

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, June 13

### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Monday, June 14

### **Monday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after Mass**

Tuesday, June 15

### **Tuesday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Wednesday, June 16

### **Wednesday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Thursday, June 17

### **Thursday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Friday, June 18

### **Friday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Saturday, June 19

### **Saturday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Live-Streamed Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Sunday, June 20

### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

## Quote of the Week

*"This is how it is with the kingdom of God" (Mark 4:26).*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

**5/31 – 6/6**

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,800.41
Weekday Mass	\$ 1,311.80
Online Giving	\$ 3,684.92
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 184.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,981.13</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 70.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 30.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 10.00
Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund	\$ 100.00
Communication Campaign	\$ 20.00
Other (Gallery, Candles, Intention, etc.)	\$ 2,556.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,767.13</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- Try writing your own parable about the kingdom. Jesus uses images like seeds, yeast, and lost sheep. What will you use to image the kingdom of God?
- Write down the story of the last time you "walked by faith" in some dramatic way. Don't worry about how beautifully you tell it, just recall the details of the story, and recreate the characters and emotions.
- Plant seeds in your garden or a pot. Hearty marigolds and sunflowers sprout quickly. Compare the small seeds with the small kindnesses we do for others. Encourage your family members to care for the seeds and, as they grow, compare the plants with the goodness that grows from kindness. Imagine a world where everyone is scattering kindness. That's what the kingdom of God is like.

## Sharing the Faith

- A popular hymn proclaims Paul's words: "We walk by faith and not by sight." What is it like for you to have to walk by faith, without concrete proofs and guarantees?
- God claims to bring low the high and lift high the low tree and wither the green while making the withered tree bloom. Does God seem boastful or angry? How do you understand the truth of that passage?
- Can you give an example of a tiny seed of faith that later grew large enough to provide for the needs of others?

## Saint of the Week

We are formed by environment and grace, by politics and prayer, by church and conscience. All God's creatures conspire to teach us as well. We stumble. We stutter. We rise. We are lifted. - St Anthony of Padua (1195-1231), Patron of social workers, Feast Day June 13

# June 13, 2021 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Human effort blessed by grace. The growth of the Church and the expansion of the kingdom are not things for which we can create strategic plans. The world works that way and usually succeeds. A plan, it is said, is a dream with goals and a timetable. But God's work has a mysterious dimension that no human calculus can compute. And that component is the divine will. God is God and his will ultimately prevails; we don't know the timing, but we know it will be done. That is the divine and most important part of the equation.

But there's another side, too. God works through us as well as in spite of us. While we can't foil God's will, we can cooperate and speed it to fruition. God needs tender shoots to plant and fertile soil to receive the nurslings. We do all we can: we till the soil, we plant the seed, we irrigate and fertilize. And then we wait. Farmers know doing all they can is never quite enough. There is always the waiting and surrendering, for sometimes all we can is not enough. In Jesus' parable, the farmer sleeps at night and during this time of helplessness and rest, the land "of its own accord . . . yields fruit" (Mark 4:28). That God would partner with humanity is a great and humbling compliment. The tree God plants and nurtures will become a home for multitudes. And it is from our poor effort and God's overabundant grace that the plant sprouts and grows and spreads its arms to welcome all the world.

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**Next Sunday's Readings: "12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary"**

*Job 38:1, 8-11 | Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 | 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 | Luke 7:16 | Mark 4:35-41*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

### **Faithful Life to Faith-filled Life**

We hear or read in the news about stories of many farmers having a hard time planting due to the El Niño effect. Droughts are affecting plantations, and often we experience that too in our islands. We are glad at times because the rain comes now and then, but when summer comes, lands become dry. When such things happen, planted seeds or plants cannot grow well, wither, die, and eventually burnt for no use. No fruits to pick or crops to harvest because the seeds did not grow. For farmers, it would just be a waste of time and money. Feelings of frustration or disappointment emerge. But hope still flourishes for the next planting and harvest season. In as much as they may experience unproductiveness from all their labors and sacrifices, farmers still have a way to get things through.

Jesus' parables this Sunday enable us to ponder more deeply about the seed of faith planted in our souls. These parables that He used, the Parable of the Seed sown and the Parable of the Mustard Seed, convey a deep sense of understanding how things work out for faith to grow in our daily lives. Seeds are sown, and their growth may not be that all impressive from the beginning but grow eventually and become fruitful. That goes the same thing with our faith. Once we embrace our faith in Jesus and allow Him to take hold of our lives, this little seed of faith can grow wonderfully and amazingly that it affects our way of life, our way of thinking, our way of relating with others, people, and with our God tremendously.

As the Father had planted the seed of faith in us, it is expected of us that we also have to cultivate it. This can be done if we allow ourselves to be molded by God's Word and carry them out every day of our lives. Suppose we carry out God's Word daily; we reap a harvest of a faithful, loving relationship among family members, honesty and dedication to our work, authentic reception, and worship of receiving the Lord in the Eucharist. Not only that we become Faithful in all His ways, but our lives become Faith-filled where Jesus becomes the center of our minds and hearts.

Growth in our spiritual life is essential. It needs improvement and extra care. Like a seed, when nurtured and taken care of, brings about goodness and immensity. Our lives will be filled up with grace and virtue. It compels us to act truthfully, justly, and morally. Our human actions are geared towards respect and charity, forgiveness and humility, faithfulness, and kindness. Jesus showed us how. Now it is just a matter of living and reliving the way He lived. Every word He spoke and every action He did were all the seeds sown in each one of us. And when we live up to it, then we can grow spiritually. And when that day and time come, God will certainly treat us the way how we lived our life and faith.

Let us nurture our lives to be faithful into becoming faith-filled life.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual