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MARK 4:31–32

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 13, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: JUNE 12
5:00 Linda and Louis Zanazzi, req. Daughter, Irene
5:00 Joseph Cappadona, req. Nadia and Joe

SUNDAY: JUNE 13
7:30 For the People of St. Therese Parish
9:30 Dominica McGowan, req. the Peluso Family
9:30 Clifford O'Shea, req. Joe and Bernice Fabian
11:30 Jack Flynn, req. Pat Flynn
11:30 Carmela Ferrito, req. Mary Rose Pasi

MONDAY: JUNE 14
8:30 Marilyn Callahan, req. The Callahan Family
8:30 Richard Gorman, req. Sheila Gorman and Family

TUESDAY: JUNE 15
8:30 Anne Keegan, req. The Keegan Family
8:30 Ellen Lobue,
req. David Czarnik and Shannon Harrington

WEDNESDAY: JUNE 16
8:30 Edo Barzelatto, love Maryann

THURSDAY: JUNE 17
8:30 Alfred Fierro, req. Christine Federette

FRIDAY: JUNE 18
8:30 Maria Hroncic, req. Her husband, Mario

SATURDAY: JUNE 19
5:00 Dad, req. Gina Marie Loiacono
5:00 Frances Massa, req. Ann and Barry Dempsey

SUNDAY: JUNE 20
7:30 Anthony Cognata and Anthony Barbieri,
req. Rosina and Anthony
7:30 Madeline Morrissey, req. Desmond Morrissey
9:30 Robert Toups, req. His Parents
11:30 James Sansum, req. Carole and Kevin O'Boyle
11:30 Carmela Ferrito, req. Kathy and Russ Lazzaro

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Danny Angelucci
Josephine Barretta
Richard C. Barretta
Anne Diggins
Janet De Felice
Lillian Elliott
Kathy Foley
Mary Foley
Kyle Geran
Pat Geran
Michelle Guerra
Edward Harthorn
Sr. Judith Hebert, D.O.C.
Louie Hebert
Joan Henry
Arian Hila
John P. Holohan
Jeremiah Kissane
Gloria Kovach
Patti Mazzo
Brianna Medeiros
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Mary Ann Naso
Joanne Nicastro
Lea Ann Nicolich
Fran Paternoster
Judy Porcaro
Nancy Porcaro
Bob Prince, Jr.
Quinn Rosa
Cayden Tansey
Vincent Tripodi
Catherine Ulshoefer
Amanda Wilson

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

As a family, we pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military.

Austin Cardo	U.S. Army
Gavin John	U.S. Marines
Matt John	U.S. Marines
Mario Medina	U.S. Marines
Andy Naso	U.S. Army
Christopher D. Smith	U.S. Army

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily	8:30AM	
Saturday	5:00 PM	
Sunday	7:30AM	
	9:30AM	
	11:30AM	
Holy Days	7:30 PM	Vigil
	8:30AM	
	12:00 PM	

Reconciliation
Saturday
3:30-4PM
or by appointment

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

Pastor
Fr. Samuel Citero, O. Carm.
Deacon
Rev. Mr. Anthony Porcaro, T. O. Carm.
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Ms. Gina Marie Loiacono
Intern
Br. Benito Martinez Dominguez, O. Carm.
Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Lois Pagnozzi
Youth Minister
Izzy Pineda
Business Manager
Ms. Sharon Rabbitt
Trustees
Mrs. Joan Hebert
Mr. Donald Wuertz

REST IN PEACE

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially
Tasos Sengos
may they be at peace with God.

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 suppertime 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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FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

The cards for our annual Father's Day Novena are available at the doors of the church. Please print the necessary information on the outside envelope and return it to the Parish Office. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for a nine-day novena. The suggested donation is $10.00.

JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL SPECIAL NEEDS MASS UNTIL THE FALL

Everyone is welcome to our Inclusive Family Mass.

This mass is adapted for individuals with special needs and gifts, their families and friends.

Today, June 13th at 2PM

for live-stream visit sttheresecresskill.org

For additional resources please visit:
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Robert William Munroe
and
Audry Leon Goldsman
were recently baptized at St. Therese
Please pray for Robert and Audry and their families as we welcome them into our Parish Community.

CARMELITE SEMINARY COLLECTION

This weekend is the annual collection for the Carmelite Formation Program. The collection helps to educate men preparing for ministry within the Church as Carmelites.

If you are able to contribute spiritually or financially, we thank you for your support!

WE ARE ONLY **$12,768** SHORT OF OUR GOAL!

Donations from our generous parishioners are still adding up! We have **$52,795** already *pledged*. This is approximately **80.5%** of our goal of **$65,563**. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark.

If you have yet to give, *please* pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or at the parish office. You can also visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your gift will truly make a difference!

Thank you for your prayers and support.

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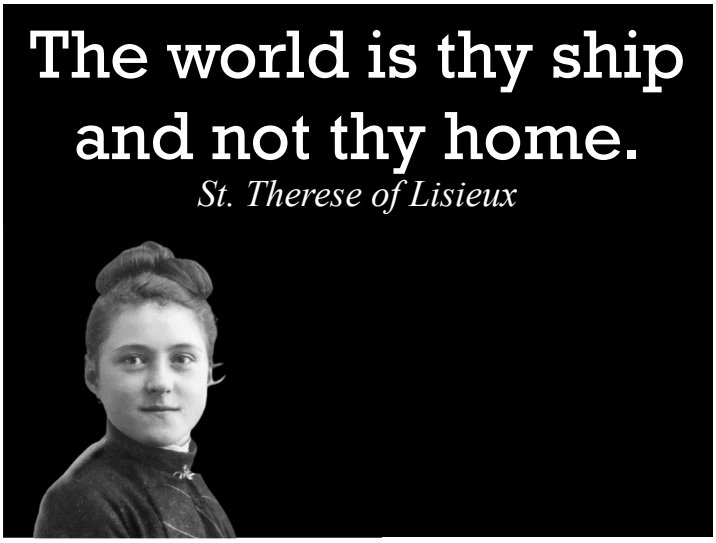
Our Donations Bins near you are located at your neighboring parish St. Joseph in Oradell and Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover. It is white with the distinctive blue logo of Catholic Charities.

Any questions, comments or to make a monetary donation contact Maria at 973-596-3985 or donationbins@ccannj.org. Thank you.



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

David Baranowski

Virtual Lectio Divina

Come join Br. Benito for weekly, virtual Lectio Divina **Thursdays** from 7:00 - 8:00PM.

Lectio Divina is a form of prayer in which we can learn to become more aware of the presence of God in everyone and everything. It is an ancient practice of reflection and sharing on the scriptures.

To register and receive the virtual ZOOM invite, please email Gina Marie at gloiacono@sttheresecresskill.org

Third Saturday Mass for Recovery and Healing

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place Closter for the Third Saturday Recovery and Healing Mass on Saturday, June 19th at 12:00PM. Current religious gathering protocol will be strictly followed.

For those unable to attend in person, we do offer virtual participation through Zoom.
To Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83481399346
Meeting ID: 834 8139 9346

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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 . . .

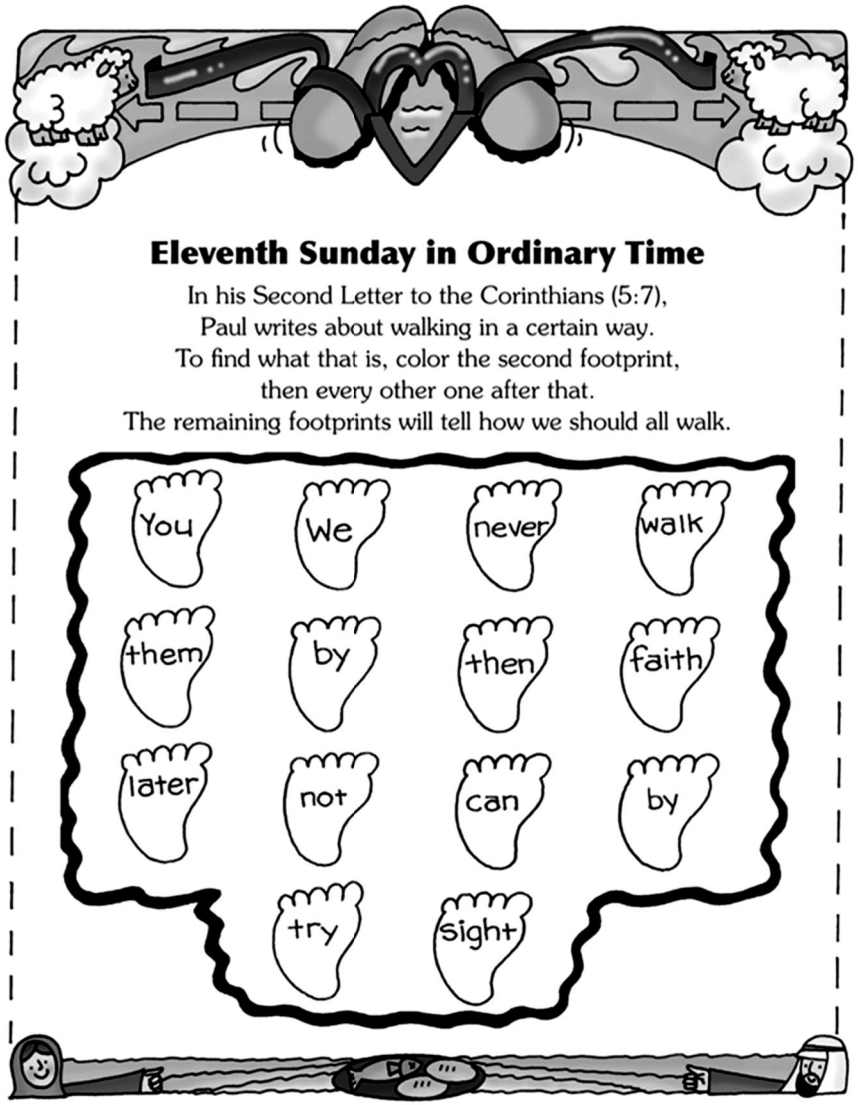
Ezekiel said that God would tear off "a tender shoot" (17:22) for this replanting. What does this sound like? Why, Advent, of course, and specifically the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (Isaiah 11:1); and again in Isaiah's 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

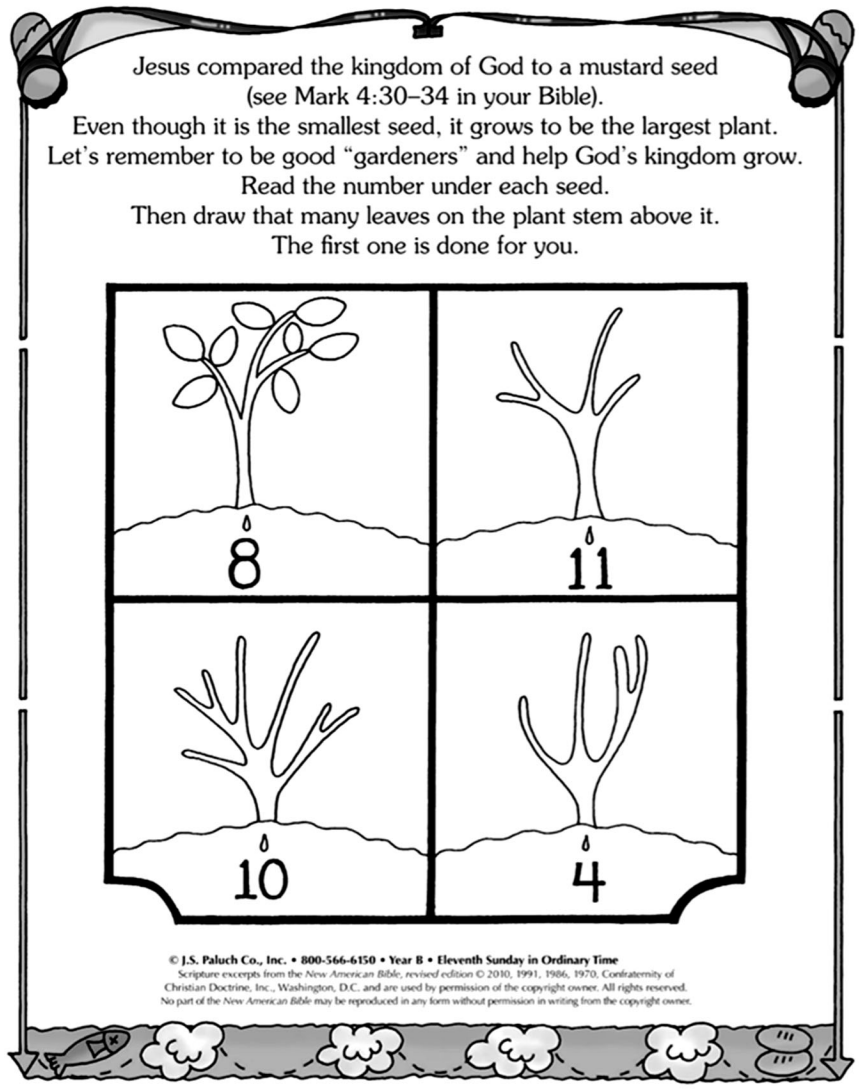
Ezekiel 17:22–24
Psalm 92:2–3, 13–14, 15–16
2 Corinthians 5:6–10
Mark 4:26–34

God's Word For Children



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In his Second Letter to the Corinthians (5:7),
Paul writes about walking in a certain way.
To find what that is, color the second footprint,
then every other one after that.
The remaining footprints will tell how we should all walk.



Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed
(see Mark 4:30–34 in your Bible).
Even though it is the smallest seed, it grows to be the largest plant.
Let's remember to be good "gardeners" and help God's kingdom grow.
Read the number under each seed.
Then draw that many leaves on the plant stem above it.
The first one is done for you.

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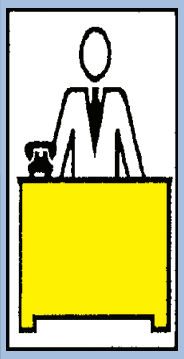

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