

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 13, 2021

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



June 14—20, 2021

Monday, June 14

8:30 am: + Elias Diniz

Tuesday, June 15

8:30 am: + Yit Lan Lau

Wednesday, June 16

8:30 am: + Merlyn Fernandes; Birthday blessings Esmie Braganza

Thursday, June 17

8:30 am: + Nicholas DeSouza

Friday, June 18

8:30 am: Healing and Protection for Brendan D'Souza

Saturday, June 19

5:00 pm: Healing for Evelyn Braganza: + 1st death anniversary Arpino Xavier DeSouza and deceased members of his family

Sunday, June 20

8:30 am: + Francis Pinto

Something to ponder.....

The Reign of God is like a mustard seed (Mark 4:26:34) (Loyola Press)



After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

Light a Prayer Candle



Sanctuary Lamps

1) Intentions of the Webb family especially for Richard & Ryan



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of Prince of Peace Parish, through your regular parish offerings (this does not include special collections). The Plan is administered through the Office of Development of the Archdiocese of Toronto and tax receipts will be issued for all offertory gifts. Enrollment forms available at the parish office.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

This is a reminder to parishioners who have not picked up their 2021 donation envelopes. Please pick them up by June 30th as after this date they will be recycled. We ask that you do not use envelopes from previous years as those numbers might have been reassigned to someone else and your donations will be directed to them. The parish office is open Monday and Wednesday by appointment only from 9 am to 12 noon; 1:30 to 4:00 pm., so please drop by and pick up your envelopes.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUING GENEROUS SUPPORT**



You can work wonders!

**Next ShareLife Collection will take place:
June 20, 2021**

Next Sunday, June 20 is ShareLife Sunday. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$88,000.

As of June 8th we have received \$46,545.00 (47.1%). We encourage you to donate at the parish or online at sharelife.org.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. To enroll, please fill out a ShareLife envelope at your parish or contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411.

ShareLife Sunday is next weekend, June 20.

COVID RELATED CONCERNS

Some of the changes made in the church in order to make our job easier when it comes to letting people into the church. Please remember that we have you and us in mind as we make these changes so that all of us are safe and protect each other.

Inside the foyer of the church, the space has been divided to allow for a one way entrance and one way exit so people do not use any door they choose to get from the foyer into the church but the one that is open for them.

The markings inside the church were removed and will not be used to avoid congregating inside the foyer. Names will no longer be checked inside, rather, as we were asked, the names of those who register for mass are checked before they enter the church. Those checking names outside will ask if they have self-assessed so that we do our due diligence.

Upon entering the door assigned to be the "ONLY" entrance, people would be asked to sanitize, have the face covering properly placed and proceed to the inside of the church without delay.

The ushers, if available, will then guide them to the seats available, rather than letting people choose where they seat. Those with disabilities will have a specific place to seat closer to the entrance. When masses are permitted again, communion will be brought to them. This will help with the flow of the procession both to receive communion and to exit the church in a timely fashion. We must remember that our masses are timed so that those who sanitize the church between masses can do their job in time. Personal prayer will not be available after masses or communion services.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF
TORONTO ONLINE COUNSELLING SESSIONS**

Catholic Family services is offering online quick access single sessions as a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: nfo@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 or 416-222-0048. Leave a message with your name, email and phone number and staff personnel will contact you. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay fees.

**SUMMER RETREAT ON THE SACRED HEART OF
JESUS WITH FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE**

A virtual event hosted by Newman Centre Catholic Mission on Saturday, June 26th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. This is an inspiring event which will include praying the Rosary together as well as Litany to the Sacred Heart.

Please register at:

<https://summer2021retreat.eventbrite.ca>

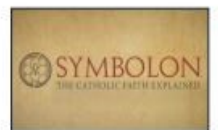
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