

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

-- Psalm 92:14



Daily Mass

Week of June 17th – 21st

- Monday: 8:00 Larry Callaghan+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Joyce Berman+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Thursday: 8:00 Bernadena & Charles Elsenius
- Friday: 8:00 Anne Baudler+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
June 9, 2024	\$10,510.00



Holy Father/Peter's Pence Collection!

This weekend, June 15th and 16th, our Parish will participate in the Peter's Pence 2024 collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Each year, the Holy Father asks us to help him provide for our neediest brothers and sisters throughout the world -- those who suffer due to war, oppression and natural disasters. Join the Holy Father in this act of justice and kindness. Please pray for the Holy Father. Your generosity to this special appeal is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's gospel reading is all about hiddenness: the seed, hidden in the ground grows of its own accords and blossoms with new, unexpected life. People often experience this, in both positive and negative ways: early childhood may result in a flowering of happiness or a descent into a life of crime.

I've been reading the great American poet Elizabeth Bishop. Her father died when she was eight months old, her mother was shut up in a mental hospital when Elizabeth was five and she never saw her mother again. She lived a pained and difficult life but her poetic genius never ceased expanding as long as she lived.

The mother of Jesus has been called the most hidden of the saints: we know very little about her and yet she has been exalted above all the others. Thomas Merton once said that there were saints in Harlem that no one has ever heard of, and yet we have no idea how much generosity and love have come out of poverty and pain.

As to ourselves, Saint Paul assures us, in one of the Easter readings, that for now, our lives are hidden with Christ in God. That hiddenness contains the seed of our eternal happiness. Who would not want to be hidden in that way?

Fr. Basil



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

Peter George Casey, son of Kelley Salamack and Kevin Casey.

Elle Flynn Hutchison, daughter of Kelley Lootens and John Hutchison.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Prayer for Father's Day

God our Father,
 in your wisdom and love you made all things.
 Bless these men,
 that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
 Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
 Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
 may honor them always
 with a spirit of profound respect.

Amen!

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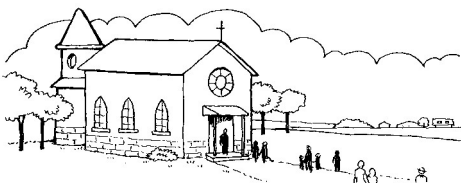


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Father's Day Cards!

In honor of Father's Day today Sunday, June 16th, you are invited to offer a spiritual bouquet for your father, grandfather, godfather or any father figure in your life. Fill out the information envelope and return it to the Parish Office.



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Living Our Faith Ministry!

As we enter summer, the Living Our Faith Ministry would like to share with you two opportunities.

The first one is the **Summer Food Drive**. With no access to school breakfast and lunch programs, many local families are struggling to feed their children. You are invited to continue to donate non-perishable food items, especially family-friendly foods, to the Alameda County Community Food Drive barrel located in the entrance to the Church and in the Gibson Center. Monetary donations are also welcome and easily submitted online or through the QR Code on the flyers in the Church.

The second one is a "first" for Corpus Christi, **Community Book Discussion**. Participants are invited to read Thomas Merton's, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, throughout the summer. Then on Sunday, September 8th, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., we will bring our books, our notes and ourselves to the Gibson Center for a group book discussion. Thanks to the generosity of our Parish, **free** copies of this book are available to all those who wish to participate. You will find them on the credenzas in the Church. For more information and to register, please contact Nancy Midlin at: midlin.nancy@gmail.com. We look forward to your participation this summer!

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives; and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalms -- Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading -- Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel -- It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34).

Readings For The Week

June 17th -- 22nd

Monday: First Reading 1 Kings 21:1-16;
Psalm 5;
Gospel Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday: First Reading 1 Kings 21:17-29;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday: First Reading 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14;
Psalm 31;
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: First Reading Sirach 48:1-14;
Psalm 97;
Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

Friday: First Reading 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20;
Psalm 132;
Gospel Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday: First Reading 2 Chronicles 24:17-25;
Psalm 89;
Gospel Matthew 6:24-34

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast!

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women, is hosting a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June 22nd, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 456 Maple Street in Livermore. The guest speaker will be Sandy Heinsich, a grief counselor for the Diocese of Oakland. Tickets are \$33.00 by June 15th (after that, please call to reserve your ticket). For more information, go to: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ca-walnut-creek> or email: magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com.

God's Time!

We either pay attention to or ignore "clock time" as we play in the summer sun and note the earth's tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like supertime and summertime.

God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of "saving time," that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called *kairos*, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

This Sunday's readings alert us to the reality and the import of God's time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the "harvest" time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God.

