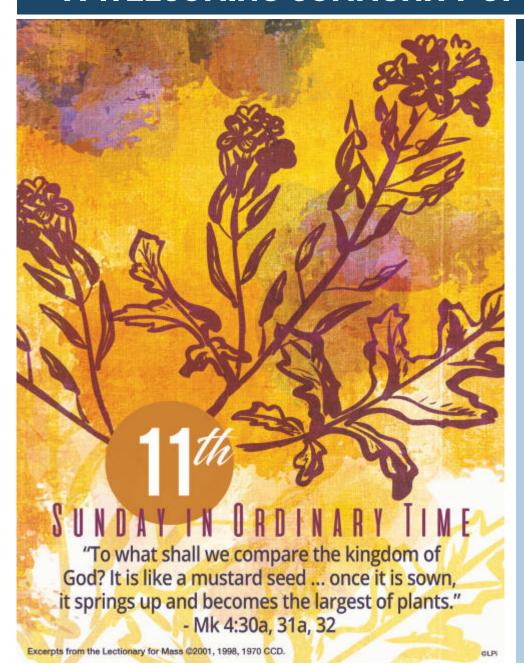


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## **JUNE 13, 2021**

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#### MASS SCHEDULE **Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm

## **Sunday Mass**

7:30, 9:00 (livestreamed)

& 11:30 am

#### **Daily Mass**

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#### **PARISH CALENDAR**

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

8:30 am Mass

9-10 am Confession

2:30 pm Confirmation Mass

Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Mass: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am

8 am - 1 pm Blood Drive MONDAY, JUNE 14

8:30 am Mass 9:00 am Rosary

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15** 

8:30 am Mass

9:00 - 10:30 am Coffee Social

10 am-12 pm Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

8:30 am Mass

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17** 

8:30 am Mass

9:00 - 10:30 am Coffee Social

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass

9 am -12 pm Adoration

10:00 am Marie Felter Funeral Mass

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 19** 

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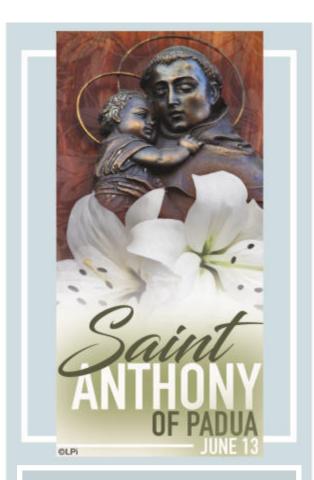
11:00 am Douglas Klaers Funeral Mass

Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Mass: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

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. (Ez 17:24)

#### PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

#### SECOND READING:

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. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

#### GOSPEL:

"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." (Mk 4:31-32)

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021**

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Flag Day

Saturday: St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM

Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day;

Father's Day



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**PRAISE**, give thanks and sing praise! We gather at Mass to, first and foremost, give praise to God. We do this with engaged dialogue, through our thoughtful gestures, and in our unison of voice in song. Just as at a dinner party where each of us engages in conversation with the people at the

table, at Mass, our prayers and responses are a beautiful dialogue between the priest, the ministers, and the people of God assembled around His altar. We are all called to truly participate as community, not just be a bystander or audience. The Roman Missal outlines our dialogue with appropriate texts for different seasons and occasions and it gives options for certain responses and

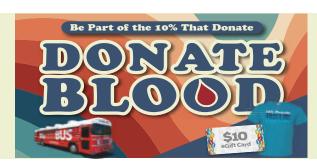
acclamations. As we are going into Ordinary Time again, one change you will notice is the choice of our "Mystery of Faith," also known as the "Memorial Acclamation." For the coming months, we will use the text "we proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again." In this form of the acclamation, we are reminded that we are not only thinking of or talking about the foundation of our faith, Jesus' death and resurrection, but we are energized to go further and "profess" and "proclaim." The church uses terms

such as "acclamation," "profess," and "proclaim" because they invoke action and emotion. Our faith is a shared, outward expression of our belief and we are called to bring it to the world.

Today, our psalm and readings speak of how great God's

kingdom is and how we are called to be His people. We give thanks and praise to God for welcoming us to His kingdom, as our psalm response says: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you," and know that we are part of Christ's body, as in our second reading. In our second reading and gospel, we are called to take the next step and use the Holy Spirit's gift of courage to spread God's kingdom to all.

Along with the symbolism used in Jesus' parable of the seed, God's greatness and our call to spread His word are themes throughout our music this weekend. We enter with singing praise to God in "God, We Praise You," we accept God's welcome to follow Him in "The Summons," and we acclaim our call to have courage and spread God's word in "We Walk By Faith" and "Bring Forth the Kingdom." Hopefully you walk out of Mass with a song in your heart reminding that all of us are God's light in the world. -*Phillip Revekant - Music Director* 



### Sunday, June 13, 2021 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM Nativity Catholic Church

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# ST. ANTHONY CAN FIND ANYTHING — EVEN YOU

"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found."

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems



that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land...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." - Mk 4:26, 28-29

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#### SATURDAY, JUNE 12

8:30 AM † Jared Cobb Sr (Dennis Buhring) 5:00 PM Jennifer K HIlls (Ellen & JT)

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

7:30 AM Renato Carrasco (Family)

9:00 AM Andrea K & Brad Hills (Ellen & JT)

11:30 AM Nativity Parishioners

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 14**

8:30 AM † Arlene Cook (Joann & Don Peters)

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

8:30 AM Ed & † Arlene Cook 71st Anniversary (Joan & Walt Schwartz)

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

8:30 AM † Chuck Muzeka & Adeline Shemuha (Muzeka Family)

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 17

8:30 AM † Tom Buhring (Dennis Buhring)

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 18

8:30 AM Jo Gonzalez & Family (Martinez Family)

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 19

8:30 AM † Leonard Accardi (Lillian Accardi)

5:00 PM Nativity Parishioners

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 20**

7:30 AM For all Fathers and Father figures9:00 AM For all Fathers and Father figures11:30 AM For all Fathers and Father figures



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