

# 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

Mark 4:30-32



# SAINT RITA PARISH

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.**  
**Saturday: 8:30 a.m.**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &**  
**6:45-7:15 p.m.**



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#### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and elderly.

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#### ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

#### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

#### BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. every month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

#### FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

#### NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out an application in the binder at the front entrance of the church.



# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Sat. June 15, 4:00 pm** Dennis Estay

|                                            |                           |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Joyce M. Yrle                              | Peter Valletlungo         |
| George & Mary Ann McKearan                 | Gary Boihem               |
| Shirley & Edmund Walsh                     | Gerardine & Darrel Hotard |
| LeBlanc, Blaise, Pechon, Rodrigue Families |                           |
| Joyce Harris                               | Eugenie Vathy             |
| John Rose                                  | Claudio Barsoza           |
| Joseph Gautreaux                           | Cada Galatas—healing      |
| Sandy Hemmingway—Birthday Intentions       |                           |
| Melissa Korn—intentions                    | Deborah Muela—healing     |

**Sunday June 16, 7:30 am** Monica Flick

**9:30 am** Eddie Benoit

|                                             |                                  |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Charles Kessler                             | Bill Wadleigh                    |
| Jules, May, Ronald, Milton & Stella Guillot |                                  |
| Randy Blaise                                | Joseph H. Vincent III            |
| Virginia Stansbury                          | Clarence Foti                    |
| Gerard Foti, Sr                             | Marc Bittel                      |
| Ricky Lynch                                 | Joseph Roman, Jr.                |
| Betty Monistere                             | Jules Waguespack, Jr.            |
| Paul Wang Sr.                               | Larry Rousset                    |
| Maurice Deplantier                          | David Roussel                    |
| Ron Farber—healing                          | Earline Clark                    |
| Dolores Ferrara                             | Debbie & David Gares— Intentions |

**11:30 am** Geoffrey Daunis

**7:30 pm** Parishioners

**Mon. June 17, 7:00 am** Jason Franco

**8:30 am** Geoffrey Daunis

**Tues. June 18, 7:00am** Geoffrey Daunis

**8:30 am** Joyce Blouin

**Wed. June 19, 7:00am** Patrick Fitzgerald

**8:30 am** Jake & Virginia Carreca

**Thurs. June 20, 7:00 am** Jason Franco

**8:30 am** Geoffrey Daunis

**Fri June 21, 7:00 am** Dr. Charles Ray Daunis

**8:30 am** Joyce Harris

**Sat. June 22, 8:30 am** Geoffrey Daunis

## Scripture Readings For the Week of June 16, 2024

|                  |                                                                                                                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34               |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42                                                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48                                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18                                                                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15                                                                          |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</b><br>2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23 |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Mt 6:24-34                                                              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41   |



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**Jake Carreca**  
**Chapel Lamp**  
**Dale St. John, Sr.**

## Weekly Collection Totals

**June 2**  
**\$10,633**

**June 9**  
**\$9,907.94**

## Weekly Parish Expenses

**\$14,945.60**

*These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses*



**Joy Comboy Pavolini**



# St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

## Sunday June 16, 2024

### GOD BLESS *our Fathers*



**Sun. June 16** 10:30 am Dads' Club Social  
12:30 pm Parish Baptism

**Mo. June 17** 7:00 pm RCIA

**Tues. June 18** 6:00 pm St. Vincent  
7:00 pm Salvation Class

**Wed. June 19** Church office closed  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Thur. June 20** 10:00 am Legion Of Mary  
6:00 pm Holy Hour

**Fri. June 21**

**Sat. June 22** Eucharistic Miracles Display

**Church office Hours \* Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm**  
**Hours : 9:00 am—2:00 pm**

#### Dust, Seeds, and Flowers

I stopped to stare and take in all that my child is today. That which I often overlook - the innocence of today, the unknowns of tomorrow. I think of all the potential inside, waiting to flourish, to serve the Lord above all else, God-willing.

How delicate is life in the womb. That soul can be anything, so infinite the possibilities!

As Catholics, it is our duty to invest in our youth, both those clearly in front of us as well as the unborn. We must be there to teach and guide them what is just. I pray my children will find the Lord's narrow way, striving for Him alone and that which is eternal, rather than the distractions of this temporary world.

Meanwhile, many adults, including myself, struggle with humility. I shouldn't have to do this or that, I've worked too hard, I'm more important than that. And on the other hand, many struggle with self-confidence. I'm not good enough. I'm a nobody. The mustard seed parable reminds us of the significance of littleness. Something small has the greatest potential for growth, and ultimately becomes something magnificent.

This is one of the most common themes of the Bible. Being asked to go forth and proclaim the Kingdom, we begin as a speck of dust but have infinite power to grow, all because of God's grace.

*"The good God does not need years to accomplish His work of love in a soul; one ray from His Heart can, in an instant, make His flower bloom for eternity..." (St. Therese of Lisieux)*

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

### Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lisanne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Mary Morvant O'Neill, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Barchy, Lena Sparacio, Deborah Mula, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Jack Serigne, Lindsey Collier, September Wang, Vincent Palestina, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Worley Parks, John Bel, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Bridget Celestin, Robert Vallejo, Alicia Walker- Cole, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Hilda Orgeron, James McCilwain, Bob Velez, Beau & Trudy Barrett, Joseph McAdam, Leslie and Al Mendoza, Barbara Guidry, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Betty Oneill, Paige Brock, Randy Sroeba, Kathy Livaudais, Charlotte Evola, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, John Johnson, Louella Lange, Laura Knipper, Gerard Tonglet, Elizabeth Bonnette, August V. Cristina, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ward, Theresa Arroyo, Rodney Este, Sr., Philip Godbold, Gabriella Ogg & Baby Dominic, Tommy Woods, Bruce Perry, The Picou Family, Shelley Vathy, Melissa Korn, Tomalyn Disalvo, Marilyn Pankratz, Lee Belgarge, Stephen Parks, Angie Kimbell, Jolene Salito, Frances Kemp, George & Greg Fay, Eric Rousselle, Lynne Podany, Steve Culotta, John McCrossen, Joe Miceli, Lynn Andoillna, Sylvia Belile, Fredrick Jones, Ronald Waguespack

*Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.*

### Reflection of An Adorer

11/14/23\*

My dear daughter I love you very much. My dear children, I wish that our hearts beat as one. I want your ears to listen to the rhythm of my heartbeat. It is beating for you, my precious ones. It is overflowing with love for you. Avail yourselves of this never ending source of love flowing from my Sacred Heart. If you listen quietly, you will hear the words I put in your own heart. These words you hear will fill your souls with a light so bright, that you will be compelled to pass it on to your neighbor. If you truly take time and connect to me in prayer, it will be as though you had a heart transplant that was ignited with an infusion of my divine love for you. Be one with me, my dear children, for I am the life giving source of love and mercy. I will bring you peace. My dear children, pray for peace and be a light in your world. All my love, Jesus.

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## Parish Events to participate in the National Eucharistic Revival

**June 22/23 in Gym –** Sat. June 22 after 8:30am Mass  
– 6:30pm  
Sun. June 23 after 7:30am Mass  
– 7:00pm

Display of Eucharistic Miracles through  
out the Centuries -Admission is FREE

**Thurs July 11 6:00pm in church –** Special Holy Hour  
Musicians from the TEC Community  
Contemporary Praise and Worship Music  
A dimly lit church so  
we can have an intimate setting  
to be in the true presence of Our Lord Jesus

**Thurs Aug 15 1:30 – 3:30pm on the River –** Prayer Vigil  
as The Blessed Sacrament passes by in a boat to St  
Louis Cathedral

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration, even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

—Rev. James Field



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**FRIDAY, JUNE 21  
6:30pm**

Confessions at 5:30pm  
**St. MATTHEW Church**

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
is June 7th. The Mass will be celebrated  
June 21st due to the Archdiocesan  
Eucharistic Procession.



## A Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.  
Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us  
and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.



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## "Songs and Letters from World War II"

Sunday, June 30, 2024 – 3:00 PM

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**Sarah Jane McMahon** is an internationally acclaimed Soprano who performs leading roles with operas and symphonies worldwide. She has released three albums of sacred music and standards. Locally, she is the Director of Sacred Music/Cantor at the St. Louis Cathedral and frequently performs with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and New Orleans Opera.

Accompanist, **Linden Uter**, is Music Director & Cantor at St. Francis Xavier Church. She is joined by her mom, **Margo Uter**, who has sung with an International Barbershop Quartet.



Admission is Free. A Good Will Offering will be taken.

Hot Dogs and Drinks served from 1:15 – 2:30 pm in the air-conditioned Gym.

*Father's Day*  
I will instruct  
you and show  
you the way you  
should walk,  
give you  
counsel with my  
eye upon you.  
Psalms 32 : 8

## Wedding Bands

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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time The Big Picture

We hear about the Kingdom of God in many of Jesus' parables. Jesus must have gotten tired of trying to explain it, but he never gives up. In today's passage, he uses parables to describe how the kingdom will spread. What is interesting is that these parables are not so much about our actions as they are about how God builds his kingdom.

Let's start with the second parable: Jesus exaggerates a little, with the mustard seed being the smallest seed and the bush being the largest plant. His point is that the kingdom may look small at first, but it will keep growing. The image of all the birds coming to the branches is taken from Old Testament passages, in Daniel and Ezekiel, about other people coming into Jerusalem to worship the one LORD. Jesus implies that the growing kingdom will attract outsiders to be members. The main point is not to be discouraged when it seems the kingdom is not growing: We might be limiting it to people who think and act just like ourselves. We might see attendance at church in our parish declining. So Jesus is reminding us to think of the bigger picture.

In the first parable about the man who scattered seeds, Jesus says that those seeds produce a harvest, even though the farmer doesn't know how or why those seeds can grow. We too can be doing things that help the Kingdom to grow, without knowing how we are helping. The obvious example is prayer: We may not see the results of our prayer, or not know if God is answering our prayer. But God is making the kingdom grow in his own way and in his own time. Like the farmer, we can help it grow by loving each other, teaching our children about Jesus, caring for the poor and the sick.

If farmer were to let weeds choke his crop, or be stingy with his seeds, he might not have a very good harvest. We can be stingy with our love, or hurt people with our anger. Then we would be slowing the growth of the kingdom. So let us always be aware of the kingdom, and ask God to move us to do whatever we can to help it grow. Tom Schmidt



"To what shall  
we compare  
the kingdom  
of God...?"

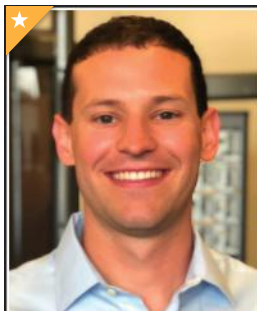
## Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens."

Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.





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