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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GROWTH

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

JUNE 13, 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

Please introduce yourselves and register in order to become a member of this community of believers. We welcome your gifted presence in the life of our parish.

OUR MISSION

Holy Cross Parish, a community centered in the Eucharist, is committed in faith and love of Jesus Christ to fulfill the profoundly human and spiritual needs of its parishioners and the larger community it serves. We seek to inspire all, through deeds and by example, to do the work of Christ: to make God known, loved, and served.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday 9:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00am, 7pm

Confession

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45pm

Other by Appointment

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Brad Metz, C.S.C., Pastor

Fr. Jim Preskenis, C.S.C., Parochial Vicar

Deacon Gary Donahue, Pastoral Associate

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We begin Ordinary Time with this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time since we have twenty-three weeks until the 34th and last Sunday of this Year of Grace 2021, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on Sunday November 21st, four Sundays before Christmas, the four Sundays of Advent. Time really is relative in the Church! I had to laugh in the car this week when my phone decided for some reason to play Silver Bells. I stopped it quick literally laughing out loud to myself and saying, "No wonder I feel like the year goes by so fast." I am glad it is June 13th and most of my garden seeds are finally starting to sprout after the very warm weather we had this past week. Great for the garden but not so much for the gardener.



It was wonderful to gather with 17 of our parish high school seniors and their families last Sunday afternoon for a special Baccalaureate Mass. I used the prop of my own high school diploma stating I graduated June 7, 1992. This is a momentous milestone in their evolving lives and no better weekend to celebrate it than the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the greatest gift their parents could ever give them aside from life itself.

Congratulations also to our St. Pius X medal recipients

from last year Lily Sanpietro (2020) (pictured to the right) and Jackson Franzoni (2021) (previously pictured in the 7th Sunday of Easter bulletin).



I also asked senior Grace Hogan of the Class of 2021 to speak and share her reflection with us that we printed in last weekend's bulletin so the entire parish could enjoy knowing life is slowly getting back to a next normal. They and we have a big part to play in how life continues living beyond the covid pandemic.

Do we go back to "how things were always done" – or – do we take this transition time to pray and ponder about what needs to return and what we would like to leave in the rear-view mirror. I for one liked having more unstructured time to let the Spirit move me to connect with people and to take stock of what matters most in life and what I need to let be.

I marvel at these young parishioners lives ahead of them. What would I have done differently if I knew back in 1992 what I know now? I would have thanked my swim coach for helping me develop a talent I would use to maintain my health long after chasing ribbons and medals were behind me. Would I have spent my time differently? I would have had more heart-to-heart conversations with my dad. I always knew he loved me and cared deeply for me, but we rarely verbally shared our thoughts and feelings with each other. Would I have made different decisions? Well, yes and no. There is a great phrase in Alcoholics Anonymous that goes, "we will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it." Life is a journey and there is no crystal ball, each day demands we make decisions and hopefully we make most of them with faith and hope rooted in love. If we do that, whatever lies ahead and around unexpected turns, we can handle with grace, perseverance, and yes, even patience. Let us not simply return to the fast pace of life simply because that is what it was "pre-covid," but live life today because we have learned from the gift of time: that it has something to teach us along the way, that it is priceless, and that we only have a limited amount of it this side of the daisies.

God Bless,
Fr. Brad

**Thank you to the following parishioners
who sponsored a day in June:
New Total-\$52,740**

Bonnie Witiaz	Kathy & Colleen Cremin
Malcolm & Linda Kenney	Judy Foster
Richard & Susan Arkuszewski	Jean O'Neil
Jeff & Maria Cameron	Owen Shea
Steven Hoffman	Mary O'Brien
Gladys & Thomas Matheson	Paul & Jan Golder
Richard Alfonso	Sean & Melina Finnerty
Leon & Sara Lombardi	Joseph Mangiaratti
DiNicola Family	Adrienne Evin
Greg & Barbara Connly	Iris Papagno
Thomas & Cheryl Puopolo	Linda Lawler
Veronica Lamb Family	Simoneau Family
Fred Clark & Carrie Kulick-Clark	

Thank You

MASS INTENTIONS

✠Saturday, June 12

4:00pm ** James and Maryann Gannon **
**50th Wedding Anniversary **
Requested by Beth Gannon

✠Sunday, June 13

8:30am Lucill Maroon
Requested by Family

10:00am

✠Monday, June 14

9:00am Maryanna Marshall
Requested by Julie Smith

✠Tuesday, June 15

9:00am Ed Dugan
Requested by William and Deborah Brown

✠Wednesday, June 16

9:00am John Lee Miller
Requested by Family

✠Thursday, June 17

9:00am

✠Friday, June 18

9:00am

✠Saturday, June 19

4:00pm Cheryl Zorotheos
Requested by Teresa Connor

✠Sunday, June 20

8:30am Philip Fanjoy
Requested by Family
10:00am

If you are a family member whose loved one is being remembered in the Mass and would like to bring the gifts to the altar, please see one of the priests or ushers prior to the start of Mass.

Bereavement Support

The Office of Faith Formation offers a bereavement support group for the diocese, which also serves as the principal support group in the Fall River area. This is a support group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one.

This bereavement support group allows individuals to express their experiences, feelings, and emotions with others on the same journey. It is a blessing to have available this safe place in our diocese for anyone who is grieving to share and discover helpful ways to cope and begin to find new strength and hope.

Anyone interested in joining the group or learning more is asked to call 508-678-2828 ext. 27 or 508-642-0583, or email: rsaraiva@dfrcs.org.

At times, the families of Holy Cross parishioners who have passed away request that gifts in their memories be made to Holy Cross Parish.

These gifts are then used for special projects in the parish. This is a wonderful way to honor someone active in our parish at their passing. We invite you to consider remembering Holy Cross in this way in your funeral arrangements or at the death of a loved one who is a parishioner of Holy Cross.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness will help us continue to minister to the needs of our parishioners and the wider community.



St. Vincent De Paul
Serving those in Need

Please consider a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society baskets at the doors of the church as you leave today.

Thank you for your support of our charitable works.

THE CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

READING I Ez 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that 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.

READING II 2 Cor 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

GOSPEL Mk 4:26-34

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. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.” He said, “To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

→ ANNOUNCEMENTS



Time to Gather, Time to Heal, Time to Love. This year's Catholic Appeal theme speaks to the many ways our world is yearning for the healing power of Christ's love and how we can build a brighter future within our Church. The agencies and apostolates supported by the Appeal provide opportunities for the youth of our Diocese to grow in their faith, while establishing and deepening lifelong Catholic values. Your Appeal gift makes invaluable experiences possible, such as Campus Ministry, the Christian Leadership Institute, the Pope Pius X Youth Awards, and the upcoming Catholic Youth Day on Martha's Vineyard on August 14. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at www.givefrdiocese.org/2021.

Where there is great need, our parish community can offer great hope.

Holy Cross Goal- \$37,594

Pledged through 6/6/2021- \$26,530

Please consider making your gift online by visiting www.givefrdiocese.org/2021.

You can also mail your gift or, use one of the contribution cards located in church.

Your gift of any size will make a difference for so many.



St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on Monday, June 14th at 7:00 P. M. in the Parish Center.

**MAINSRING SHELTER MEALS
THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**UPCOMING DATES ARE
JUNE 19, 2021
July 17, 2021**

Let us know what you're bringing a few days ahead. This will help us prepare to serve about 130 guests.

Cathy Downes: 508-742-5957 cathy.downes@verizon.net or Trish Murphy: 508-813-1880 triciamurph@gmail.com
Deliver cooked food items to the lower kitchen behind the Parish Center from 1:00 to 2:45 PM.

Meal Suggestions:

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| Cooked, sliced chicken | Cooked, sliced ham |
| Potatoes | Fresh fruit |
| Pasta dishes w/meat & sauce | Macaroni and Cheese |
| Cooked vegetables | Stuffing & Gravy |
| Cranberry sauce | Tossed Salad & Dressing |
| Bread or Rolls | Desserts |

Servers are not needed at this time

To Receive Flocknotes for Mainspring Meals or to sign up for Holy Cross Flocknotes at

holycrossparish.flocknote.com/everyone

Contact cathy.downes@verizon.net or triciamurph@gmail.com for more info



Question of the Month



The love of God is at the heart of all things!
Jesus has the whole world in his hands.

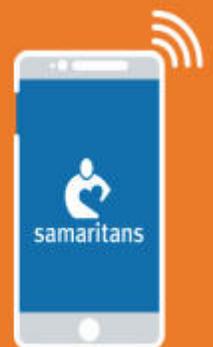
Can you shake his hand in prayer and promote the love of God thru Jesus' Sacred Heart of love?

**Feeling lonely,
overwhelmed,
or depleted?**

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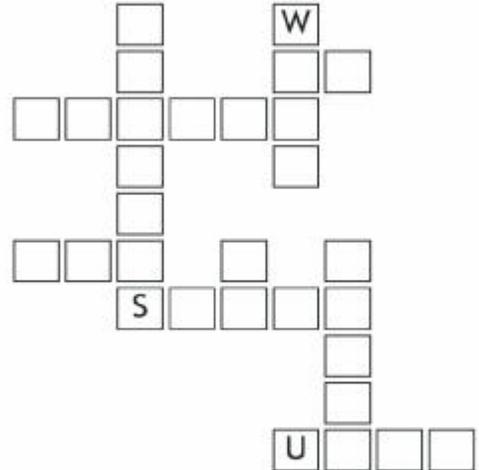
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PUZZLE

Fill this Gospel message into the empty squares:

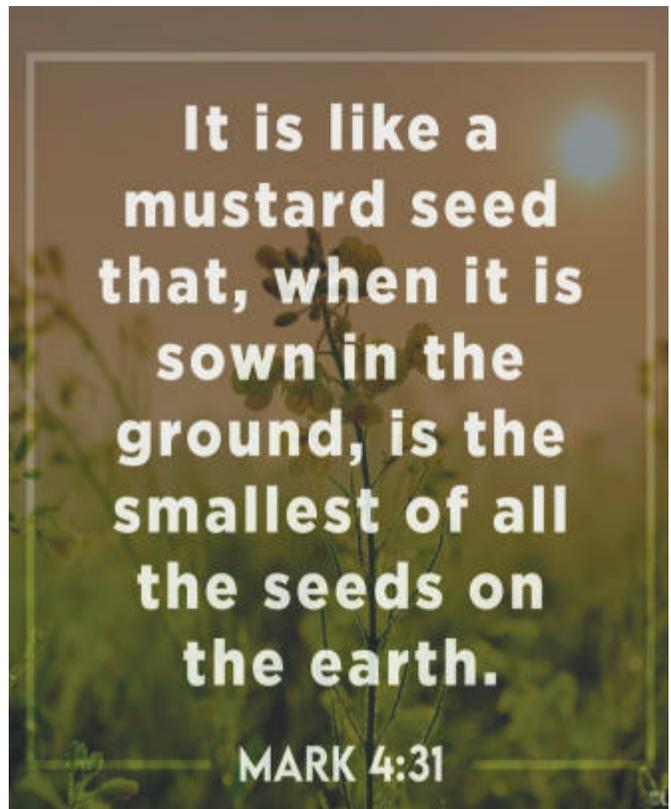
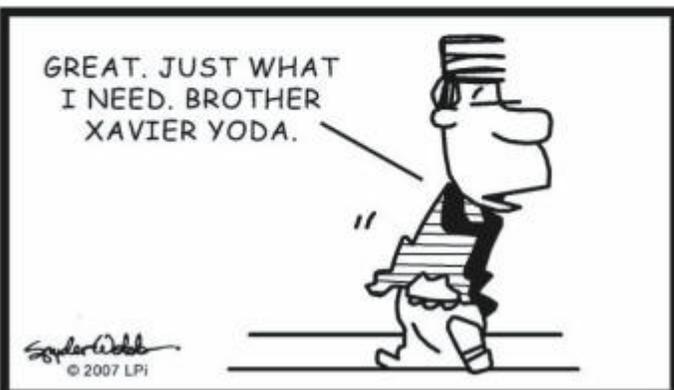
Jesus used stories when he spoke to the people.



MISSION

Memorize John 3:16 this week. Let God's love sink into your heart. Treasure what you learn from Jesus.

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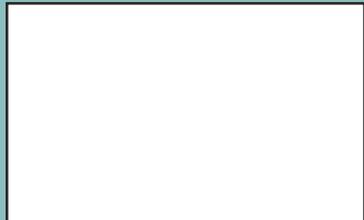
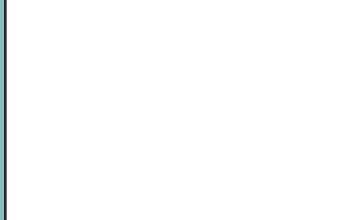
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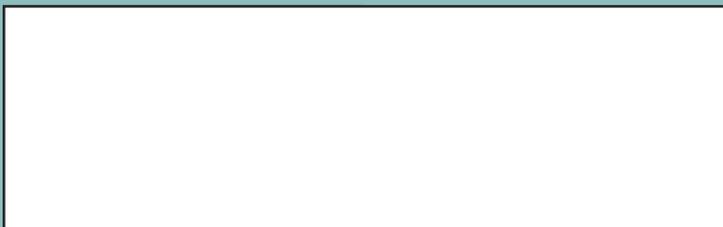
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