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MARK 4:31-32



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THE CHURCH AND GOD'S KINGDOM

Today's scriptures connect the towering cedars of Lebanon from the prophet Ezekiel to the mustard plant of the famous parable of Jesus. Both plants represent the Kingdom of God. Both are also to be understood as symbols of the Church, where "birds of every kind shall dwell" (Ezekiel 17:23) and shelter in the cedar's branches, and the shade of the mustard plant's large branches provide dwelling for the "birds of the sky." Even today's psalm tells of the just one who is like a cedar flourishing in the house of the Lord.

Now, the Church is not the Kingdom, but rather a sacrament, a visible sign of it. They co-exist in the here-and-now but also in the "not yet." As Paul reminds us, we must constantly work to continue building and growing the Kingdom by everyday good works of "the just one." So we are all birds and just ones.

"LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD . . ."

The Gospel of Mark is nothing if not a testament to the power of parables to illustrate the Good News through story. Jesus was a master storyteller, who understood the importance of using images and concepts to which his listeners could relate. A seed, a mustard plant, would symbolize one of Mark's signature focuses: the Kingdom of God.

Centuries earlier, the prophet Ezekiel proclaimed most poetically to the Israelites, recently liberated from Babylonian captivity, that their God was still their hope, their comfort, their rescue, and their shelter. Those refugees would understand the image of the towering cedar as a symbol of their kingdom, cut down, fallen, captured. By restoring their kingdom, their God was giving them a new creation (the replanted shoot) and a new covenant.

THY KINGDOM COME . . .

Ezekiel said that God would tear off "a tender shoot" (17:22) for this replanting. What does this sound like? Why, Advent, of course, and specifically the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (Isaiah 11:1); and again in Isaiah's Messianic texts we hear: "He grew up before us like a tender shoot" (53:2). Jesse was the father of the great king David and, as we know, Jesus came to be that tender shoot, that blossom, the new Davidic King whose throne, the cross, was once a tree.

God's incarnation in Jesus, born fully human, is the fulfillment of the promise to Ezekiel of the renewed and restored cedar, the new Kingdom. That new creation and covenant exists for us in the Church, through the Holy Spirit making the seed planted within us grow, flourish, and spread. Thus we have the faith and courage to be that visible sign of the Kingdom bringing hope and renewal to the world. We must live Kingdom lives before we can convince others to do so.

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

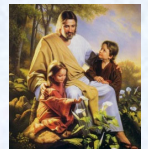


Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

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Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal



Parish Goal : \$95,000

Amount Pledged: \$152,634

Amount Paid: \$137,660

Balance Due: \$14,975

Donor Count: 538

2021 Rebate: \$29,862



June 13, 2021 *The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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.

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TODAY'S READINGS

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

Psalm — 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)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: [Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

Monday: Flag Day

Saturday: St. Romuald; Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that “the altar is Christ” (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4). The altar is a table “on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes”; but it is also the place for a festive meal: “a table at which the Church’s children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ” (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for “body”) over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the *Sacramentary* or *Roman Missal*, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE CHURCH AND THE SPIRIT

Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and all grace, and the Spirit is truth.

—St. Irenaeus

HEARTFELT

I would rather say five words devoutly with my heart than five thousand which my soul does not relish with affection and understanding.

—St. Edmund the Martyr

HONESTY

The most important person to be honest with is myself.

—Anonymous

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed

Joanne Wills

BAPTISMS

Through the Saving Waters of Baptism, we will welcome...



Aubrey Mary Mullan

On June 13, 2021

WEDDING BANNERS

It is with joy that we announce the upcoming wedding



PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to become a parishioner at Our Lady of Peace Parish, please visit our website at www.olopdarien.org.

Or call the Parish Office at 630-323-4333 ext. 100

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$59,252

Shortfall: **\$6,748**

May Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$66,794

Surplus: \$794

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Please help the less fortunate with a charitable gift. Your donation allows us to supply the needy with food from week to week. The recipients graciously thank you and God continues to bless you.

Hearing impaired? Search www.deafcatholicjoliet.org for SLI assisted Mass locations!

MASS INTENTIONS June 12/13

Saturday 6/12	5:00pm	Velma & James Gartland (D)
Sunday 6/13	8:00am	Holy Name Society Vincent Mesch Robert & Dorothy Schaffer (D) Leonor Gana (D) Mary & Frank Kalisz 50th Wedding Anniversary
	10:00am	Patricia Coleman (D)
	12:00pm	People of our Parish

MASS INTENTIONS June 14-20

Monday 6/14	7:30am	Mary Mathis (D)
Tuesday 6/15	7:30am	Antonio & Dedicacion Seecheung (D)
Wednesday 6/16	7:30am	Richard Kleifgen (D)
Thursday 6/17	7:30am	Sharon Kross (D)
Friday 6/18	7:30am	Alfonso Marsillo (D)
Saturday 6/19	7:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Fr. Tony Kelpsas (L) 95th Birthday
	5:00pm	Deacon Paul Brachle (D)
Sunday 6/20	8:00am	Fr. Tony Kelpsas (L) People of Our Parish Henry Lazarski (D) Lou Larson (D)
	10:00am	Tekla & Ludwik Zarycka (D) Victor & Eleanor Pilar (L) 40th Wedding Anniversary

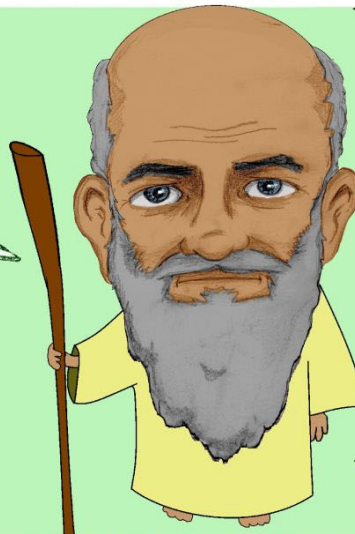
saint snippets

Empty yourself
completely and sit
waiting, content with
the grace of God.

St. Romuald

11th-century Italian nobleman who left his worldly life behind to live as a hermit. He founded the Camaldolese monastic order.

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June 19

Run for Life 2021

5K Run & 2.2-mile walk



Saturday, July 31st

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- Registration link: www.raceroster.com/30549
- On-site registration starts at 6:30 a.m.
- Race starts at 8 a.m.
- Water stations along the course, snacks at the end!
- FREE performance T-shirt if registered by July 1st!



Questions?
Contact Christine Kania
630-532-7813 or
christine.kania@gmail.com



**“FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.”** MATT 18:20

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THE ROSARY, AS WELL AS PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS.

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WHEN: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS – 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH (MARIAN CHAPEL)

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Dinner only Guests

RSVP Form
Golfers w/ Dinner

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3. _____
4. _____

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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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Our Lady of Peace Church

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An email confirmation will be sent once RSVP is received.

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In memory of Daniel Gurtner



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Part-time Parish Secretary – St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Joliet, IL (6/13)

St Paul the Apostle Parish in Joliet is seeking a faith-filled and enthusiastic Parish Secretary to serve in our new ministry center. This valuable team position is a part-time, unbenefited position responsible for ministering to the parishioners and parish. Administrative responsibilities will include general office, computer systems, mail, and phones. Ministerial responsibilities will include serving others with funeral and marriage arrangements, looking for evangelization opportunities, and promoting fellowship across the parish. This position requires a professional, responsible, and committed individual excited to work with a collaborative pastoral staff, and must have excellent communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills. Must be a Catholic in good standing and have a working knowledge of Church teaching and practices of the Church and Diocese. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to iwillserve@stpauljoliet.com.

Part-time Director of Religious Education – St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Joliet, IL (6/13)

St Paul the Apostle Parish in Joliet is seeking a creative and energetic Director of Religious Education (DRE.) Our DRE position is a flexible part-time, unbenefited position responsible for administering the parish's K-8 Religious Education. The program currently has approximately 80 children and 15 volunteers. The parish is looking for an experienced, faith-filled DRE willing to think creatively as we embrace the growth in the program. Responsibilities include; coordinating faith formation activities and sacramental prep K-8, managing a team of dedicated volunteers, and conducting administrative program commitments. Working knowledge of PDS and MS products is a plus. This position requires a professional, responsible, committed individual excited to work with a collaborative pastoral staff, and must have excellent communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills. Must be a Catholic in good standing and have a working knowledge of Church teaching, Catholic sacramental theology and practices of the Church and Diocese. A bachelor's degree in a related field is desired. Interested candidates should send resume and cover letter to iwillserve@stpauljoliet.com.

Parish Office Administrative Assistant – St. Isidore Church, Bloomingdale

We are seeking an individual who will work in a professional manner with a spirit of hospitality. Must be bilingual - verbal and written (English/Spanish). Technical skills necessary and able to multi-task, work independently, prioritize, be detail oriented, and organized.

Duties

Respond to phone and walk-in requests and concerns, manage incoming and outgoing mail, new parishioner registrations, schedule baptisms, weddings, funerals, mass intentions, and follow up communications, office volunteers' management as needed, liaison to priests/deacons, support parish office, sacramental record-keeping, parish calendar, office supplies inventory and additional duties as required.

Software Knowledge

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher).

Will train database software-PDS, calendar software-EMS and Facility Tree (work orders) software

This is a full-time, benefitted position.

Send Resume to Dan Tobin at dtobin@stisidoreparish.org. No phone calls, please. (6/6)

Finance Manager – Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Naperville, IL (6/6)

Department: Parish Finance Office

Reports To: Pastor

Position: Full-time, Exempt

Position Summary

The parish finance manager is responsible for managing and directing all financial aspects of the parish and school including but not limited to financial reporting and analysis, accounting, payroll, accounts payable, budgeting, internal controls, insurance (working with Catholic Mutual), human resources, and legal matters (working with either the Diocesan in House Attorney or external attorney when assigned). The finance manager is responsible for managing the finances of the parish and school in accordance with the accounting and reporting policies of the Diocese of Joliet, generally accepted accounting principles and when applicable, state, and federal laws and related reporting. To view a full job description, visit; [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://www.theromancatholicdioceseofjoliet.org)

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Tom Boler at tboler@sspeterandpaul.net

St. Dominic Parish Bolingbrook

Position: Part Time Office Secretary

St. Dominic Parish in Bolingbrook is seeking to hire a part time secretary for its front office. Background or experience in administrative duties, computer literacy, bi-lingual (English and Spanish) written and verbal communication skills, and an ability to deal with the public, are necessary.

This is a part time, non-benefitted position.

If interested, please contact Marianne Treacy, Business Manager at mtreacy@stdominiccc.org or 630-739-5703. (6/6)

MARIAN COMMUNITY

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religioused@olopdarien.org

Dc. Larry Fudacz – RCIA & Marriage Prep.

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PARISH WEBSITE www.olopdarien.org

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MARRIAGE:

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Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 104.**

BAPTISM:

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Please contact **Deacon Frank Vonesh** for more information at **708-793-3505**.

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