



# St. John the Evangelist

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CATHOLIC CHURCH



## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JUNE 13, 2021

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
Friday ..... 8:00 a.m. till noon  
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### EUCHARIST

Saturday ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Weekday Masses: Tuesday.....6 p.m. w/Novena  
Wednesday thru Friday.....8 a.m.  
First Friday Mass ..... 8:00 a.m.  
First Friday Adoration..... 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

### PENANCE

Please check with the Pastor  
Or anytime by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to wedding. No weddings during lent.

### BAPTISM

First Saturday of the month after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.  
**Baptismal Seminar:** Last Tuesday of the month.  
Make arrangements 2 weeks in advance.

### ANOINTING OF SICK

Anytime when in need. Please phone.

### MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church provide worship, education, ministerial and social opportunities for the Spiritual growth of all.

### Offertory Gifts

In Loving Memory of Sterling Aysen & Deceased Members of the Aysen & Bourg Families by Inez Aysen.

### Lamp I

In Loving Memory of Allen Cavalier(BDay-6/13) by Mom, Dad & Tim.

### Lamp II

In Loving Memory of Ida R. & Andre Bourgeois, Andre M. Bourgeois, Bob Bourgeois Jr, Lydia & Joseph Roger, Ophelia & Marcellain Bourgeois, M/M Theophine Aucoin, Edwina Boudreaux, Adela Clement, Victoria T. & Walter C. Richard, Tyrone Richard, Bob & Bessie Gros, & Deceased Loved Ones, Steve “Buck” Bourgeois, Mary & Elie Guillot & Fly, Andrew, Rita & Gustave & Harry Tabor, Annalie Gravois, Joseph N. Niquiporo, John Oliver, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison by Susie & Walter Richard & Jerome & Jennifer Bourgeois & Fly.

### Missalettes

In Loving Memory of Hilda Melancon by Sheryle & Harold Chauvin.

### Bulletins

In Thanksgiving by Warren & Cathy Chauvin.

### Pastoral Council Nominees

We are now taking names of New Pastoral Council Nominees. It is time to elect new members. If you or someone you know would like to serve as a Pastoral council member of St. John Church, please call the office (447-3994) to leave the names of your nominees. We are glad to have you serve on this board.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 13, 2021

The prophet Ezekiel, who is famous for his vision of the dry bones, speaks to us today about trees. He gives us two images. The first image is that God would take a cutting from a tree and plant it in Israel where it would grow into a majestic tree. The prophecy comes from that time in history when Jerusalem's king and the leading citizens of Israel were captured by the Babylonians and were taken off to Babylon as slaves. To finish the job, the Babylonians executed all the king's sons. This was 400 years after King David and it seemed to be the end of Davidic monarchy which had lasted for that many years. But Ezekiel's image of the tiny cutting from a tree which grew into a majestic tree in Israel told God's people that God would raise up a future king from the house of David. Ezekiel's prophecy continues with a second image of big trees becoming little trees and vice versa. God would bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree which says God would humble the proud and the mighty (Babylon and Egypt) and would raise up the lowly (i.e., Israel). These are the messages of hope to a people in despair and their purpose was to give God's people courage as they patiently waited for God to act on their behalf.

In his teaching Jesus frequently used parables, a form that is associated with the wisdom tradition. In many ways parables are brainteasers. They engage two very different realities and use one to throw light on the deeper meaning of the other. They are used by sages precisely because they force the hearers to stretch their imaginations and to make connections they ordinarily would not make. Jesus used this literary form to teach about the reign of God, that mysterious reality that seems to belong to another world yet is within our grasp here.

Although the word "parable" is not used, the first saying (vv. 26-29) is certainly parabolic, describing how the reign of God works. It is like seed that has been planted by an individual but then takes root and grows and produces in some secret place within the earth. The seed itself may be quite inconsequential, but deep within itself it possesses great potential. Furthermore, although this potential unfolds before the eyes of human beings, the secrets of its growth are really beyond human comprehension. Human beings plant the seed, watch it grow, and harvest its yield, but the seed works in its own mysterious ways.

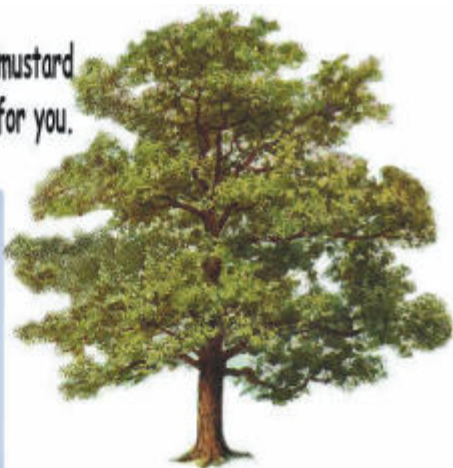
The amazing qualities of a seed are the focus of the second metaphor (vv. 30-32), which is actually identified as a parable. Contrary to the claim within the saying, the mustard seed is not really the smallest seed among the plants. Nor does it actually produce the largest plant. Parables are figures of speech, and they often contain figurative language, language meant to make a point, not to describe things accurately. Here the exaggeration emphasizes the paradox of this negligible seed producing the largest plant. The parable points to the phenomenal growth of the reign of God. It also suggests its universality. Just as the branches of the plant become so spacious that the birds of the heavens can roost there, so the reign of God will grow so vast as to provide shelter for all.

The parable ends with a summary statement about Jesus' teaching in parables. It is a curious statement, for it suggests that the crowd understood the meaning of the parables, but Jesus had to explain them to his disciples. It may really mean that the parables themselves could be comprehended on several different levels, and while the crowds might grasp the obvious meaning, Jesus revealed their deeper meaning in private to his disciples. The parables of Jesus forced his hearers to stretch their imaginations and make connections they might not ordinarily make. The presumption was that those who followed Jesus were always willing or able to do this.

Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within history, we need eyes of faith to recognize it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches farther and farther out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us to move forward, transforming the world.

*Fr. Joe, pastor*

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.



**Baptism**

Please join us in welcoming our newest member to St. John Church. Thru the Waters of Baptism, we welcome Emmalynn Elizabeth Knight, who was baptized on June 5th at the 4 pm mass. She is the daughter of Ryan Knight & Heather Mire. We ask our Lord to bless her thru her life and keep she and the family safe from all evil.

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## COLLECTIONS—May 29 & 30



Envelopes.....	2788.00
Loose.....	409.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3197.00</b>
Parish Devel.....	145.00
CCD.....	70.00

## COLLECTIONS —June 5 & 6



Envelopes.....	2773.00
Loose.....	292.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3065.00</b>
Parish Devel.....	2521.00
MASSES.....	30.00
Prop.Rental.....	300.00
CCD Deferred.....	255.00

### PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O good St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus and Mary, I place myself under your faithful protection.

You were always attentive to the voice of the Lord and never ceased to follow wherever God led you. Help me to hear and respond to God's voice with the same humble fidelity.

O St. Joseph, Terror of demons, protect me from all that might tempt me away from abiding in communion with Jesus.

Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin, grant me a pure heart that I may see as God sees, and love as God loves.

With deep tenderness you cared for Mary and held the sleeping child Jesus, the Son of God, in your arms.

O dear St. Joseph, pray for me that I might have a mind and heart to receive that same love from my Father in heaven.

St. Joseph, intercede for me always so that under your care I might be found worthy to rejoice forever with Jesus and you in heaven. Amen.

### Parish Communication Update

Thank you to all parishioners who have returned their Parish Communication Update Card. If you have not yet returned your card—Please complete and return your Communication Update Card as soon as possible. We are blessed with an active and vibrant parish community—help us continue that legacy by completing your Update Card and returning it this week.



### Mausoleum For Sale

Mausoleum crypt for sale in St. Joseph Cemetery located as St. Jude, Tier "D", #3, burial for two caskets. Call 447-3994 for more info.

## MASSES - JUNE 12—18

World Peace, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Russel & Emelda Benoit, Lee & Eudora Chauvin, Hilda Melancon, Ida R. & Andre E. Bourgeois, Andre M. Bourgeois, Bob Bourgeois Jr., Lydia & Joseph Roger, Ophelia & Marcellain Bourgeois, M/M Theophine Aucoin, Edwina Boudreaux, Adela Clement, Victoria T. & Walter C. Richard, Tyrone Richard, Bob & Bessie Gros, & Deceased Loved Ones, Mary & Elie Guillot & Fly, Andrew, Rita & Gustave & Harry Tabor, Stanley Gravois, Annalie Gravois, Joseph N. Niquiporo, John Oliver, Sterling Aysen, Irving Chiasson, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison, Maurice Mire, Chester A.Mire, Hazel Mire, Virginia Mire, Louis Mire, Eulalie Mire, Eula Benoit, Louis Benoit, Regina Carlos, Larry Benoit, Gary J.Benoit, Russell Bernard Sr, (BDay-1/6), Eddie & Edna Filce, Thomas & Anna Mae Bernard, Trysten Bernard, Robert Thibodaux Jr, Roger & Fields Flys, Mire & Duet Flys, Randy Duet, Abby Tabor Sr, Valcour & Regina Tabor, Edmond & Elise Naquin, Harold Terracina, John Arceneaux, Louis Thibodaux, Rhea G. Hall, Kimberly H. Robichaux, Paul & Margaret Boudreaux & Deceased Family Member, Betty & Jimmy Boudreaux, Loralyn, John & Jeanne Fields, Harold Terracina, John Acherman, Maurice P. Mire, O.J. Legendre, M/M Edward Aucoin, Timmy Aucoin, Henry Usey, Janet (Usey) Molaison, Paul Dudek, M/M Leonce Guillot, Earl, Wilbert, William, Gilbert & Olivia, Francis & Virgie, M/M Marcel Usey Sr, M/M Xavier Touts & Fly, M/M Bartholew Thibodaux & Fly, M/M Tanile Morvant & Fly, Esther & Stanley Morvant Sr, Audrey & Stanley Morvant Jr, Lilly & Harold Clement, Sylvia & Chester Tabor, Gerald & Tiffany Crouch, Elsie & Carolyn "Tut" Delaune, Charles Prejean, Terry Hymel, Louis Thibodaux, Nazie & Dolien Thibodaux, M/M Wilson Alleman, M/M Ridley Westerman, Christopher Alleman, M/M Ralph David, Charles Alleman, Juanita Alleman, Johnathan Besson, Gustave, Enola & Crane Arcement, Lois & Ralph Jougles, Cazenave & Graugnard Flys, Aleen Lorio, Charlotte Zieyes, Wilson E.Thibodeaux, Michael A.Thibodeaux, Amy T.Steinacker, Mona & Joseph Pitre Sr, Hilda & Titus Crawford, Mary E Thibodeaux Marcel, Randolph & Sylvia Richard, Richard & Mire Flys, Albert "A.J." Guillot Jr, Albert J.Guillot Sr, Harry & Letitia Webre, Jody Arcement, Lawrence "L.J."Arcement, Charlie Adams, Bernice Morvant, Ernest Floyd Thibodaux, Ricky, Larry, Louise & Junius Boudreaux, Chester Chiasson Jr, Odette Naquin, Calvin Naquin Sr, Calvin Naquin Jr, Peggy & Chester Chiasson & Holly, Stacy Domangue, June Shaw, Bob Breaux, Nora Shaw, Billy & Delta Shaw, Scott Naquin, Dean Fakier, Rosadel Fakier, Louis Fakier, Raymond & Betty Waguespack, Trosclair, Tregre, Bernard & Terracina Flys, Lester & Lucille Gravois, Joseph & Louise Accardo, Ivory Stewart, Francois & Winnie Aubert, Wilson & Alice Adams, Michel & Lydia Guillot, Judith Guillot, Aubert, Adams & Borne Flys, Mary Elizabeth Hebert, Eustace Breaux(Wed.Anniv-62 yrs), Milton & Yvonne Breaux, Amedeo Sr & Laura Roger, Lloyd Legendre, M/M Gus Legendre, M/m John B. Ray, June M. Shaw, O. J. Legendre, Timmy Aucoin, M/M Edward Aucoin, M/M Andrew Milek, Cathy Milek Pharo, Clarence Ford, M/M Louis Fakier, M/M Luke Ford Sr, Thomas E. Gros, Allen Cavalier, Daphne LeRay, M/M Calvin Bourgeois, Drew Adams, Ruffy Adams, Adams & Clement Flys, Elward Arcement, Ricky LeBlanc, Jr., Elsie & Ricky LeBlanc, Dwight LeBlanc, Carole Ann Domangue, Bessie & Louis LeBlanc and Camelia & Elphege LeBlanc, Sophie & Elward Arcement, Sophie & Phillip Cancienne, Dora & Tecoon Arcement, Joe, Verna & Camille Boudreaux, Joyce & Ray Waguespack, Donna Boudreaux Touts and Mary Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Nola Trahan Dohmann, Blackie Dohmann, Carolyn & Alvin LeBlanc, Bryan Ritchie, Barbara Richard Landry, Chester Boudreaux Sr, Milton Duet, Louis L. Dill Jr, Ida & Lawrence Blanchard, L.J.(Al), Irving & Dave Blanchard, Hilda & Louis Dill Sr & Fly, Ione Clause & Hilda Reed, Melvin Pallock, Michael Thomas, Charles(Bubba)Braud, Daniel Legendre, Denis & Rose Legendre, Emile & Marie Blanchard, Joyline Cancienne, Loy Smith, Allen Cavalier, M/M Dewey Talbot & Lorena, Paul & Thelma Boudreaux, Pam & Carrol, Roy & Earline LeBlanc, Chris Alleman, Milton Benoit, Ervin Benoit, Jack Legendre, Anna Mae & Norman Naquin, Tom & Wanda Swafford, Marilyn Himel, Nela Guillot, Janet(Usey)Molaison, Helen Usey, Virgie & Olivia Guillot, Elsie Taylor, Legendre & Taylor Flys, Albert C. Gerstle Jr, Norman Navarre, Brian Parks, Clement, Navarre, Aucoin Families, Enid & Rodney Mire, Lesley LeBlanc, Gigi Bonvillain, William & Windy Adams, Joyce Hidalgo, Anita Ponvelle, Allen Cavalier(BDay-6/16), Louis Thibodaux, Irvin & Lillian Perque, Parishioners

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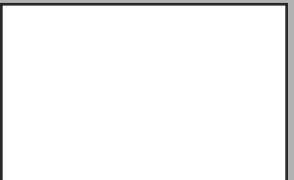
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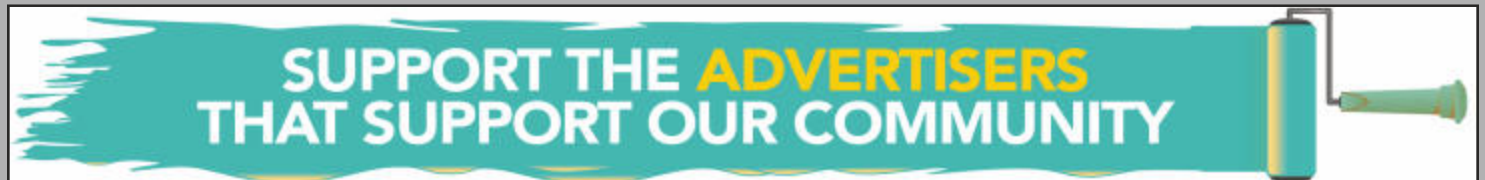
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