

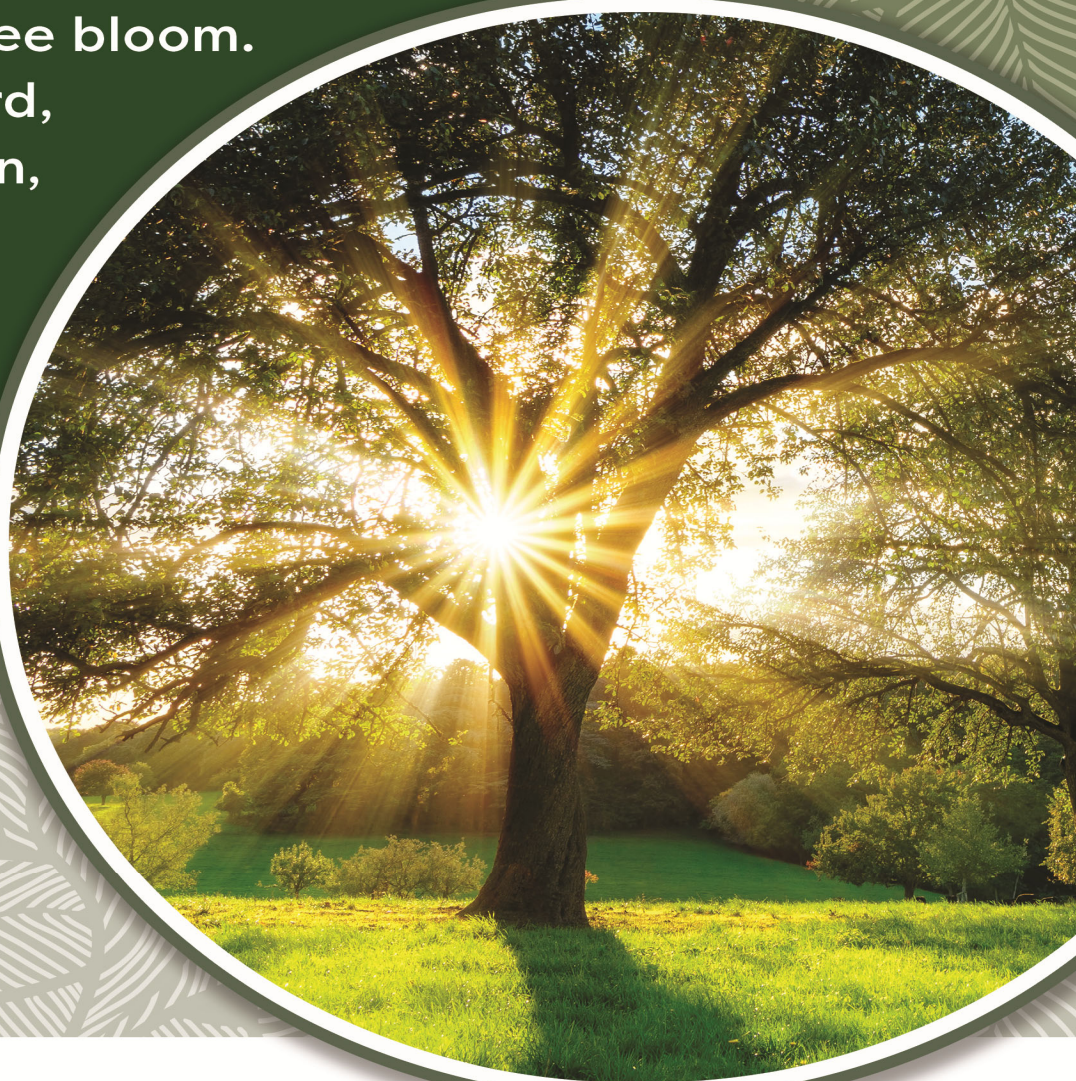
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the
withered tree bloom.

As I, the Lord,
have spoken,
so will I do.

Ezekiel 17:24



St. Cyril of Jerusalem

REV. EBEN M. MACDONALD -PASTOR

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From the Desk of Father Mac

It seems the worst of the pandemic may be behind us in Los Angeles as vaccinations continue and the numbers of new infections, hospitalizations, and deaths continue to decline, thanks be to God! We continue to pray for those areas where Covid-19 is surging such as India and Africa.

We are beginning to return to a more normal way of life and worship and people are slowly but surely coming back to church. It has been wonderful to welcome new faces to Saint Cyril's in recent weeks and to welcome back long-time members of our parish who are returning to Mass and the Sacraments after many months of sheltering at home.

The pandemic has had a serious impact on our parish. While we slowly welcome people back each week, our attendance at Sunday Mass is still far below normal and many of our members have not yet returned. While many of our parishioners have continued to generously provide financial support to our parish, our weekly collections have dwindled to 50 to 60% of normal on any given Sunday during the pandemic so our income is far below where we need it to be.

We have a lot of work to do to restore our parish and school to pre-pandemic levels and it is not something that your priests, staff, and volunteers can do alone. We all need to join together as a community to revive our parish and ensure that St. Cyril's is able to move forward in faith! With that in mind, I have some urgent requests.

First, I ask that you reach out to fellow parishioners. If you know a parishioner who has been sheltering at home and has not yet returned to church, reach out to them and gently invite them to return home to St. Cyril's!

Second, don't forget to support your parish this summer. You may take a vacation but our parish expenses don't! Your weekly donations are our main source of income. Our income is already down due to the pandemic and we can't afford to suffer a "summer slump" in income. I humbly ask for your continued financial support during these critical summer months. This is a perfect opportunity to sign up for electronic giving; that way we receive your donation even when you are away. You may sign up for online giving by clicking the 'Give Online' link on the parish website or download the OneParish Mobile app and click on 'Donate' to make a gift using your smart device. Please accept my thanks for your generous support of Saint Cyril's!

Finally, a gentle reminder that we may take a vacation from school or work during the summer but we don't take a vacation from our faith. After all, God doesn't take a vacation from us! Make the effort to attend Mass every Sunday, even while travelling. To find a Sunday Mass while travelling, download the OneParish mobile app and use the Mass Times Finder to find the location of a Catholic church while on the road. Have a happy, healthy, and safe summer!

In Christ,
REVEREND EBEN MAC DONALD
PASTOR

Fr. Mac



Our deepest thanks to those who are continuing to give so generously to support our parish during this challenging time.

Please mail your contribution to the Parish Office at 4601 Firmament Ave.
 Encino, Ca 91436

OR: Make your gift online at
<https://st-scyril.org/give> online
 OR: Drop it in baskets provided at Mass.

Weekly Collection
(May 30, 2021)

Total Collected: \$9,019

Weekly Goal: \$15,000

Weekly Deficit: -\$5,981

MAY GOD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



**USCCB TO CELEBRATE
 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK JUNE 22-29**

"Solidarity means more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 116).

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all.

Beginning June 22, the feast of St. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom.

June 22nd- Adoption and Foster Care: Pray that children will be placed in a loving home and caregivers who serve them will find support.

June 23rd- Catholic Social Service during the Pandemic: Pray that that God would continue to grant Catholic institutions the wisdom and courage to serve a world suffering the effects of the COVID pandemic.

June 24th- The Equality Act: Pray that the dignity of all people will be respected in our country.

June 25th- Church Vandalism: Pray that Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts and minds the message of Jesus Christ.

June 26th Catholics in Nicaragua: Pray for our Catholic brothers and sisters who are suffering in Nicaragua.

June 27th Conscience Rights for Health Care Workers: Pray that governments will respect the consciences of those who care for the sick and dying.

June 28th Christians in Iraq: Pray that Christians and people of all faiths in the land of Abraham may live in peace.

June 29th Free Speech: Pray that Christians will have the courage to speak the truth with kindness and clarity even in the face of adversity,

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>



The funeral Mass for Loretta Toggenburger will take place at Saint Cyril's on Friday, June 18th at 11:30am. A reception will follow at the family home in Encino. All are welcome. Come celebrate Loretta's life!

MAY SHE REST IN ETERNAL PEACE AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER.

WHOLE PERSON CARE: LIVING AND DYING IN THE STATE OF GRACE



Now more than ever before, families are facing the challenge of caring for loved ones who are nearing the end of their natural life. This five-episode miniseries brings the Caring for the Whole Person Initiative to a wider audience. It will debut **June 14-18 at 2:30pm PST on EWTN**. This is free to watch when it airs the week of **June 14** at www.ewtn.com and it will also be available for streaming at ondemand.ewtn.com.

CLOTHING DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH 9AM -2PM
SCJ PARKING LOT

Next Saturday, Miss Encino Teen USA and "Hope in a Suitcase", an organization that provides new clothing to foster kids, will be in our parking lot accepting your donations of new, unwrapped, children's/ adolescent's clothing and shoes. Toddler clothes and Large (XL) size boys clothing are most needed.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

4:00 pm -Rosa Maria Avendano , *RIP*

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH

8:00 am -People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*

10:00 am - Danielle Larracuenta, *SPEC. INT.*

12:00 pm - Gloria Walker, *RIP*

MONDAY, JUNE 14TH

7:30 am -Dr. Moustafa El-Ghareeb, *RIP*

TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH

7:30 am - Bernardo Cuaresma, *RIP*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH

7:30 am -Alvaro Olague, *SPEC. INT.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH

7:30 am - Sophia Safarczyk, *RIP*

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH

7:30 am - Edouard Guilbaud, *RIP*

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH

7:30 am -Romeo Cipres, *RIP*

SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW?

AVOIDING SEXTING AND BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

When teens start dating, they often feel pressure to keep up with their peers and to explore new romantic feelings. But these feelings, combined with teenage hormones and decision-making capabilities, can lead to some poor choices, including sexting. Sending nude images is dangerous and puts the sender and the receiver at risk. Photos can be shared instantly on cell phones and social media, and once out there, the images never go away. Talk to your teen about the consequences of sexting and the importance of building healthy relationships where partners respect boundaries and don't ask for explicit images. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/netsmartz/downloadable/discussion-guides/your-photo-fate-discussion-guide.pdf>.



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Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: by reservation only 4:00 PM

Sundays: by reservation only 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

12 Noon Mass LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK

Vigil of Holy Days 7:00 PM

Holy Days 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Weekdays (MON-SAT) 7:30 AM (NO RESERVATION NEEDED)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

HOLY ROSARY

MONDAYS AT 7PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

WEDDINGS

MUST CONTACT THE PRIEST AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8-9 AM FIRST FRIDAYS

Pray For



Regina Hagan

Mickey Pappas

Sheldon Payne

Mary Shartzner

Bob Farina

Maureen O'Connor

Mamer Marbella

Dale Jergenson

Dolores Cardelucci

Valerie Ruelas

** All doctors,
nurses, medical
workers

** All those who
have lost their in-
come due to public
health closures**

** All those who are
suffering due to the
pandemic**

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June 13, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Many years ago, I met someone whose attentive hospitality cast a seed in me that took root and enabled me to grow as a disciple of Jesus. At the meetings I attended with her, Sister Bridget would immediately greet everyone with a smile, outstretched hand, and, "Hello, I'm Sister Bridget; what's your name?" You couldn't help but feel at ease with her warm greeting, but it didn't end there. Throughout the encounter, she remained just as positive and as completely present as she had in the beginning. Just like the parable of the man scattering seed in today's Gospel, Sister Bridget didn't know how the seed of God's word would grow as she sowed it in her unique, joyful way. To her, maybe her graciousness was the smallest gesture. But the Lord allowed it to sprout and grow, yielding fruit and a bountiful harvest.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel verse within the Alleluia proclaims, "The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever." By our baptism, we are called to continue the work of Christ, sowing the word of God in our world. This may seem an intimidating expectation for all of us who doubt that we have the expertise to "sow" God's word. But in today's Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that the kingdom of God is like the smallest of seeds, that once sown, becomes the largest of plants. If we believe in Christ and "aspire to please him," God can use our smallest gestures to sow his word in the world. We may not see how our small acts of kindness accomplish this. But if we scatter these "seeds" out of love for God, we can trust they will take root, grow abundantly, and call others to "come to him [and] live forever."

INVITE What "seeds" of welcome can you scatter among those you encounter? Make your "random acts of kindness" regular, intentional acts that express God's love. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux said: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

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