

ST. MARY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

June 13, 2021 • 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm**

**Daily Mass\*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am** \*please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

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## 11<sup>th</sup> 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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## Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case

of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at [stmarystarcity.com](http://stmarystarcity.com)  
For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

## Sacraments

**Baptism:** (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact the parish office for information.

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

**Order of Christian Initiation:** Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact the parish office for information

**Marriage:** Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

**Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound:** When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request and communally as scheduled

### Bulletin Deadline:

**Tuesday@Noon**, email or written copy please,  
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

**Email:** stmaryschurch@comcast.net

**Subject line:** attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

## Spirituality of the Readings – Grow



In olden days farmers would sow seeds in their lands and then simply wait. When a crop was ready they would reap it, using a scythe (a “blade”).

A whole process then had to follow. The neighbors would gather with a farmer at each step, to help. They would collect each other’s crops into stacks, or “pooks” as they were called, so that by counting pooks each farmer could know how much grain to expect from his harvest. Threshing came next—separating the husks and straw from the grain—followed in the older cultures by “winnowing,” which detached the heav-

ier grain from the lighter chaff.

Here is how an Irish friend of mine explained it to me, as we drove around Ireland. By chance it matches the first parable Jesus tells in this Sunday’s Gospel:

A farmer 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.

The grains were tiny morsels at first, but at the last, they presented a massive display, poised for harvest. The farmer and his friends modestly worked along with this mysterious process.

Jesus says this parable is about the kingdom of God. But he does not explain how.

It recommends modesty, for sure. We Christians must arrange ourselves humbly and trustingly, like the farmers, while the mystery takes place within our souls. And of course we need to “detach the husks and straw from the lighter chaff.” This would mean pulling ourselves away from distractions and fascinations that drag us away from who we are meant to be. Distractions such as impressing others, winning all the time, using God’s name in vain, criticizing people ... fill out the list.

But the Holy Spirit of God plants seeds in our souls and quietly begins their growth. Followers of Christ must let the seeds grow at their own rate, and then go on to the next step only when they are ready. Our job had been to prepare the land, which is us, and then see the result that happens “of its own accord.”

In a second parable, the quiet status of a seed is apparent. Jesus says that the mustard seed is the smallest and humblest of all the seeds on earth. (In fact it was not, so I am told. Smaller still are the petunia, the begonia and orchid seeds.) But nevertheless, the tiny mustard seed, the size of a pinhead, unassumingly grows to be a great big shrub or even a tree that is taller than a man’s head.

So are we to be humble in a similar way. The Spirit’s plantings in our souls will seem exceedingly tiny, even unnoticeable. Our humility—like the farmers’ with the seeds— means waiting, or in other words, being patience. We are fallow lands. We must be ready and anticipating for something greater than ourselves, something the Spirit bestows.

This means that the “largest of plants” will not be you or me, but God— present in our lives and in our communities. Since God is great and to be loved above all things and within all things, since God is taller than a man or woman’s head, so to speak, then he is large enough to found our greatest plans or hopes.

Let us be fallow.

John Foley, SJ

\* This older method of farming promoted community among farmers as they helped one another. But the invention of the “combine” in America in the early 19th century made it increasingly inevitable for each farmer to reap, thresh, winnow and bail all alone, using the “harvester” to do it. This machine is a marvel of technical inventiveness, since it makes possible all the above tasks with only a farmer and possibly field hands running them. Yet, despite all its efficiency, giant machine-driven farming made it possible to forget about kinship with anyone else and just do it all yourself.

## Giving Summary

### Sunday Offering

\$8,826.00

### Online Giving

\$2,106.35

Attendance: 305

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

## Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

6/20— Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa



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[www.stmarystarcity.com](http://www.stmarystarcity.com).

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### June 13, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm In honor of Darrel and Vicki Auch  
for their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, 8:30am Frank & Joyce Bidwell

Sunday, 11:00am For the People

Domingo, 1pm En acción de gracias por el 55th  
Aniversario de Elvira Vázquez y Jesús Garcia

Monday 6/14 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
6:30pm Ron Cunningham

Tuesday 6/15 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
9:00am Intention of Celebrant

Wednesday 6/16 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
9:00am Intention of Celebrant

Thursday 6/17 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
9:00am Intention of Celebrant

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there  
will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

**\*In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled\***

### June 20, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm Denis Blais

Sunday, 8:30am Anna Mae Lucci

Sunday, 11:00am For the People

Domingo, 1pm Por la comunidad de la Parroquia



**The Bread and Tabernacle Candle**  
the week of June 13th are in memory  
of **Ron Cunningham**

from his wife, Terrie, and son, Ron.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass

Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled

(Mon: 6:00pm, Tue.-Thur: 8:30am)

\*times may change based on any changes to the  
weekly Mass schedule

**Al-Anon** (for those affected by someone  
else's drinking) meets every Thursday at noon  
at St. Mary Church. Information:  
call 1-888-425-2666 or [WSO@al-anon.org](mailto:WSO@al-anon.org)

**NA Meetings** St. Mary Church, Star City  
Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm

**To find other meetings near you,** visit  
<https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>



**Memorial Donations for Bread and  
the Tabernacle candle are being accepted  
for the year 2021.** The re-  
quested donation is \$40. Please call the  
Parish Office if you are interested, 304-  
599-3747.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

### Sunday, June 13

1:00pm NA Meeting

### Monday, June 14

7:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts—Pavilion

### Tuesday, June 15

6:30pm NA Meeting—Peace Hall

### Wednesday, June 16

7:00pm Catholic Homeschoolers Bible Study

### Thursday, June 17

12:00pm Al-Anon

5:30pm Spanish Mass Music Rehearsal—L/L

### Saturday, June 19

5:00-5:40pm Reconciliation

### Sunday, June 20

1:00pm NA Meeting

## Calling all Ministry Volunteers! For each Mass, we will need:

3 Altar Servers

2 Eucharistic Ministers

1 Lector

And all the Ushers we can muster!

Please log onto the Ministry Scheduler  
app or website to sign up for weekends  
you wish to serve!

Use the sign in book when you get to  
Mass, or feel free to sign up for any open  
spots.

We appreciate your help!



**The prayer ministry  
is seeking additional  
volunteers.**

Please contact the Parish  
Office if you are interested.



**Mass intentions are still  
being accepted for 2021.  
We have many weekday  
and weekend Masses**

**still to fill.** The suggested donation is \$20  
for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call  
the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled  
due to unforeseen circumstances such as a  
global pandemic, inclement weather, or a fu-  
neral, will be moved to the next available  
'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tues-  
day moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday  
Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



**St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:**  
**\*\* Cereal and Condiments\*\*** (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise etc.)

**Baby & Toddler Program needs: \*Baby Wash & Shampoo**

**Thank you to everyone who donated to the sharing garden!**  
All your donations of supplies, seeds, and funds are super appreciated.



St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach is looking for donations of a couple specific items for food pantry operations:

- \*An iPhone 8 or greater (new or used)
- \*2- six foot metal step ladders

If you would like to donate one of these things, or contribute to the cost, please contact St. Ursula, 304-599-3822



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**Position Opening**  
St. Mary Church is seeking a vibrant individual to coordinate formation programs, enable the gifts of the faithful, and to engage our youth to live a life of faith. We are located in Morgantown, WV, home of West Virginia University. Our parishioners are ethnically diverse. Our people have a deep love for celebrating Mass, gathering for fellowship, opportunities for adult formation and growth and for mission to the least of these. If interested please submit a letter of interest and resumé by June 30, 2021. For the full job description and responsibilities, please see p. 6



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Call: 304-293-7249



### St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School Parents:

You may drop off or mail your **Tuition Subsidy Verification Form** to the St. Mary Parish Office. Fr. John will review and sign it, and we will give you a call when it can be picked up, or you may include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and we will mail it back to you. Thank you!  
The school must have your form by June 30.

### Job Openings at St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School

We are currently seeking qualified applicants for the **Middle School Religion Teacher** and **Custodian/Janitor** positions at SFdSCCS. Both are full-time positions. If you are interested in applying, please visit our school website at [stfrancismorgantown.com](http://stfrancismorgantown.com), click on the "About" tab, then select "Employment" to learn more about the positions. All interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and 3 letters of reference to Principal Moore at [amoore@sfccs.org](mailto:amoore@sfccs.org) or mail/deliver to his attention at St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School, 41 Guthrie Lane, Morgantown, WV 26508. Call or email if you have questions or need additional information.

**Donations for St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach** may be **placed in** the labeled bins in **the church**, or **dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry.**



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## Faith Formation Director

### Job Summary:

Progressive parish of 600 families is seeking a vibrant individual to coordinate formation programs, enable the gifts of the faithful, and to engage our youth to live a life of faith. We are located in Morgantown, WV, home of West Virginia University. Our parishioners are ethnically diverse. Our people have a deep love for celebrating Mass, gathering for fellowship, opportunities for adult formation and growth and for mission to the least of these. The position is full-time and reports to the Pastor.

### Responsibilities & Duties:

Coordinates and manages all Faith Formation ministries and volunteers including, but not limited to: Religious Education (PK-5th), Youth Ministry (Middle and High School), Children's Liturgy of the Word and Vacation Bible School; sacramental preparation program for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Christian Initiation for adults and children (RCIA); and helps facilitate adult faith formation. The Faith Formation Director is also the Safe Environment Coordinator for the parish.

### Qualifications and Skills:

BA in Theology/Religious Education or related educational field  
Excellent organizational, supervisory and leadership skills  
Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills  
Works well in collaborative efforts with other parish ministers  
Seeks ongoing educational opportunities to keep current on trends in catechetical ministry  
Excellent computer skills including the use of Microsoft Office and communication via social media  
Fluency in Spanish is beneficial but not required

### Salary & Benefits

Health, vision, dental, participation in 403B plan, paid vacation and personal days, and education stipend.

If interested please submit a letter of interest and resume by June 30, 2021. Position will begin on August 1, 2021.

Send letter and resume to Fr. John by email: [papajohnwv@msn.com](mailto:papajohnwv@msn.com), or via mail to:

Attn: Father John McDonough  
St. Mary Parish  
3346 University Avenue  
Morgantown, WV 26505



**Sunday, Jun 13, 2021**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Surprising yields ahead**

Many have been glad to shake off the past year with good riddance. We're quick to write off difficult situations as sinkholes of our personal efforts, with nothing to show for our suffering. Every plague, war, and famine of history has caused its multitude of lost lives, endless grief, and economic devastation. Yet Jesus promises us that underneath the soil of human experience, the kingdom of God is always at work, pushing new life and fresh hope into existence. Many are working hard right this moment to promote a new vision for humanity. Commit to the new seed of Kingdom Coming.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34 (92). *"And through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how."*

**Monday, Jun 14, 2021****Make an offering**

It is fitting that today is both Flag Day in the United States and World Blood Donor Day. Many have shed their blood for the ideals a flag represents, and while most of us are not called to make the ultimate sacrifice for our country, many of us can make the small sacrifice of donating blood to save the lives of others. In some areas, the blood supply has become low because of fewer blood donations during the pandemic, and blood donation remains essential everywhere. If you are able to donate, or be supportive of someone who can, it will contribute to our much-needed healing in these hurting times.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). *"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."*

**Tuesday, Jun 15, 2021****With respect to elders**

It's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Pope Francis marked the observance last year by describing a shameful and painfully obvious truth: "The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that our societies are not organized well enough to make room for the elderly, with proper respect for their dignity and frailty. When the elderly are not cared for, there is no future for the young." Eighty percent of COVID deaths have been people 65 or older. What does your parish or local community do to support and engage seniors? If programs are not in place, can you help initiate them?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). *"I say this not by way of command, but to test the genuineness of your love by your concern for others."*

**Wednesday, Jun 16, 2021****Be well intentioned**

Jesus' admonition to perform good deeds in private and pray alone in our rooms can be difficult to figure out when we belong to a church that calls the community's public gathering for Mass the "source and summit of faith." So here's the deal: Jesus isn't telling us to hide our faith but instead to check out *why* we do what we do. He frowns on giving alms to get attention or making a big public display of our prayer, as if to prove we are closer to God

than our neighbor. Instead, we are called to pray, fast, and give alms simply to draw closer to our Lord. In public or private, let's pray with the best of intentions.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). *"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites."*

**Thursday, Jun 17, 2021****Time to move beyond temptation**

The Lord's Prayer, introduced in today's gospel, is the best-known Christian prayer the world over. Two years ago, a change in the way French Catholics say the prayer made headlines. The new translation avoids "lead us not into temptation" in favor of "do not let us fall into temptation." The point is that God doesn't lead us to sin. Rather, God gives us the strength to resist it, overcome it, learn from it, move beyond it. The next time you pray the great prayer, picture the Creator extending a hand to pull you away from sin into grace and light.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). *"This is how you are to pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven . . .'"*

**Friday, Jun 18, 2021****Get some rest**

Saint Augustine of Hippo captures the human condition perfectly when he says in his *Confessions*: "Lord, . . . our heart is restless until it rests in you." Christian prayer practices are designed to protect us from spirit-dulling anxiety and bring us to the peace of Christ. Try meditating on these words from Saint Francis de Sales for starters: "The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you the unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain dreads, and anxious imaginations."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). *"Store up treasures in heaven."*

**Saturday, Jun 19, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

**A simple practice for inner peace**

Romuald was a 10th-century Italian monk and teacher. He started life as a wealthy aristocrat but soon found his life of pursuing comfort and pleasure unsatisfying. He sought refuge in a monastery and discovered peace as a monk. Wishing to help others achieve fulfillment, he founded the Camaldolese Order of monks and established several monasteries, instructing the monks to practice intellectual stillness and interior receptivity in meditation. "Take every opportunity you can to sing the Psalms in your heart," he wrote in his rule, "and to understand them with your mind." Take a moment today and give it a try.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). *"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor  
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.  
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;  
en ti Maria depositó su confianza;  
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también  
muéstrate padre  
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.  
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje  
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

### **Safe Environment Reporting**

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

### **Will or Estate Planning**

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK June 13, 2021**

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/  
Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31  
[1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

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### **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** **ReportBishopAbuse.org (800) 276-1562**

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 92

### 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.



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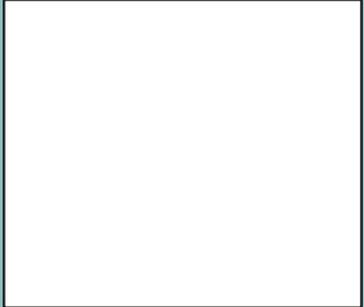



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