should play our part in helping the tree continue to grow through the gift of our time and talents. We should seek ways to help spread the Gospel message in our parish, whether it be through assisting at liturgies, helping with catechesis or serving the poor in our community. We should also spread the message that God desires all of us, even those who have fallen away from their faith, to find healing, safety and comfort in the Church. Let us be committed to making the Church a home for all who seek Christ.

In today's Gospel we hear about the parable of the mustard seed in which Jesus explains that the tiniest seed can grow into the largest tree that houses many birds of the air. The mustard seed represents the Gospel message that began with a few people 2000 years ago and has now spread all over the world. As stewards, we should play our part in helping the tree continue to grow through the gift of our time and talents.

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.



On Friday, June 14th at 7:00 pm, the following young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation, administered by Bishop Ivan Camilleri, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto.

*Lily Maria Aguiar
Ryan Vincent Almeida
Romeo Bonello
Charlie Jack Brewer
Jack Mateo Cabral
Tyler John Graca
Tobias Evan Skudra*

Congratulations to these young people and their families. As a parish community, we accompany them with our prayers. May the love and joy of Jesus be always present in their hearts and may the Holy Spirit guide them throughout their lives. A big thank you to our Catechists Ian Saliba & Keith Diaz who helped to prepare our young people for this very important day in their lives.

VOCATION REFLECTION Today's readings remind us that great things often have small beginnings. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



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Next weekend, we will be having a visit from His Excellency Dr. Mark Anthony Pace, Malta's High Commissioner in Canada. Dr. Pace will attend the 10:30 am Mass. A reception will follow in the Lower Hall.