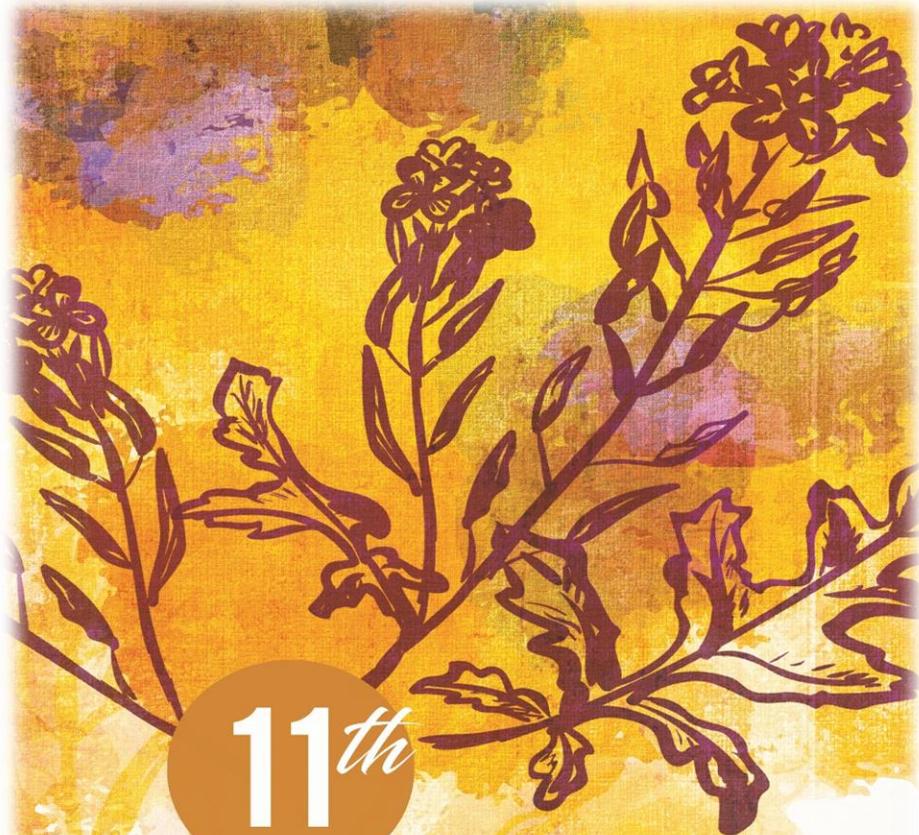


Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."

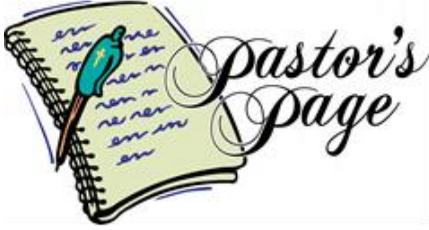
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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 17, 2018

Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers! I'm sorry that I'm away for it. Here's an article from www.spiritualdirection.com that tackles the question of **"How can I begin to see God as a loving Father?"** I posted something similar to this a couple weeks ago about getting to know the Holy Spirit better, and some of you found that insightful. I hope that this is a helpful and fruitful reflection as well.

May you know the peace of Christ,

Fr Greg

Prayer to the Father:

Holy Father, it pleased you to create and adopt me
So that I would love and invoke you with total trust, as your child.

(This places us in God's strong but gentle embrace. Our life comes from him; it is a gift, a personal gift, that implies a desire on his part for my presence, friendship, confidence... It all starts with him, with his immense goodness, the origin of all things.)

I bless you for the love you have shown me
By choosing me in Christ, before the world was made,
To be holy and perfect in your sight.

(This affirms our assurance that God has a plan for our lives. We are not just an accident; we are not lonely wanderers trying to make the best of a meaningless existence; Christ is a savior who involves us in a wonderful and meaningful story, the story of salvation.)

You know my frailty, and how much I need your grace to fulfill your holy will;
So, Father, in your great love, grant me your grace in accordance with my needs.

(This invokes God the Father's ongoing care for us. He is interested in everything that happens to us and around us. He is involved in our lives. Our sins and weaknesses only increase his solicitude for us and his desire to come to our aid. He will never abandon us.)

Increase in my heart the burning zeal
that will drive me tirelessly to bring everyone to share in the eternal life
that consists in knowing and loving you, the only true God, and the one you sent, Jesus
Christ.

*(Here we ask God to give us the desires, courage, and wisdom we need to fulfill our
life's mission. Again, God is on our side! He cares about us as the very best of Fathers!)*

Grant me, holy Father, the fortitude I need to shun all sin and imperfection,
and do not let me fall into the traps or give in to the temptations
that the evil spirit sets for me today.

*(God is also our protector. We invoke this protection and count on it, and it gives us
confidence in the midst of life's struggles and the spiritual battles we face.)...*

Christ: The Revelation of God's Goodness

In addition to making acts of faith, hope, and love, the real shortcut to experiencing
more and more deeply the strengthening goodness of God's Fatherhood consists in
focusing on his Son.

Jesus came to reveal to us the real nature of God, to show us God's face after original
sin had blinded us and distorted our perception of our Creator and Lord: "The Word
became flesh so that thus we might know God's love" (Catechism, #458)

You will find no better way to grow in your heartfelt knowledge and experience of
God's goodness, of his infinitely tender and attentive love, than by delving into the
"unfathomable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8). The best way to do this is to make
mental prayer (Christian meditation) a daily staple of your spiritual life, and to use as

the subject of your prayer the four Gospels, or worthy commentaries on those Gospels. Spiritual reading is another excellent tool for growing in this knowledge.

Of course, contemplating God's wonders in creation, admiring his marvels in the lives of the saints, and enjoying the many small pleasures that God sends us each day (from sunsets to songs to Swedish Fish) are all avenues to the same destination – these too are manifestations of God's goodness, of the Father's love.

A final word about this spiritual quest: *be patient*. Your question actually touches on a central need of *every* human heart: the need to rebuild our trust in God. This is the core of the spiritual life, the only path to spiritual maturity and holiness. For this very reason, rehabilitating trust in God is a long process. But that's okay. Traveling this path is what God wants us to do, and it is in the traveling that we grow, and discover, and gradually experience more and more of the "peace of God, which surpasses all our thinking" (Phil 4:7) – a peace which alone will allow us to find the fulfillment God has in store for us.

Verse of the Day

John 10:28-30

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.
No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.

Healing Prayers for: Delores Abrams, , George Thomas, Yvonne Lesesne, Deacon Ralph Cyrus, Burdell Thomas, Angella Greene, Frederick McNeil, James Anthony Murphy, Earnest Ingram.Jr., John Howard, Iris Best, Dorothy Hollis, Calvin Best Gisele Best, Lezeal Rorie, Lillian Taylor, Veronica Brown, Deacon McBurnett Smith, Marsha Carlson-Meyers, Dr. Dee Jones Adams, Barry Robella, Father Dan Vitz, Eleonora Best, Jane Rhyne, Faye Lyon, Abby Fargo, Mildred Selmar, Heather Wooten-Rollins, Brenda Newman, Courtney Barlow, Christine Jones, Benjamin Davis, Ronald Horton, Veronica Harris, Teresa Wilkinson, Pauline Haggins, Dorothy Sylvester, Darlene Jones, Paul Higgins, Audrey Saunders, Pauline Johnson, June Murphy **Our Homebound Parishioners:** Corinne Bachiller, Sybil Depeazer, Louvenia Gray, Fr. Charles Green, Pauline Johnson, Barbara Thompson, Yvonne Samuel, Audrey Saunders, Joan Shields, Viola Walker

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK-June 17, 2018

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So, too, in each of our lives, small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right, or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God-given gifts and talents. Our task is to use them creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK Mk 4:26-34

Why do you think Jesus often spoke about the Kingdom of God by using parables?

READINGS FOR THEWEEK



Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: **Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80**

ONE MONTH MEMORIAL MASS CELEBRATIONS AND MASS INTENTIONS

June 16th - Mr. Louis Holly – Memorial Mass Celebration of his birthday

All daily Masses are available for Mass Intentions. Please give the office a call if you would like to have a Mass offered for someone.



Announcements

To All Our Visitors Welcome to Assumption Catholic Church. We are glad that you are here! To become registered parishioners, please obtain a registration form, from one of our ushers.

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration “Come Let Us Adore Him”. Could you commit to one hour per week? Transform your spiritual life and your relationship with Our Lord by committing to spend more time with Him. We have Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next weekend June 23-24, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Peter's Pence second collection. Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. In responding to those who are suffering, Our Lord teaches us, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Our participation in this collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord's love and mercy for the vulnerable and suffering around the world. Please give generously as you are able.

Catholic Women: Marian Art Tour

On Wednesday, July 11, join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women in taking a tour of Marian art at the National Gallery of Art, following the opening of the gallery at 10am, the tour will begin at 10:15am in the Rotunda of the West Building. Look for women wearing blue scarves. The tour is free, but donations to support the Josephite Seminary Service Project will be accepted. The tour group size is limited to 20 people, so RSVP early by calling/texting Cindy Perry at 301-220-3291 or emailing her at cindy.perry@hotmail.com.

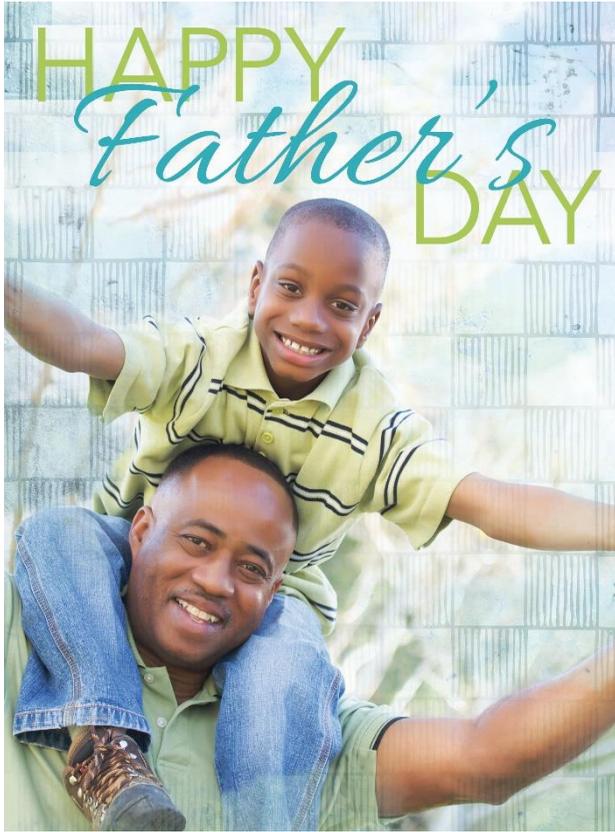
*I Loved you yesterday
I Love you still
I always have...
I always will.*



The annual Mass Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25 – 51 plus years, on today at 2:00pm the National Shrine Of the Immaculate Conception.

Congratulations!





Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation,
we come before you today with humble
hearts.

You are our model of a loving father.
When we fail and fall short of your
expectations, you are always there at
the end of the day with open arms,
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the
day and to encourage us to try again
and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who
act in the world
as fathers to their children or models of
fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt
and frustration with their children.
Give them warm and open hearts to
forgive failures.

Provide them with the words needed
for encouragement and perseverance.
We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

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