

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13, 2021



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Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

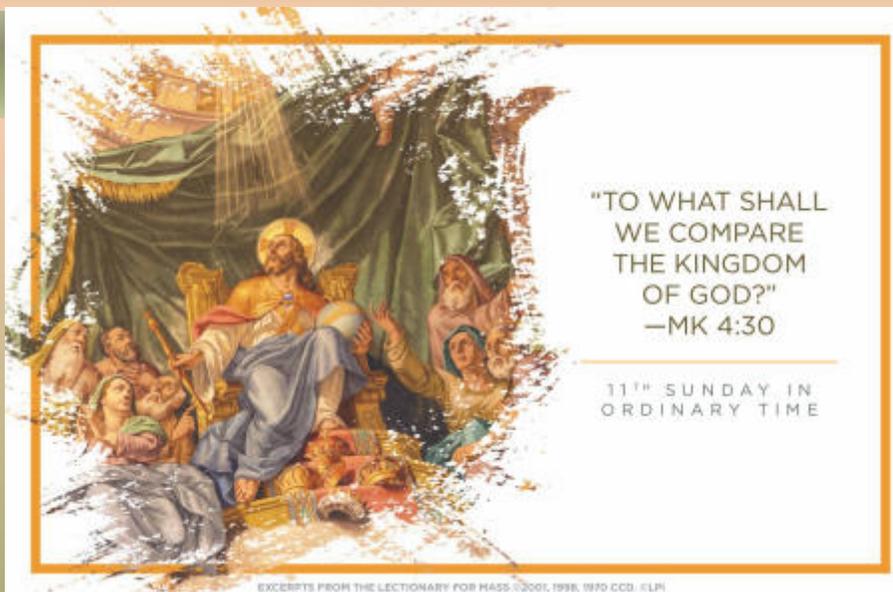
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father Letona has resumed the Confession Schedule,
7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls
5.30pm St James Saturday evening

Another option is to call the Parish Office to schedule your confession with Father Letona.

Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now that Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi are over, we have returned to Ordinary time. Now that the earth has returned to the ordinary green of summer, so does the Church.

Even as those sacred times are solemn, beautiful, and profound, there is a sense of relief as we return to ordinariness. Yet, can we ever truly be ordinary again once we've allowed the Lord to touch our lives? Rather we must allow the Lord enter and be the center of even the smallest, most ordinary circumstances of life.

For if the Lord is not sovereign, if the Lord is not the "center of gravity" in our lives, an empty tomb-like space is left in the heart and soul. But there is no power vacuum, it does not remain empty for long, something or someone else will take that place.

Our lives, our souls, bear fruit, Whether it is good or bad is determined by what, or whom, we draw our "life" from and how we respond to the Source of all life. If we "aspire to please Him" (2 Corinthians 5:6-10) and afford the Lord even the smallest place in our hearts, that is a start (it must not be where you end), but he can begin His great task of our sanctification.

Reflect on this sermon on today's Gospel (Mark 4:26-34) by St. Peter Chrysologus (5th century):

Yes, it is true: a mustard seed is indeed an image of the kingdom of God. Christ is the kingdom of heaven. Sown like a mustard seed in the garden of the Virgin's womb, he grew up into the tree of the cross whose branches stretch across the world. Crushed in the mortar of the passion, its fruit has produced seasoning enough for the flavoring and preservation of every living creature with which it comes in contact.

As long as a mustard seed remains intact, its properties lie dormant; but when it is crushed they are exceedingly evident. So it was with Christ; he chose to have his body crushed, because he would not have his power concealed.

We too must crush this mustard seed, in order to feel the force of this parable... Christ became all things in order to restore all of us in himself. Christ received the mustard seed which represents the kingdom of God; as man he received it, though as God he had always possessed it. He sowed it in his garden, that is in his bride, the Church.

The Church is a garden extending over the whole world, tilled by the plough of the gospel, fenced in by stakes of doctrine and discipline, cleared of every harmful weed by the labor of the apostles, fragrant and lovely with perennial flowers: virgins' lilies and martyrs' roses set amid the pleasant verdure of all who bear witness to Christ and the tender plants of all who have faith in him.

Such then is the mustard seed which Christ sowed in his garden. When he promised a kingdom to the patriarchs the seed took root in them; with the prophets it sprang up, with the apostles it grew tall, in the Church it became a great tree putting forth innumerable branches laden with gifts. And now you too must take the wings of the psalmist's dove, gleaming gold in the rays of divine sunlight, and fly to rest for ever among those sturdy, fruitful branches. No snares are set to trap you there; fly off, then, with confidence and dwell securely in its shelter.

God bless you all,
Father Robert Letona

Character Builds Families

Did you know that there is a verse in the Bible that gives us a direction to go with our thoughts?

Philippians 4:8 *"Finally, brother, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."*

Thinking of this verse we should begin today to put into practice thinking and talking about what we do want in our life. After all thinking, talking, and worrying about what we don't want can never bring us what we do want.

If it can be solved don't worry, If it can't be solved don't worry. Whatever it is commend yourself to the Hand of God.

This week "increase your potential for joy by identifying in writing one circumstance that you would like to improve and the change in thinking that must precede it." (The 4:8 Principle)



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Bruce Quist		
For our Deceased		
Clayton Hansen	Frank Machnik	Ellen Henthorne
Marcella Hirt	Wilda Paulson	Walt Weber

Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.

Secretary's Corner

June 11th we celebrate The Most Sacred Heart on formed.org watch: **The War of the Vendee** Register for Formed.org select I am a member of Parish and enter 53950 (mjpcatholic) register your name and email address. Check your email for the link and enjoy.

Mother gets pregnant (again!) while pregnant with twins

"Can I get pregnant if I'm already pregnant?" That sounds like an absurd question, but it's not. Even more incredible things can happen: Recently, an American mother, who was already pregnant with twins, discovered after a few days that she was pregnant again. She gave birth (prematurely) to the three girls about six weeks ago, and all are in NICU making good progress. Taming Triplets (as we'll call her for short) has 1.4 million followers on TikTok. Once again this social network surprises us, showing the great curiosity of its (often young) users about the story of this woman who had such an unexpected surprise and wanted to share it on the web. Taming Triplets told FaithPot, **"We were just very, very lucky and blessed and thankful and happened to just spontaneously get pregnant with triplets. We wanted to be parents and God went, 'Watch out what you ask for' and gave us three at once."** Once the moment of euphoria and surprise passed, it became clear that the pregnancy was going to be very complex. The youngest child was the most at risk, but the others (conceived 10 days earlier) also faced the possibility of an excessively premature birth. Could she keep all 3? It's time again to complain about the enormous confusion nowadays on the subject of life. Why, in the face of such an unusual and sensational fact, doesn't medicine roll up its sleeves to support the adventure of exceptional motherhood? Why, when life is so abundant, does humanity, instead of multiplying the support it provides, take the scissors in hand? These questions arise as Taming Triplets' tale moves forward and the proposal of "selective reduction," that is, abortion, rears its ugly head in the story. The medical team expressed concern for her health and that of the babies. They suggested the couple do some testing to see which of the unborn babies was least likely to be healthy, so they could have a selective abortion. Fortunately, that option was not on the table for Taming Triplets and her husband. She told FaithPot, **"We want to move forward with all three babies. No genetic testing, no selective reduction. We just pray and hope the babies are going to be healthy ... Even if they did have an issue we are going to love them no matter what."** Considering the times, it's not surprising that doctors were critical of this decision from a mother who bravely protects the life of an unborn but "problematic" child. In the upside-down narrative of which we are daily victims, we're really in danger of thinking that doctors who propose selective abortion "for a good motive" are being merciful. Humanity knows it does not have the divine power to work miracles, and so—in the worst case—it tries to curb an unpredictable trajectory. Not sure if we can save three lives, we only concern ourselves with saving one or two. The mother chose the better part, relying on the One who loved us even before we were in the womb. The heavy artillery on the subject of abortion is now our bitter daily bread. It could be a good sign then that this mother has shared her choice (and the words transcribed above) with her large social media audience. Millions of people have listened to her. 80,000 have "liked" her testimony. There have been more than 2,000 comments in which many other moms with difficult pregnancies have testified that they too chose to accompany the nascent life within them, doing everything they can to support it instead of cutting it short. This powerful testimony and pro-life perspective is present, albeit largely ignored by the media. The most realistic picture of the world is this presence (hidden from the spotlight) of men and women making difficult choices without giving in to the logic of nihilism. Welcome Vivienne, Georgina and Ivy At 32 weeks of gestation, the mother needed to have an emergency C-section because the three babies were in danger. She gave birth to Vivienne, Georgina, and Ivy.

Family Builder Idea:

4 Phrases about Jesus that you should never say to your child: **Avoid commonly referring to Jesus as "little"** It's not wrong to speak of "little Jesus" since Jesus was made man and was first, naturally, a little child. It's not a good idea to refer to Him as such for child. He will become the "little Jesus for children" to be left behind in the museum of childish things and childhood memories. **"Jesus doesn't love you when you act like that."** This is false, completely and a child who hears this will grow up with the fear of losing God's love and will be convinced that this love must be earned, that God does not love sinners. We must also never say "I don't like little girls that lie (or little boys that scream) The child understands differently, they think that we don't like them, when it the action that we don't like. (to be cont.)

from whom do we

Attend in person 6pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas

8am St Michael's Indian Creek

10am St Paul's New Lisbon

Weekday Mass @ St. Paul's
Tue—Fri 8.30 am

Sign up via our website or email me at
stpaulsecrtery@gmail.com if you are having problems

On the Web

• YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from the last few months

• Like our parish page on Facebook
Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes

• www.mjpcatholic.com

• In person for private prayer

Sunday 11am—7pm

Monday—Saturday 9am—7pm

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time with Father Letona

10:00 am

Readings

Ez 17:22-24

Ps 92: 2-3, 13-16

2 Cor 5: 6-10

Mk 4:26-34

St James Schedule June 19

Lector

Loretta Connor

Money Counter

Ruth Schroeder

We are looking for volunteers for usher, read and money count... PLEASE CALL Kris @ 608-562-3135

St. Michael's Schedule June 20

Lector

John Ollendick

Offertory

Jerry & Sue Bloom

Ushers

Rick Phillips/Bob Conant

Money Counters

Marian Belcher/Steve Belcher

St. Paul's Schedule June 20

Lector

Adrienne Baumgart

Money Counter

Lisa Vinz/ volunteer

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

Ushers

Tom Heindl/ ?

FORMATION IN FAITH:

Celebrate special June feast days with these sounds and smells

We sometimes forget the many special feast days in the month. So what better way to celebrate this month than by enjoying the highest feasts of the Church year? Here's a mini soundtrack for each day, as well as an idea of some food to make to enjoy the feasts.

Sacred Heart of Jesus – Friday, June 11, 2021

On this feast we look at the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion dating back to the 1600s. What a beautiful day to think about God's unending love for every person. *What to listen to today:* For help meditating on God's love, try listening to "No Limit to Your Love" by John van Deusen and "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" by Wilder Adkins *What to make:* Try these little chocolate cheesecakes topped with cherry, no baking required. The cherry topping can remind us of the traditional color for the heart and love, while the sweet and decadent nature of the treat is a tiny nod to the sweetness and decadence of God's love.

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Saturday, June 12, 2021

Get ready for two solemnities in a row as we celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Her pure and gentle love is the theme of the day, from her yes at the Annunciation to her steadfastness at Jesus' death on the cross. *What to listen to today:* "Nazareth Morning" by Bay Ridge Band *What to make:* Enjoy some sweet, white vanilla ice cream shakes. Just mix together ice cream with milk. A blender will make the work easier, but by hand is possible too.

The Birth of John the Baptist – Thursday, June 24, 2021

Jesus said of John the Baptist in Matthew 11:11: "Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist." *What to listen to today:* "Samurai Cop" by the Dave Matthews Band. While this song is not specifically about St. John the Baptist, it celebrates the beauty of birth. It brings to mind what joy Elizabeth and Zachariah must have felt at the birth of their longed-for son. *What to make:* Here's an excuse to have a birthday cake. We don't celebrate many saints' birthdays, so whether you make a birthday cake with frosting or even just grab some birthday cake ice cream. (aleteia.org)

Announcements for Tri-Parish

Learn of the Love that God is

On FORMED.ORG watch these movies to learn about the different saints of our time and how they overcame adversity.

June 13th we celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Brother Francis: The Mass

June 19th The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The War of the Vendee

Benjamin Cello: O Lamb of God, I Love You

St Paul's

St. Paul's Cemetery

A burial plot if **for sale**

The plot is located front left corner as you enter the cemetery second row 9th plot.

For more information please call Bob Koca @ 715-498-4547

St Michael

On June 6, 2021 St Michael's Parish Council and Finance Committees both approved the \$17,000.00 installation of Air Conditioning as part of the current remodeling project. In order to fund the additional project costs, the councils had to dip into the Parish Savings Account at the Diocese. It is their sincere hope that our parish membership will continue to honor their pledges so the savings account can be replenished.

St James

Rummage Sale

August Thursday 19 thru Saturday 21st

You can drop off items after **Mass on May 1st**, and **all Saturdays after Mass**, Sue Librettie will be at the church the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 2:30 until about 4 pm to collect items as well.

We will accept small furniture items. Please be generous in your donations as this will be our only fundraising event this year. Thank you.

We cannot accept: TV, electronics, microwaves, clothing, cassette tapes, 8 track tapes, work out equipment.

Planning Committee meeting

Tuesday June 16th @ 4.30pm

For those interested we will be marking rummage items on Friday the 25th

Update for the Pastor's Desk

Work continues at **St. Michael's** and it all looks amazing so far. Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support this project.

At **St. Paul's** the "task force" tackling the issue of the cracking parking lot and uneven sidewalks is near having a final plan in place.

The PCCW at **St. James** is getting ready for the St James parish rummage sale, thank you all volunteers at the three parishes!
Fr Letona



ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Saturday, June 12

6 pm @ St James

+Walt Weber by family

Sunday June 13

8 am @ St Michael's

+Dick Schuh by Theresa Schuh

10.00 am @ St Paul's

For the People

Monday June 14

NO MASS

Tuesday, June 15

+ Clayton Hansen by Louise Vinz

Wednesday, June 16 (*Infant of Prague Novena*)

Deceased members of Oscar Hemmingway & Machnik Families by Frank Machnik

Thursday, June 17 (*Infant of Prague Novena*)

+Clara Letona by Margie Lowe

Friday, June 18 (*Infant of Prague Novena*)

Special Intention for Christy Lewis (healing) by Patty Lewis

Saturday, June 19 (*Infant of Prague Novena*)

@ St James 6pm

For the People

Sunday June 20

8 am @ St Michael's

+ Leila Tiber by Brittain Family

10.00 am @ St Paul's (*Infant of Prague Novena thru the 24th*)

All Fathers (living and deceased)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER –June 5, 2021

Offertory	\$205.00	Envelopes	\$ 2125.02
Annual Appeal Rebate	\$975.00	Total	\$ 3305.02

St. James

Saturday, June 12

+Walt Weber by family

Saturday, June 19

For the People

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - June 5, 2021

Offertory	\$ 34.00	Cemetery/improvements	\$ 0.00
Envelopes	\$ 300.00	Total	\$ 334.00

St. Michael

Sunday June 13

+ Dick Schuh by Theresa Schuh

Sunday June 20

+ Leila Tiber by Brittain Family

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - June 5, 2021

Offertory	\$ 80.00	Envelopes	\$ 525.00
Improvements	\$180.00	Total	\$ 785.00



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