

# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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"TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD?" —MK 4:30

11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

### ST. JOAN OF ARC DIRECTORY

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open:**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**Two Weeks and Counting:** I'll be in my 60s in two weeks! How did that happen? Even more impressive is that I will have completed 20 years at SJA at

that time! Can you believe that? I officially arrived on June 25, 2004, straight from Washington, DC, and was getting ready to celebrate my 40th birthday! Oh my, that seems like eons ago.

As I usually do, I go back to previous editions of TALLer Tales to see what I wrote about around this time of year. I returned to TALLer Tales No. 3, published on July 11, 2004. My file structure has been such that I sequentially number each of my TALLer Tales editions. In TALLer Tales No. 3, I reflected on how my family threw a "Welcome Home and Happy 40th Birthday Party" for me at St. Blasé in Sterling Heights, where my sister worked at the time. My first gift from my new co-worker at SJA, none other than the infamous Sr. Carol, was a cane and walker! I'm laughing because little would I have known I would have already "borrowed" several canes and walkers from our health ministry closets up in the Parish Center. As I typed this, I even got a text from Julie Munson, our parishioner and my PT person from Gilboe's, asking if I had done my PT exercises for the day! Oh my, how life has changed since 2004!

Fast forward to this edition of TALLer Tales (and even this is a milestone as this is edition No. 1,008 ... YES, I have written 1,008 TALLer Tales thus far). No, I haven't done any PT exercises (today, yesterday, the day before, etc.). I should still use a cane, but I get around much better than it looks (trust me)!

Lately, I've been trying out different supplements to "calm down" the joint inflammations, but nothing works like the prescription dosage of Meloxicam. I have found that I get around much better when I keep up with my exercises and the anti-inflammatory regimen. But it has been somewhat of an experiment trying to figure out what works and what doesn't. The ONE I haven't tried yet, which would be pure torture, is something that Craig and Bettyanne Hodges have suggested on many occasions. I even hate to type their suggestion: Give up ALL sugars! As I have written in the past, that would affect

everything from my coffee to my cereal, to my many trips to the kitchen for snacks, to lunch, to dinner, to the after-dinner snacks, to even my chocolate wine! Could you imagine me without sugar? I'm holding out on that one for the time being!

Well, it was Memorial Day weekend, and I was experimenting with different supplements to control the joint inflammation in my foot and knees. And I was having a pretty lousy weekend from a mobility perspective. That was one weekend where if I looked like I was in pain, I was!

On Memorial Day, I celebrated our 7 AM mass and then went to Star of the Sea for our combined Family of Parishes 9 AM liturgy. Monsignor Smetanka was the celebrant. When I got to my chair, I struggled to sit down because the chair had no arms. But then, even worse, I had difficulty getting up because the chair had no arms. And, I'll admit it was a bad day as my knees and foot just ached.

At the end of Mass, when Monsignor made his announcements, he turned toward me with his mic still on and promised that next time he would get me a chair with arms ... "because we're all getting older, you know, and need the extra help." UGH!

If Sr. Carol gave me a walker and cane at 40, could you imagine what she would be giving me now on my 60th if she were still alive?

**Happy Father's Day:** "God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord ("Order for the Blessing of Fathers on Father's Day," Book of Blessings)."

Much like I did for the celebration of Mother's Day, I thought it would be interesting to search out the history and meaning behind Father's Day. I found this: "Just as the saying goes that behind every great man there is a great woman, the inspiration behind the celebration of a Father's Day is owed at least partly to its slightly earlier counterpart, Mother's Day. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States in 1909, when Sonora Louise Smart Dodd, of Spokane, Washington, heard a sermon on

the merits of setting aside a day to honor one's mother. It gave her the idea to petition for a day to honor fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart, who had raised her and her five siblings by himself, after her mother died in childbirth.

"With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower, and some suggest that people wear a white rose to honor a deceased father and a red one for a living father. In 1972, Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day ("History of Father's Day" at [www.123holiday.net](http://www.123holiday.net))."

A little more research on Father's Day showed another interesting "historical" fact (historical in the sense that this statistic predates the use of cell phones and unlimited calling plans): There once were more collect calls made on Father's Day than on any other day of the year. Poor Dad always seems to get hit with the bill ... even on Father's Day!

If you are fortunate enough that your father is still alive, FaceTime him or give him a call if you are not going to see him today. If, for some reason, you haven't spoken to your dad in a long time, consider putting aside your differences or disagreements and give him a call and thank him for the gift of life. Whatever the disagreement, whatever the difference, a simple word or a simple phone call will not only brighten his day (and your day) but also possibly open up communication channels between the two of you. In the words of Mother Teresa, "See the face of Christ in him!" Then, do as Christ would do. If your father has passed away, consider stopping by the cemetery for a visit soon or offer a special prayer for him!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.  
Happy Father's Day!

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of June 16, 2024



## To Be a Pilgrim

An ancient trail of pilgrimage runs through south-east England, a pathway along which so much of English identity converges. It is the way of St. Thomas Becket, the martyr who stood up to a King and inspired Christendom. It is a route that drew countless pilgrims in ages past, captured the imagination of Chaucer, and interest in this pilgrim path is strongly reviving again today.



## Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author

This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In this episode, learn about St. Thomas More, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII.



## Episode 124: Dryness in Prayer

Probably the most important relationship in our life is our relationship with God, and we are building that through prayer. Prayer is real — it's for everyone, but we know that prayer is not always easy. Sometimes it can even be really hard.

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## Along the Way

### Fathers

Last week I wrote about my dad and the importance of fatherhood. However, we must also acknowledge that not everyone has had a good father or a present father. Maybe you are still hurting from a bad father experience and during this weekend (and maybe the whole month) you have a father wound that aches. With that in mind, I want to offer you a beautiful reflection from Blair Linne.

#### Like a Shadow

Like mothers, fathers are a shadow. They are to point us to our heavenly Father. The problem with shadows is that they can bring joy or fear. Delight or distress. How we feel about shadows depends upon our interaction with them.

Have you ever made shadow puppets at night? Merging hands and twisting fingers together, to mimic one of God's creatures of nature, projecting it onto the bedroom wall by using the visible light. We laugh in amazement at what hands can create. Hands transform into a flying bird with flapping wings, crab claws walking sideways or an elephant with tusks and a trunk. Young eyes widen in amazement until the shadow changes form.

Have you experienced seeing a "monster" projected on that same bedroom wall? Waking up in the middle of the night to find a dark shadowy figure in your room. Your hands are under the blanket so you know it is not a puppet show. Fear rises up inside your heart making you wish it were only a dream. It is not until you turn on the light that you realize it was just a few coats hanging near the closet, or the comforter you balled up and plopped on top of your dresser - and forgot about - several hours earlier. Sometimes shadows leave us jovial and other times jittery. This is especially true when dealing with human shadows.

#### Flipping the Idea of Father

Often for those who did not grow up with their father, when we think of "father" the idea is riddled with so much pain and truancy that we cannot

formulate a healthy picture in our brain of what it means to have God as our Father. This may be because our natural father projects an image of God that has been distorted, scary, or aloof. We ask ourselves if we want to face these scary shadows. Sometimes, rather than moving toward the light, we bury our head in our blanket out of fear. In truth, our mind must flip the concept on its head. Our concept of fatherhood should be the other way around.

When we think of "father" we should immediately think of God. For he is the epitome of fatherhood, the Father of fathers. Yet, as with everything that is to be a pointer to the original, Satan's goal is to distort the shadow so that it only exudes pain, leaving fatherless children writhing in order to draw our attention away from the light and onto the dark silhouette. This blinds us from seeing our human fathers as a temporary figure whose job is to point to the prototype. Thankfully our imperfect father is not the only one who can point us to God.

We have a perfect brother who also points us to the perfect Father. Jesus says if you have seen him you have seen the Father. For he is the image of the invisible God. Jesus teaches the disciples (and us believers) in the Sermon on the Mount that God is our Father. In Matthew 7 he tells them the reason they should ask, seek, and knock is because God gives good gifts to his children. He says, "If you then, who are evil (speaking of human fathers), know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him. (Matthew 7:11)"

Jesus argues from the lesser to the greater here. Earthly fathers are an imperfect picture of provision but God the Father is a perfect picture of provision that is always good. Even if our earthly father doesn't give good gifts, it does not change what our heavenly Father will do. And let me share this, even if your earthly father has never made provision for you, he has helped give you life, and that is a good gift. If we cannot praise our earthly fathers for anything on Father's Day, we can at least praise them for giving us life. You are here in part because of your earthly father. Even with the gift of life our earthly fathers helped give, the

reality is we can expect more from our heavenly Father than our sinful earthly one.

#### Looking to our Heavenly Father

Our heavenly Father not only gives natural life, but spiritual life. As Christians, God has made us his children. He sent his only begotten Son Jesus into this world as our unblemished lamb. He laid his life down on the cross to take away any punishment we deserved for our sin by bearing the wrath himself. Jesus took his hands and stretched them out in this dark world, allowing them to be pierced for our ultimate joy. Not only his pierced hands and feet, but also his death are signs of him being a shadow we could behold to point us to God. He resurrected from the grave and is now at the right hand of the Father interceding for us.

Jesus is our brother that brings us to God. He not only brings us to God in order to justify us through faith, he makes us one with himself and through that faith adopts us into God's holy family. We are God's children now! God is our Father. And God shows no partiality. He loves us the same way he loves Christ.

So if Father's Day is typically filled with pain and fear because of a distorted shadow, remember you can acknowledge the gift your father has given you in the divine shadow and know that you have another Father you can behold today. Turn on the light, open his scriptures, which say he is a "Father to the fatherless," (Psalm 68:5) and get to know his beautiful transcendence and his fatherly love.

Our brother Jesus says, ask, seek, and knock. He is waiting to provide you with good gifts, the first being more of his fatherly affection. So rather than give your mother a Father's Day card, you can send one to your father if he is around, thanking him for life. Whether or not you can get a card to your dad, you can look up and give your heavenly Father praise today for the good Father he has always been and will always be.

Blessings,  
Fr. Adam



June 16, 2024

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

Written by  
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### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

If we walk through the woods on a beautiful spring day, we'll see the signs of life bursting forward. Green shoots coming up from the ground, leaf buds poking out from the branches of a tree – even the birds and animals are busily scampering. Life, growth, and new beginnings are all around. Today's readings have a common theme of nature as one of the ways we can experience God's design. Like the crowds Jesus taught, we may not know the exact cause of what makes a plant grow from a tiny seed to a towering tree, but that's OK – we don't have to know. As St. Paul writes, "we walk by faith, not by sight." We trust the Lord to lead and guide us. And, like the harvester in the parable, we can observe, tend, and act when the time is right to bring in the harvest, for, as Paul continues in his letter: "We aspire to please [God]."

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does it look like to play an active role in bringing in the harvest? Faith is a lifelong journey, and everyone is in a different place. The delicate shoot needs different care than the full-grown tree. In prayer, God can speak to us to help us discern the best way to help the people he has put in our lives. Perhaps we offer encouragement, or a shoulder to lean on. Maybe someone needs a friend to converse with. No matter where or who we are, each one of us can be like the harvester that Jesus references, observing and acting as appropriate, helping support the seed of faith God plants in each person. And as we heard in the Gospel today, the smallest seed can become the largest of plants; therefore, our work is plentiful as laborers working to help build God's kingdom here on earth.

**PRAY** Pray for the wisdom to recognize where you are in your journey, what you need to keep growing, and how you can offer to help others.

*Lord God, fill me with your gifts and put your words in my mouth, that through them, others may be filled with the power and warmth of your love. Amen.*



# Readings for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 23 B

### Reading One – Jb 38:1, 8-11

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

### Responsorial – Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**  
They who sailed the sea in ships, trading on the deep waters, these saw the works of the LORD and his wonders in the abyss.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**  
His command raised up a storm wind which tossed its waves on high. They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths; their hearts melted away in their plight.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**  
They cried to the LORD in their distress; from their straits he rescued them, He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**  
They rejoiced that they were calmed, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his kindness and his wondrous deeds to the children of men.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

### Reading Two – 2 Cor 5:14-17

Brothers and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

### Alleluia – Lk 7:16

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

A great prophet has risen in our midst God has visited his people.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Mk 4:35-41

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"



A great big SJA

Thank You

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS  
AND FRIENDS WHO BOUGHT  
OR SOLD TICKETS FOR OUR  
ANNUAL RAFFLE  
10,258 TICKETS WERE SOLD

2024

*Our parish is the real winner because of you!*

*Congratulations to:*

**\$10,000 Winner:** Therese Sharon

**\$5,000 Winner:** Sydney Tremont

**\$2,500 Winner:** Kelly Adams

**\$1,000 Winner:** Kathe DiVirgil

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas VanEgmond

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Jennie Spring





# 2024 KICKOFF TO SUMMER



# THANK YOU

## Event Chairs

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## Raffle Chairs

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Melissa Hahn

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John Benoit, and Pete Ciaravino

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Deacon Tom Strasz

## Legal

Kevin Hendrick

## Food Trucks

Cult of the Joe Burger, Treat Dreams, Wing Snob, and  
Wetzels Pretzels

## Signage

Chuck & Charlie Moore of Chuck Moore's Commerical Sign  
Service

## Ticket Sponsors

Sal Causley with State Farm, Marty Meldrum at Pointe Lamp &  
Lighting, Lakepointe Orthodontics PLLC, and  
Zeppelin Cleaning Services

## Event Vendors & Activities

Mike Hadad and the Saint Clair Shores Fire Department, Motor  
City Gamers, Chamberlain Petting Zoo & Pony Rides, Little  
Conductors, Roary from the Detroit Lions, Two Chains  
Permanent Jewelry, Chantel the Face Painter, Shifty the Clown  
with Glitter & Balloon Animals, and Planet DJ and Photobooth

# PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SUMMER STORYBOOK HOUR

Parents and caregivers, bring your preschool and early elementary-age children for a story, snack and fun faith-related activity. (And a little coffee break for you!)



## When?

Each Wednesday in July at 9 am

## Where?

The Emmaus Fellowship Hall in the Sr. Carol Center.

## Respond

Let us know by the Tuesday before each session if you're coming.

Call 586-772-1282 to leave a message or  
respond at [sjascs.org/storyhour](https://sjascs.org/storyhour)

Siblings of all ages are welcomed.



Presented by the Office of Faith  
and Family Formation



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, June 17th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, June 18th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, June 19th**

#### **Campus Closed for the Holiday**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Funeral for Judi Nowaczewski

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, June 20th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, June 21st**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, June 22nd**

10:00 AM Funeral for Thomas Demsky

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Emma Kay Niemi

4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, June 23rd**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***June 16, 2024 – Garden of Life***

The Oxford High School shooting tragedy a couple years ago is still a source of pain, one might expect, not only for the families of the victims, but also for others in the school community and, indeed, for the community at large.

And, to be sure, the criminal trials associated with the case have kept the entire matter in the news on a pretty constant basis ever since.

It was nice to see, then, a positive and refreshing story arise from the situation.

*The Detroit News* reported a few weeks ago on plans for a public garden at a still-to-be-determined location in Oxford.

It will be named after one of the victims but will honor all four of the students who lost their lives in the tragedy.

According to the story, “the garden will feature perennials and native flowers, bushes, trees, and a water component. It will also include a sculptural tree covered in Wisteria plants, hardscape and softscape materials to create a ‘visual mix ...to provide a small oasis of healing and remembrance for the community.’”

It’s a great idea, and a nice reminder that gardens overall are a tremendous metaphor for the larger lessons of life’s cycles that are a part of the human condition.

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God,” Jesus says in today’s gospel passage from St. Mark.

“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.”

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

**Monday June 17, 2024 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 am Rita Snyder

**Tuesday June 18, 2024 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 am Zenaida deLeon

**Wednesday June 19, 2024 Weekday, Saint Romuald, Abbot (Green/White)**

7:00 am Kathleen Doak

6:00 pm Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

**Thursday June 20, 2024 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 am Sister Silveria Conte

**Friday June 21, 2024 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (White)**

7:00 am Giovanni Ciccone

**Saturday, June 22, 2024 Vigil for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green/White)**

4:00 pm George Van Becelaere, Grace & Sam Valenti, Bonnie Batche, the deceased members of the Batche Family, Irene Troia, Katarina Goitz, the deceased members of the Zatyraz Family, Mary Lou Racine, Mary O'Keefe, Anna Dombrowski, Special Intentions for Thomas Sloan, the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Alison Reslow, Lorraine Jonas, Pam Haisenleder and Linda Frank

6:00 pm Timothy McCarthy

**Sunday, June 23, 2024 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**

8:00 am The Intentions of SJA Parishioners

10:00 am Anthony Cimini

12:00 pm George & Lucille Bugarin, Louisa Sarra, Karen Kowalski, Richard Coatney, Edwin Coatney, Anna Dombrowski, Alison Reslow, Lorraine Jonas & Pam Haisenleder

### Daily Readings

**Monday, June 17**

1 Kings 21:1-16  
Matthew 5:38-42

**Friday, June 21**

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20  
Matthew 6:19-23

**Tuesday, June 18**

1 Kings 21:17-29  
Matthew 5:43-48

**Saturday, June 22**

2 Chronicles 24:17-25  
Matthew 6:24-34

**Wednesday, June 19**

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Sunday, June 23**

Job 38:1, 8-11  
2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
Mark 4:35-41

**Thursday, June 20**

Wisdom of Ben Sira 48:1-14  
Matthew 6:7-15



### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**Judi Nowaczewski  
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Madonna Calbone  
Thomas Demsky**

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.” *Minnie Louise Haskins*



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# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, "This parable means..." I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom's favorite casserole recipe. *Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. Good ol' mushy-chicken-rice-thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don't even have to think about you.*

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it's certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn't change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus' sentences.

*"With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it." — Mark 4:33*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

### Answer:

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.



We at St. Vincent DePaul would like to thank you for your generosity in allowing us to help our Neighbors in Need over the past year.

With your support, we were able to prevent 11 families from being evicted, one family from having their home foreclosed on and eight families from having their utilities shut off. We helped an abused woman and her two children get into a safe home and start a new life.

We handed out several gas cards so our neighbors could travel to and from work.

We handed out approximately \$10,000 worth of food from our food pantry and approximately \$9,000 in food vouchers to subsidize our neighbors' income.

With the clothes you donated at our clothing drive (which overfilled an entire semi-truck), we are able to provide SVdP vouchers for people to purchase clothing and household items.

As we continue our mission of supporting those in challenging situations, we want you to know your donations are definitely making a difference in many of our neighbor's lives.

We appreciate the continued support of all our fellow parishioners here at St. Joan of Arc. Without your generosity, none of this would have been possible.

From all of us at SVdP, thank you again, and God bless!



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# Prayers Needed

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Edna Burton	Jeanne Fleming	Shirley Kraemer	Jenna Rose	Elaine Walters
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Toni Glaeser-Collins	Larry Graham	David Lott	Terri Smigels	Joseph Whalen
Joan Combellack	Peter Grantz	Dave Lucas	Kathleen Smith	Marilyn Wicker
Maura Corrigan	Chris Gretchen	Ilene Manning	Cathy Spindler	Joyce Wiekrykas
John Crawford	Geoffrey Greve	Joan Mannino	Wendy Stevens	Loretta Williams
Olivia Crimando	Helen Waltz-Gutowski	Cyndy McMahon	Patty Stevenson	Jenny Wojcik
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George Dickerson	Joan Ireland	Michelle Pierson	Mary Surmont	
Nick DiCresce	Chris Janutol	Vicky Pranger	Edward Swartz	
Jane Doucet	Lorraine Jonas	Carol S. Provencal	Terri Szolach	
Kainoa Dunn	Zayne D. Kapinski	Tracy Rauch	Kim Thomas	
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Dr. Elise Eden	Thomas Kler	Fe Reyes	James Thompson	

**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjascs.org](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

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# Bringing Home the Word

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

**June 16, 2024**

## To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

Today's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. Jesus chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see

it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first transform, losing the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24). ✠

***The parable of the mustard seed characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin.***

### ***A Word from Pope Francis***

I ask for you [fathers] the grace to be ever closer to your children, allow them to grow, but be close, close! They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love.... And by this closeness you will be true educators. Thank you for all you do for your children: thank you.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,  
MARCH 19, 2014



### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

- What aspects of these metaphors give you comfort and encouragement?
- How do you contribute to the health and growth of the kingdom of God?

## **Sunday Readings**

### **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD.... On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar.

### **2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

We walk by faith, not by sight.

### **Mark 4:26-34**

[Jesus said,] "But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches."



## I Know a Father....

Paige Byrne Shortal

**I know a father** who remembers the last time his youngest child would accept a kiss on her way to school. **I know a father** who raised another man's child as his own and made sure she never felt the lack of a father. **I know a father** who is called a "stepfather" and says it means to "step in" when and where he is needed. **I know a father** who is called a "father-in-law" and who loves his "children-in-law" as much as his own. **I know a father** who says "I love you" by taking photographs and there they are—the bright shining faces of everyone except the father-photographer. **I know a father** who prayed in the traditional way, but it didn't seem enough, so he decided to give up beer until his hurting

son was doing better. A funny kind of prayer not mentioned in any of the liturgical books, but as sincere a prayer as ever was prayed. **I know a father** whose



daughter is very sick, and he cries secret tears while he remains strong for her and the family. **I know a father** who lost his son and created a garden to remember him and shared that garden with all the other fathers and mothers who grieve for their children who are gone too soon.

**I know a man** who longed for children of his own and when they didn't come, he fathered all the children who called him "coach" and "teacher" and "friend."

**I know one who is called "Father,"** who is father to none, but whose job it is to sit with hurting fathers and mothers and listen and pray with them and help them make sense of it all. **I know a father** who was gone too soon. I miss him on this Father's Day—very much. †

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "St. Joseph: The Christian Model" by Fr. Larry Toschi

Joseph's work gave him the means to support his family and helped form part of Jesus' identity as "son of the carpenter." Joseph's work became an integral part of Jesus' education, so much so that Jesus learned to work with his hands in the same profession and became known as "the carpenter" (Mark 6:3). This didn't happen by accident. Jesus actively chose to be known in this way, linking his social position and earthly identity with Joseph and his work. Pope St. John Paul II highlighted this dynamic, saying, "At the workbench where he plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of Redemption" (On the Person and Mission of St. Joseph in the Life of Christ and of the Church [*Redemptoris Custos*], 22). †

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*God and Father of all, help us believe that we can heal the world by the little things we do for others, especially for children. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

June 17–22

**Monday, Weekday:**

1 Kgs 21:1–16 / Mt 5:38–42

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

1 Kgs 21:17–29 / Mt 5:43–48

**Wednesday, Weekday:**

2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14 / Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

**Thursday, Weekday:**

Sir 48:1–14 / Mt 6:7–15

**Friday, St. Aloysius Gonzaga:**

2 Kgs 11:1–4, 9–18, 20 / Mt 6:19–23

**Saturday, Weekday:**

2 Chr 24:17–25 / Mt 6:24–34

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