

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 13, 2021

“What the Kingdom of God is like”



What can mustard seeds teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

The transforming power of the Word of God

The Lord of the Universe is ever ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his life-giving Word and Spirit? The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to the Lord Jesus and allow his word to take root in us, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

The cross of Jesus is the Tree of Life

Christ became all things in order to restore all of us in himself. The man Christ received the mustard seed which represents the kingdom of God; as man he received it, though as God he had always possessed it. He sowed it in his garden. The Church is a garden extending over the whole world, tilled by the plough of the gospel, fenced in by stakes of doctrine and discipline, cleared of every harmful weed by the labor of the apostles. Such then is the mustard seed which Christ sowed in his garden. When he promised a kingdom to the patriarchs, the seed took root in them; with the prophets it sprang up; with the apostles it grew tall. Do you allow the seed of God's word to take deep root in your life and transform you into a fruit-bearing disciple of Jesus Christ?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and transform me into the Christ-like holiness you desire. Increase my zeal for your kingdom and instill in me a holy desire to live for your greater glory."

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ_Buk3g-bhw?

FORMED

Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform. Best of all, this material is free to you.

There are 3 easy steps to Sign Up on FORMED:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish code: L5K
3. Enter your name and email

PRAYER GROUP VIDEO SERIES

Join Deacon Don and the Prayer group on Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Thursdays, for a new video series. "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley. All are welcome. To get the Zoom link please contact Deacon Don at ddroberts828@yahoo.ca

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Reconciliation Room of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JUNE 14 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Ciaran Maguire

S.I. A Mass of Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, JUNE 15 – 8:00 A.M.

+ + Ciaran Maguire

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Ciaran Maguire

+ Ted Wielgus

S.I. Denyse Schnoeckel

THURSDAY, JUNE 17 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. For healing and reconciliation in troubled marriages and families.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Ciaran Maguire

S. I. A Mass of Thanksgiving for Christopher Fernandez

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUN., JUNE 20 – 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community



Next Sunday, June 20 is ShareLife Sunday. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$130,000. We encourage you to donate at the parish or online at sharelife.org.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. To enroll, please fill out a ShareLife envelope at your parish or contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411.

**ShareLife Sunday is next weekend, June 20.
Please give generously.**



**WE JOYOUSLY
WELCOME
FR. ARTHUR LEE**

Arthur Lee, who spent last summer and last Christmas at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, was ordained to the Priesthood at St. Michael's Cathedral on May 8th, 2021.

We are blessed to have Fr. Arthur as homilist at all of our masses this weekend. Fr. Arthur will preside at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, June 12th, and the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, June 13th, which is also live streamed on our parish YouTube channel.

These Masses at which Arthur will preside are "Masses of Thanksgiving" by a newly ordained priest, and those in attendance at either the 5pm Mass or the 10am Mass this weekend can receive a plenary indulgence (remission of all temporal punishment due to sin) by observing the normal requirements: be in a state of grace and have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin; receive sacramental Confession within 8 days before or after this weekend's Mass; receive Holy Communion; and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis.

Fr. Arthur has graciously agreed to impart his special blessing to anyone who wishes to receive it at the end of Mass. He has also made available to the parish a generous supply of his official ordination cards. They are available from the church lobby and the parish office. Please feel free to take one home with you, and remember to pray for Fr. Arthur, Alvin Joys, our current summer seminarian and all priests and seminarians.

WELCOME BACK

On Monday, June 7, the Archdiocese of Toronto was informed by Premier Ford's office that churches can re-open at 15% capacity beginning this weekend. This includes weddings, baptisms and funerals. We will be using Eventbrite to register for weekday and weekend Masses. **Beginning on July 3 we will no longer be using a reservation system but will be moving to "First Come, First Serve" basis.** Under this system the usher will seat parishioners until we have reached our capacity then the doors will be locked.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Attention parents of children celebrating First Holy Communion and Confirmation. On Friday, you received a letter by email detailing preparation and celebrations of these sacraments. In order to attend these events, you must register on Eventbrite. There is a link in the letter. There are also links to videos that Fr. Damian has made providing basic catechesis. If you have any questions regarding either sacrament please contact the parish office.