



OUR LADY OF LOURDES | ST. JOSEPH'S

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"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." - Mk 4:30-32b

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays Our Lady of Lourdes:
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM
St. Joseph's (Memorial - Labor Day) 5:30 PM

Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM
Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

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Rev. John B. MacKenzie Pastor
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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8AM-12PM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 3 PM

BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

Mission Statement

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 12

4:00PM Dick Provencal by Bill & Linda Provencal OL
 5:30PM For Our Parishioners SJ

Sunday, June 13

8:00AM Gordon Moore by Moore Family OL
 10:00AM Intentions of Barbara Daley by Fr. John SJ

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, 12 noon OLOL

Wed. 8:30am SJ, Thurs., Fri., 8 AM OLOL

Monday June 14 No Mass
 Tuesday June 15 Stephen Downs (Living)
 Wednesday June 16 **(SJ)** Bobby Gagne II
 Thursday June 17 Teresa Chagnon
 Friday June 18 Victor Riel

Saturday, June 19

4:00PM Michael McGovern by Joan McGovern OL
 5:30PM For Our Parishioners SJ

Sunday, June 20

8:00AM Intentions of Anna Trczinski OL
 By Eric & Ellen Barbasso
 10:00AM Donald Graves by His Loving Wife Janet SJ

Altar Candles for the month of June at St. Joseph's Church are for all Fathers.

Weekly amount needed to meet Budget
 Requirement: \$ 4,000
 Weekend of June 6, 2021

Weekly Offering \$ 4,620

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242.

If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

Lay Ministries	June 12/13	June 19/20
Lectors		
4PM	Dianne Bird	Donna Brown
5:30 PM	Paul Pauliukonis	Chris Garcia
8 AM	Anne Boisvert	Charlie Hauck
10 AM	Betsy Bosiak	Pauline Marston

Parish Ministries

Serving God, Our Parish and Our Parish Community Our Lady of Lourdes – St. Joseph's Church Parish Center

- **Interfaith Community Kitchen Monday Meals** – The Interfaith Community Kitchen is open on Mondays at 4:30pm for drive thru take out meals.
- **The Clothes Closet** – Free clothing for men, women, and children. Open: on Mondays 4-5pm, Thursdays 11:00-Noon, and the first Saturday of the Month from 10:00-11:00.
- **The Northwood Emergency Food Pantry** – Please stop by for our monthly schedule.

DIVINE MERCY MILITIA

Please join us every Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as we pray for our nation, our Church, our parish, and our world. Concludes with Benediction.



**READING
 11TH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

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“With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?” (Mark 4:30)

Question of the Week

How have you seen the kingdom of God grow in you and through you?

HIS WORD TODAY

The first sign that the kingdom of God is not what you expect comes not so much in Jesus' use of parables to describe it but in the content of those parables. Why describe a kingdom by comparing it to the most ordinary of things, like shrubs, seeds and nesting birds? It is a sign that God is not building a kingdom in line with human expectations.

In today's reading from Ezekiel, the prophet also describes in his parable the coming of the unusual kingdom, comparing it to a tree growing from "a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar." That "sprig" was planted by God on the highest mountain and became "a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind." Jesus reimagines this metaphor, comparing the kingdom of God not to a cedar sprig but to something even more unassuming, a mustard seed, which "when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs."

But this is not the only metaphor Jesus uses for the kingdom of God, for the kingdom is not simply a shrub waiting for the birds to nest. Jesus uses the parable of the sowing of the seeds to explain how the kingdom is spread to the world. The seeds are scattered over the ground by a sower so that "the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how." There is a mystery at the heart of the kingdom's growth, here reflected by the unknown growth of the seeds, which stand for the individuals who populate the kingdom.

In the parable of the mustard seed, it is clear God has prepared a home for us, which opens itself up to provide shelter and security in its branches for all. Yet God has also planted us and nurtured us to grow for the kingdom of God, a time and a place still to come. But as God has caused the kingdom to grow for us, each of us is also helping the kingdom to grow, providing shelter for others along the way, sowing seeds of love along our own path in the world, the work of the unusual kingdom unknown perhaps to all but God. For the kingdom of God is not the usual game of thrones but a work of love, in which the weak are raised up and the power comes down to earth to live with its subjects, until they are called home to live in the kingdom fully grown.

FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Preserve His Promise

Our Lady of Lourdes St. Joseph's Parish

Capital Campaign

We are extremely grateful for the continued financial support from our parish families during the Covid19 pandemic. Your weekly donations have helped to sustain our parish operations and keep us free of debt. This is a huge achievement as there are four buildings to heat, cool, electrify, and plow! We would like to thank the building committee, and the parish council, who assisted me in identifying and assessing the immediate and long term needs of the parish.

Preserving His promise requires preserving His House! As we continue to look to the future growth of the parish, our priority is always to maintain and improve on what we are fortunate to have. There are several large and small projects needed to maintain the integrity and appearance of our buildings. These immediate projects are part of an overall capital improvement plan.

Donations can be made out to the parish using the Campaign Fundraiser envelopes. Secure online donations can be processed through the parish website. Click "Online Giving" and donate under "Capital Campaign Fund". Thank you for your generous support.

Father John

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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**Our Lady of Lourdes/St Joseph's Faith
Formation: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.**

- ◆ The Interfaith Community Kitchen is open on Mondays at 4:30 with drive thru takeout meals.
- ◆ The Parish Clothes Closet will be open on Mondays with a new time, from 4-5pm. Please use the side entrance. Volunteers are needed to cover this hour.



A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over.

Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"

In 1673, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, received revelations from Jesus, in which He explained His love for all people – and even allowed St. Margaret to lay her head on His Heart. Two years later, Jesus told St. Margaret that He wanted an annual feast in honor of His Sacred Heart.

St. John Paul II, a great devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, said, "This feast reminds us of the mystery of the love of God for the people of all times." As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus this month, we wanted to send you a free eBook where you can learn about the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our prayer is that you fall ever more deeply in love with Our Lord Jesus Christ. When you visit our website, in addition to the eBook, you can also access special videos, prayers, and get historical context on this Solemnity: <https://www.ewtn.com/sacredheart>.

PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ◆ **Parish Yard Sale** As part of the overall June fundraiser, we are preparing for our parish yard sale. Please help us during yard sale week by donating your unwanted treasures Saturday, June 12, thru Thursday, June 17, from 9am-2pm. Volunteers are needed to sort and price items. Please stop in anytime that week to help. The yard sale will be held Friday, June 18, from 4-7pm and Saturday, June 19, from 9am-1pm. A pulled pork dinner to go, will be available Friday and the best bake sale ever can be found at our yard sale!
- ◆ **Sister Anisia from St. Francis Ministry** will be here next weekend. Their mission provides education and other basic needs to orphans and poor children in Kenya, especially girls, as they are the family care providers. The Board of Directors is building a boarding school where children can stay, go to school and have other basic needs addressed. Please be generous.

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Encounter Healing Service

Fr. Adam Maher, Joe Philip and the Encounter Team will be leading an Encounter Healing Service, including worship and praise, on Saturday, June 19 at 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 23 Crystal Ave. in Derry. All welcome. No cost.

IHM LENDING LIBRARY

The organizer of the IHM library downstairs in the hall has requested that anyone who takes a book, bible, etc. from the shelves, may keep the book, pass it on, or return it if you prefer. Since people were cleaning out during Covid, we have too many books and not enough room to store them all. So please keep the book if you'd like.

Sharing the Gospel

Think of how much you have grown since you were born. To see you now, it is hard to imagine you ever wore baby clothes. God's kingdom started out small, and it keeps growing, too. God's kingdom needs people like you to love Jesus and to learn from him. Let God's word sink into your life. As you grow closer to Jesus, God's kingdom will grow.

Prayer

Jesus, help me learn from you and love you, so that God's kingdom will grow.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself reading your favorite Bible story about Jesus.

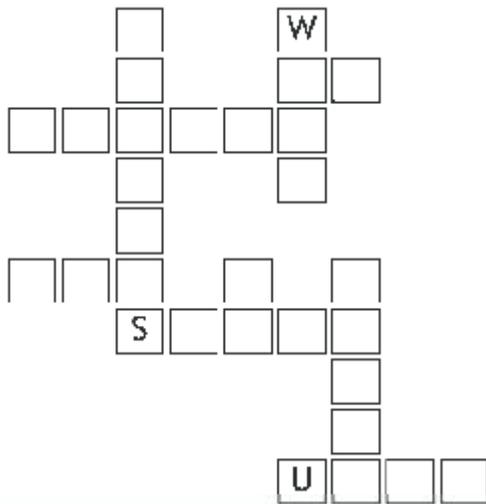
Mission for the Week

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

PUZZLE

Fill this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Jesus used stories when he spoke to the people.



MISSION

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





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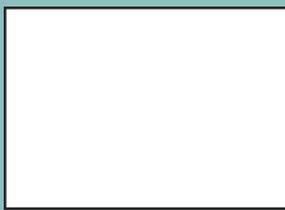
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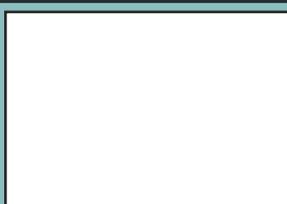
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