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#### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80

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# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2018

#### Sunday, June 17 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

DE 10:30 Hubert Ahaus from Elaine Ahaus

DE 12:00 Ron Koetters from the Family

#### Monday, June 18

12:10 Sam Hamilton from the Three Daughters

Tuesday, June 19

St. Romuald, Abbot

12:10 Francis J. Fisher from Mary

#### Wednesday June 20

12:10 Purgatorial Society

#### Thursday, June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

12:10 Earl Clark from Carol and Larry

#### Friday, June 22

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop, Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs 12:10 Diane Zuk from the Zuk Family

#### Saturday, June 23

12:10 Blanche Gertsner from Carol and Larry

CW 7:00 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

## Sunday, June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

DE 8:30 Georgine Wolohan from Tim and Family

BW 10:30 Special Intention for Ed and Claudia Franz and Family

BW 12:00 Jim Kimmet from Patty and Paul

#### From the Pastor's Desk

**Casey Clapp** and **Rachel Lusheck** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony June 16th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Marilyn Thurner** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

### SAVE THE DATE September 16th

St. Rose is reviving the St. Rose Golf Outing, September 16th. \$50.00 a person. For those not golfing you can join us on the 19th hole in the undercroft for dinner at \$20.00 a person. More to follow.

## Fr. Barry would like to wish all of the fathers a very Happy Father's Day.

### Golden Anniversary Mass 2018

Married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses: **Cincinnati:** Aug. 4 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, Celebrant **Dayton:** Aug. 4, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton. Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant. Please visit the office for Marriage & Family Life at www.catholiccincinnati.org or call 513-421-3131 x2653 before June 22nd to register.

## Mark you calendar for St. Rose Parish Picnic

St. Rose Parish Picnic will be August 26th rain or shine. Bring a side to share and St. Rose will furnish the meat and drinks. Time is 5 to 7PM. Meet some new friends and share time with some old friends.

Next weekend, June 23rd and June 24th, is the collection for the Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance. One collection only.

CARE FOR CREATION TIP—PLANT A TREE—Strategically planting deciduous trees near south, east, and west-facing windows will provide needed shade in the summer, but let in the sun's heat during the winter.

Nominate someone for the 2018 Archdiocesan Respect Life Award. The deadline for nominations is June 29, 2018. Those selected will be awarded by Archbishop Schnurr on Respect Life Sunday, October 7. For more information, go to: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2/respect-life-award/.

## Lectors/Lay Distributors for June 23rd and June 24th

- 7:00 Rich Creighton, M. Luehrmann, Mike Gregorio, W. Russ, Joe Christmann
- 8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro
- 10:30 Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Timothy McMahon, Bob Sheil, Joe Sonnefeld
- 12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan,, Shawn Gillette





#### Opening Prayer

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Not many people speak in parables today; but for Jesus, this was a routine way of teaching. Jesus' parables have many meanings and people have differing interpretations of them. Some parables in Mark that are left ambiguous are explained in Matthew's gospel. Other parables in Mark are simply enigmatic. We don't find them in any other gospel and, frankly, we don't know what Jesus might have meant. The first parable in today's gospel falls into that latter category. The "seed growing secretly" has been interpreted in a variety of ways. Interestingly, neither Matthew nor Luke reproduced it in their gospels. Because of its polyvalent meaning, many scholars say that this parable in particular is rooted in the sayings of the historical Jesus.

We are told that Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, but he explained them to his disciples privately. We might wonder why Jesus would not explain the parables to the crowds. Our somewhat disturbing answer comes in the same chapter, where Jesus tells his disciples, "The mystery of the kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that / 'they may look and see but not perceive, / and hear and listen but not understand, / in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven'" (Mark 4:11-12). It may sound strange to us that Jesus would not want those on the outside to be converted and forgiven. But the disciples whom Jesus called formed bonds stronger than family. They were chosen to live in relationship with him and one another. Though he taught in enigmatic parables, he explained all to his disciples. Those on the outside understood the words, but not the hidden meaning of the parables.

#### Closing Prayer

Accept these prayers, O God, and, with the faith of the mustard seed, may our smallest acts of kindness and justice bring your kingdom to reality in our own time and place. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### For Reflection:

 What does gardening and the planting and nurturing of seeds teach me about everyday life?

#### Suggestions for group and individual use:

- Pray aloud the opening prayer (in The Roman Missal called the "collect");
- One person read aloud the gospel;
- Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
- Share together responses to "For Reflection";
- 5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 17, 2018

#### Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God;

it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land

and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow,

he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once,

for the harvest has come."

He said.

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#### Readings for the week:

11th Sunday in Ord Time Exek 17:22-24 Ps 922-3, 13-14, 15-16 2Cor R 6-10 Mark 4:26-34

Monday 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 52-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 Matt 638-42 Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 Matt 8:43-48 Wednesday 2 Kgs 21, 6:14 Ps 31:30, 21, 24 Matt 6:16, 16:18 Thursday Sir 42.1-14 Ps 97.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 Matt 67-15

Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9:18, 20 Ps 132:11, 12, 13:14, 17:18 Matt 6:19:23 Saturday 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 88:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34 Matt 8:24-34 Sunday Nativity of St. John Ba 492.6 Ps 138.13, 13-14, 14-15 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 13:7-86, 80