



1st Reading: Ez 17:22-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

June 13, 2021



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "The Kingdom of God is like..."

In today's Gospel, Mark shares two parables spoken by Jesus. Parables were Jesus' favorite way of teaching. He used parables, because parables force you to think. Parables are a certain type of literary genre. The word "parable" itself means "a comparison," or analogy. Parables are dictionary stories derived from everyday experiences but often with a surprising twist that prompts the hearer to think more deeply. Today's parable uses a common image of seeds to convey an understanding of how God's power for good is manifested in the world. The first parable tells us that the reign of God grows often without our knowing how until at some point we start to see signs of its growth and even its fruit. - The second of these parable is a metaphor of hope. Like the reign of God, the smallest of seeds will grow into the greatest of shrubs to provide shelter for the birds of the sky.

As we live any day or our life, we should never discount the small things we can do, nor should we overlook the importance of receiving small things each day. Today's parable reminds us that God is still working secretly, much like the seed in the soil, bringing growth to our lives in many ways.

Reflection Questions

What evidence do you see of the kingdom of God growing in your midst?

Family Reflection

To celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, share with your child remembrances of his or her First Communion day. If your child has not yet received the Sacrament, talk about what that day will mean for him or her.

This Week

June 13 St. Anthony of Padua- The Patron Saint of Lost Things

Catholicapostoliccenterfeastdays.org St. Anthony of Padua

The ABCs for Fostering Vocations



Tell your children why you chose your particular profession. Who helped you form your decision? Talk about how share your God-given talents and witness faith through your profession.



YouTube

What is the Faith
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle B



Lord, it is good to give thanks to you!
-Ps. 92:2

Youtube



Where in the world...

FLY around the diocese to find the Traveling Icon and learn more about our diocese!

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June 12 - June 19

Next Sunday is Father's Day!

Start getting ready to make the day special with these "5 Ways to Celebrate a Catholic Dad on Father's Day." Visit

<https://carmelitesistersocd.com> for more information about how to: Make a Catholic Dad Calendar, or Video / Photo Montage or more!

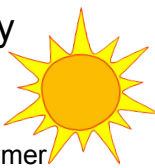


Each time we tell someone about Jesus, we are helping to grow the kingdom. Share the good news!



Get Ready For Summer!

Create a Summer Prayer Album.



Create a summer keepsake of this summer. Purchase a journal book or make one. Each day, add keepsake pictures, photos, drawings and/or entries to remember the events and activities of the day. Add prayers of gratitude for the blessings of the day. Add prayers for family members, friends and others you encounter this summer. Adapted from Vibrantfaithprojects.org

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

loyolapress.com - Family Activities for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Family Faith Builder)

Catholic-resources.org - Parables and Parabolic Images in the Gospels (Adult Faith Builder)

Sermon4kids.com - Parable Mustard Seed - Activity sheet with puzzles and more! (Children's Faith Builder)

Quizlet.com - Symbols of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - A matching game (Children Faith Builder)

AscensionPress.com - The Secret of Parables - A podcast (Teens Faith Builder)

