

JULY 30, 2017 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A TREASURE
BURIED IN A FIELD, WHICH A PERSON FINDS
AND HIDES AGAIN,
AND OUT OF JOY GOES AND SELLS ALL HE HAS
AND BUYS THAT FIELD.

~ Matthew 13:44



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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm (*Polish*)

Weekday 6:30am (*Communion Service*)
8:00am (*Including Saturday*)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome!
Stop by the Parish Office to register and learn more about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferable before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information. *Upcoming Baptism Prep Classes— Aug 2, Aug 21, Sept 5*

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite to Christian Initiative) Program is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info. Brochures are in the Gathering Area with more info, as well.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Call the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

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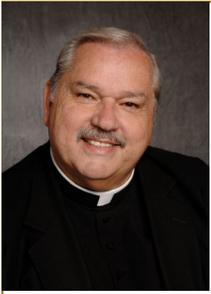
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Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

You may have seen the news about how Chicago was hosting the 2017 Wounded Warrior Games. Approximately 265 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans representing all of the branches of our Armed Forces participated in the competition. I believe the Wounded Warrior Games and this reflection challenge us again to look at our life, live it, cherish it and give thanks to God for it. I would like to share with you the following reflection which I received:

“As some of you know, I had volunteered to assist with the medical unit at the Wounded Warriors Games held recently in Chicago. It was the Navy's turn to host the games and was also the first time the event took place not on a military facility. West Point, the Air Force Academy, & Quantico were some of the previous sites. Approximately 260 athletes representing teams from the Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Special Operations Command, the United Kingdom, & Australia were participating in numerous athletic events. I saw target shooting, sitting volleyball (try that once!), & archery at McCormick Place. Other events took place at UIC swimming pool, Soldier Field, & Lane Tech high school.

It was my privilege to meet some of these terrific young soldiers who are finding new purpose to their lives after life-altering injuries in combat. The most prevalent injuries sustained by these heroes are loss of limbs (mostly legs), paralysis, & PTSD. Their incredible ability to adapt to the challenges posed by their injuries should be an example to all of us with the comparatively minor challenges we face daily. If they weren't wearing shorts, you could not tell they have prosthetic legs by their gait.

A prime example is Special Forces Master SGT. Del Toro ("D.T."), who has been the poster boy for many Wounded Warrior ads. Over 80% of his body was severely burned on a mission. When his son saw him for the first time in the hospital, his one-line response to his son's emotion was "You can't let one bad day at the office ruin your life!

These great individuals would certainly be an inspiration to our children & young adults especially. I really enjoyed talking to them, teasing them & listening to their stories. There is no self-pity or desire for sympathy.”

The author is Dr. Tom Tax—retired Palatine resident, good friend of mine and good parishioner and friend of STV. Dr. Tax served in Vietnam, so he has seen first hand the experience of Warriors who were wounded. He has given me permission to share his thoughts and experiences with all of you.

Birthday wishes and flowers invaded the Parish Office recently as our very special Administrative Assistants—Connie West and Suzie Walczynski—celebrated back to back birthdays!! Prayers and Happy Birthday to these gals who make all of the men in the office look good and competent!

On your behalf, I expressed our sympathies and promised our prayers to Father Tim Fairman, Pastor and the people of St. Theresa Parish. Father Ron Lewinski, a priest in residence at St. Theresa's died suddenly at the rectory on Wednesday. He was the Pastor at St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish in Mundelein. He is also a classmate of mine—being ordained in 1972. Pray for him and the people of St. Theresa.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 23

9:40am Children's Liturgy of the Word *MRA*

Monday, July 24

No Activities

Tuesday, July 25

No Activities

Wednesday, July 26

4:00pm VOICES Drop-In *TR/RAC*

6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration *Church*

8:00pm A.A. (Closed Meeting) *MR4*

Thursday, July 27

No Activities

Friday, July 28

11:00am Scripture Study Planning Meeting *MRC*

Saturday, July 29

8:40am Morning Bible Study *MRC*

9:00am Women's Prison Ministry *MRB*

Sunday, July 30

9:40am Children's Liturgy of the Word *MRD*



**PARISH OFFICE
SUMMER HOURS
Now—August 4**

**Monday-Friday, 9am—5pm
Saturday, 9am—1pm**

*RAC CLOSED starting until Aug 4
except for Wednesday Drop-In and
other special events.*

UPCOMING

- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Monday, August 7 at 1pm—Ladies' luncheon at Biaggi's, 20560 Rand Road, Deer Park. RSVP to Kathy: 847-358-7122
 - Wednesday, August 9 at 1pm—General Meeting in MRA & B. Speaker: State Senator Tom Rooney. Topic: State of the State For more information contact: Ken Doruff 847-358-3852
- **RUMMAGE SALE** Friday, August 4 thru Sunday, August 6 (Page 6)
- **BLOOD DRIVE** Sunday, August 6 from 7:45am to 1pm at St. Theresa, Lower Dolan Center. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council 4977.
- **DIVORCE MINISTRY BACKYARD MASS** Monday, August 7 at 7pm. For all separated/divorced/annulled Catholics. 1915 N Pinetree Drive, Arlington Heights—home of Susan Weres. Questions: Deacon Jim Bannon jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net 224-345-7200 or Susan Weres 847-322-1400
- **FR. RAY'S 80th BIRTHDAY** Saturday, August 12 (Page 5)
- **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR ST. ANGELA'S** Weekend of August 12 /13—More information coming next week.



Please join our Parish Family as we celebrate

FATHER RAY'S 80th BIRTHDAY

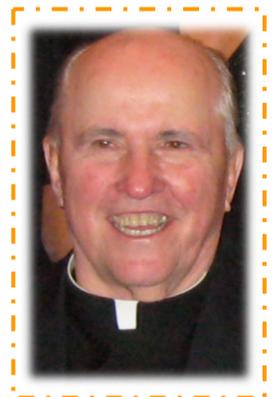
Date: Saturday, August 12th

Place: Rowley Activity Center

Time: 2pm—4:30pm

Food and Refreshments.

Fr. Ray requests no gifts, just your presence.
RSVP by August 3rd: Parish Office 847-358-6999 or
email Leo Herz lcherz@comcast.net or Mary Ann
Kenesey grammyonthego@sbcglobal.net



OUR RCIA TEAM NEEDS VOUNTEERS

Our RCIA team needs volunteers to help with the formation of Catholic Christians through the RCIA process. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the Church for persons seeking to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation---Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. This initiation process is characterized as a spiritual journey and a conversion journey which is centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church He founded. Becoming Catholic is not like joining a club or moving to a new neighborhood. It is becoming a *new person in Christ Jesus* and a member of His Mystical Body, the Church. Participants in the process are guided and nurtured on their journey by RCIA team members and sponsors who help form them into Catholic Christians and disciples of Christ.



We are seeking team members, sponsors or help with hospitality at the beginning and/or end of our Sunday sessions. This is a very rewarding ministry. As a team member or sponsor attending Mass, there is a sense of fulfillment when you see new Catholics receiving communion. Moreover, realizing you are a disciple of Christ answering His call to evangelize---disciples making disciples.

**If you are interested in the RCIA ministry,
please contact Kris 847-340-1963 or krisbartolameolli@gmail.com.**

2017 THEOLOGY ON TAP

Sponsored by Young Adult Ministry - Northwest Chicago (YAM-NW)



**For Adults (single or married)
21-39 years of age**

- **August 2**—Sr. Stephanie Baliga, 7pm; Athletics and Faith
St. Hubert, Hoffman Estates
- **August 9**—Fr. Dominic Clemente, 7 pm; And God saw that it was Good:
Beer *Arlington Ale House, Arlington Heights*

Young Adult Ministry Office is proud to continue the tradition of Theology on Tap for the 35th summer at 25 sites throughout the Archdiocese. With a wonderful group of speakers and presenters covering dozens of topics, we are excited for a busy summer and to celebrate our youth and our faith with young adults across the Chicagoland area.

**Visit Young Adult Ministries (YAM) at: www.vic1chicago.org
for more details and events!**



**MONTHLY
FOOD PANTRY
COLLECTION**

1st Weekend of Every Month
(Next weekend—Aug. 5/6)

Our pantry is running very low at this time during summer. Could you add a few items to your shopping cart for STV?

Bring your pantry items to Mass with you next weekend and place your donations at the front of church near the pulpit.
(No expired food, please.)

We are COMPLETELY OUT OF:

- Pancake Mix
- Laundry Soap

We especially need:

- Hamburger / Tuna Helper
- Pasta / Rice Meals (Pasta-Roni, Rice-A-Roni, etc.)
- Rice
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Syrup
- Kids Snacks (Pretzels, Goldfish, Cheese & Crackers, Peanut Butter Crackers, Graham Crackers, etc.)
- Dish Soap

THANK YOU!



PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

*Our STV School is adding another preschool room! Register **NOW** before it fills up.* We offer before and after school care, too! Just call the School Office 847-358-2110 for more information. You can also schedule a tour to SEE why STV Preschool is the right place for your little one to start his/her education.

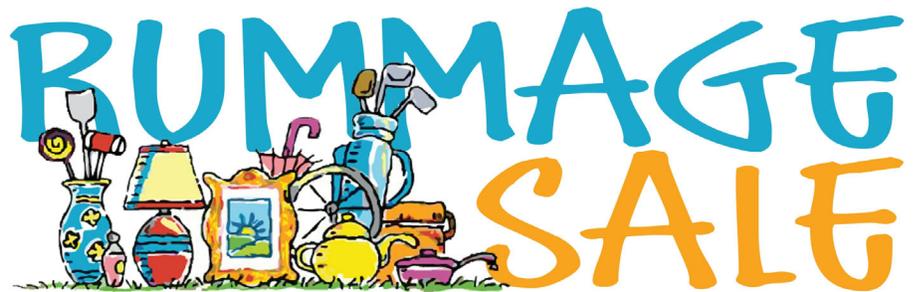
PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Our STV School is looking for a Certified Early Childhood Teacher to teach preschool to 3 & 4 year old children part time, with the possibility of full time employment. **Qualifications:** Early childhood degree. Experience preferred. **Working Conditions:** Monday—Friday 7:15 to 12:15, with the possibility of full time. Come join our faith-filled and energetic faculty! *Apply online at <https://schools.archchicago.org/careers>. Call Principal Mary Brinkman at 847-358-2110 for more info.*

PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM DONATIONS

Do you have any gently used preschool items you would donate to our preschool classroom? Just bring them to school any time during our School Office summer hours! Items needed: *Children's rocking chair, truck/cars, wooden trains & tracks, blocks, manipulatives, wooden play kitchen, puzzles, games, Little People toys, play kitchen cups, plates, utensils, play food, play crib & highchair plus anything else you think would be useful for a preschool program.*

8th GRADE WASHINGTON DC TRIP FUNDRAISER



Friday, August 4; 8am-6pm

Saturday, August 5; 8am-6pm

Sunday, August 6; 8am-3pm

**\$1 for most items
\$10 for a bag of clothes
So much to choose from...**

Furniture, holiday decor, sports equipment, books, toys, coats, clothing, home decor, kitchen, bath, bedding, electronics, outdoor items & more!

*All proceeds will go towards funding the
8th Grade Washington DC Trip scheduled for April, 2018.*

Contact Jenny Parlier for more info.

Cell phone: 847-380-9208 Email: jparlier1970@gmail.com

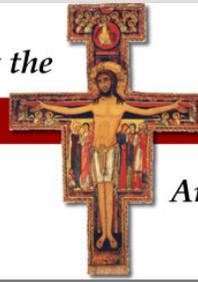
STV SCHOOL OFFICE—Summer Hours

The school office will be open throughout the summer through August 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, Mondays through Thursdays.

RENEW MY CHURCH, ABRIDGED VERSION

July 13, 2017
Cardinal Blase Cupich

Dreaming Big about the



Archdiocese of Chicago

It's always helpful to have a complex idea summarized in an easily digestible way. In my day, that meant reading the Cliffs Notes rather than the assigned novel (please don't tell my teachers).

Renew My Church is a complex process, of course, but reduced to its simplest terms, it is about (1) disciples taking personal responsibility for the mission of Christ (2) by joining together to build a community of faith that nourishes, prepares and sustains one another (3) so that together as church we become, in the words of Pope Francis, "a field hospital in the world," bringing healing and hope.

Of course, this three-fold agenda is hardly new to the church. Traditionally, it has been reflected in what we call the sacraments of initiation. One of the many great contributions of the Second Vatican Council was a retrieval of an original understanding that baptism, confirmation and Eucharist are not three separate sacraments, but that they belong to an integrated and ongoing process of initiation into the life and mission of the church for disciples of Jesus.

So let's take a look at this connection between Renew My Church and the sacraments of initiation. In baptism we are immersed into a personal relationship with the Risen Lord through a conversion that reshapes our lives by joining us to his mission. This conversion is not just about the ideas to which we are committed. Rather, it requires a dying to ourselves, a sacrifice of our priorities, our will, our agenda.

St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, expressed this sense of conversion in his famous Suscipe prayer: "Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my

memory, my understanding, my entire will. You have given to me all that I have and possess; I return it to you. Give me only your love and your grace; that's enough for me."

From the baptismal font, we are then dismissed and sent into the community through a ritual that seals our baptism. We call that sealing confirmation. A seal is a sign of authentication and identification. Look at your driver's license. What authenticates it is the seal of the state that's stamped on it.

Our authentic identity as disciples is as members of a community. Imparting a seal of authenticity and identity in confirmation is done by the bishop when he smears oil in the form of a cross on the forehead of disciples. In fact, this sealing originally was a ritual of blessing, dismissing the newly baptized and confirmed and allowing them to enter into the community for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Finally, within this community of shared life and love, we deepen our initiation into the church through the only repeatable sacrament of initiation, the Eucharist. We share in the bread we break and the cup poured out. We call this our Communion, for it in fact provides a graced opportunity to put aside living for ourselves, allowing us to be broken and poured out for one another. We need to do this again and again, practicing our membership in the church. In doing so, we are nourished, prepared and sustained to be sent into the world to bring others the light and hope of the Gospel. In this way we become a "field hospital in the world."

Renew My Church is simply placing the reality of the sacraments of initiation front

and center as we chart a path forward in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Its starting point involves reinvigorating our relationship with Christ, coming to a deeper understanding of our baptism by taking up in a fresh way the work of evangelization and forming disciples.

The ongoing formation of our discipleship, begun at baptism, continues as we take another look at the meaning of our confirmation. It means participating anew in the work of building vibrant faith and worshipping communities. Renew My Church aims to foster such communities through leadership development, which of course means a strong emphasis on vocations. The process will also bring support for parish and school vitality and stability.

It is from the eucharistic assembly that members of the community are sent out to bring hope and light to the world. Renew My Church seeks to accomplish this by building solidarity with those who suffer injustice, and by reaching out to all our people through robust pastoral and communications efforts.

Cliffs Notes have their shortcomings, of course. In the end, you really ought to read the novel (please tell my teachers). Likewise, this summary of Renew My Church, while helping us see the significance of the sacraments of initiation, has its limitations. The success of Renew My Church will depend on our participation in the process.

True discipleship means taking personal responsibility for doing our part to further Christ's mission. We must work together to build up communities of faith in order to nourish, prepare and sustain all members to be Christ's field hospital in the world.

Stewardship



GiveCentral is a very convenient way for your Parish Family to receive your Sunday Sacrificial Giving support when you're away. It is a secure online system with payment options from direct debit (ACH) to all major credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

How to sign up:

1. Go to www.givecentral.org and click on the "START GIVING" button.
2. Type St. Thomas of Villanova in the search box and click on our picture when it appears.
3. Choose an "Event" to which you would like to donate, entering the frequency, date range and dollar amount, then click "ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET." You may click "CHECKOUT" at any time, or add more donations, if you wish.
4. When you are ready, click "MY GIFT BASKET" at the top of the page and verify your gifts.
5. Click "CONTINUE," then "COMPLETE PROFILE" to register.
6. Complete the registration form, then click "REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT."
7. *You're registered!* Check your inbox for an email from admin@givecentral.org.

If you need help signing up or questions about GiveCentral, call John Breit at the Parish Office, 847-358-6999.

2017 Fiscal Year Sunday Sacrificial Giving

YTD Budget	\$ 71,100.00
YTD Actual	\$ 64,759.94
Over / (Under)	(\$ 6,340.06)

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
July 2	\$ 22,280.83	\$ 1,968.00	\$ 24,248.83	\$ 548.83
July 9	\$ 21,406.65	\$ 2,803.00	\$ 24,209.65	\$ 509.65
July 16	\$14,773.46	\$ 1,528.00	\$ 16,301.46	<i>(\$ 7,398.54)</i>
July 23	<i>Not Available due to early bulletin deadline.</i>			
July 30				

THANK YOU!

ON STEWARDSHIP

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

- ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Lord, Help me to learn to put my trust in You in everything I do. Amen

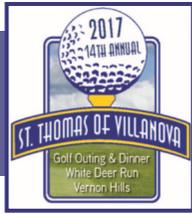


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A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation

Please look for a "To Teach Who Christ Is" Update in next weekend's bulletin.

2017 Golf Outing Fundraiser



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Look for event pictures in next week's bulletin!

JESUS, THE STORYTELLER by Katy Beedle Rice

Many names are used to address Jesus in the Gospels. He is known as Emmanuel, Christ, Son of God, Son of Man, Master, Logos, Son of David, Lamb of God, Light of the world, and Rabbi. From today's Gospel we might add another title: Storyteller. Not just any storyteller, either, Jesus tells a particular genre of stories known as parables. Jesus spoke to his first listeners, and continues to speak to us today, in simple images that invite us into the great mystery of the kingdom of heaven.

Parables were not unknown in the Jewish world. Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish scholar of the Christian Scripture, tells us in her book *Short Stories by Jesus* that at the time of Jesus, "[Parables] would have been told at home in the evening after dinner or in the workshops and the fields and the synagogues." Though familiar, parables, in Jesus' culture, were not meant to be entertaining children stories or moralistic fables; instead, Levine says, Jesus' first listeners would have known "that parables and the tellers of parables were there to prompt them to see the world in a different way, to challenge, and at times to indict." Today's Gospel offers three such parables.

In the Gospel, Jesus begins each parable by saying "The kingdom of heaven is like ..." It is important for us to remember that this mystery that Jesus speaks about — the mystery of the kingdom of heaven — cannot be reduced to just one image. It is a mystery so vast and incomprehensible as to require a multiplicity of similes to explore as we grapple with what it might mean. Unlike proclamations or definitions, which can be passively received, teaching through parables requires active participation on the part of the listener. In the parables, answers and insights aren't doled out in neatly packaged portions; instead, we have to work for them.

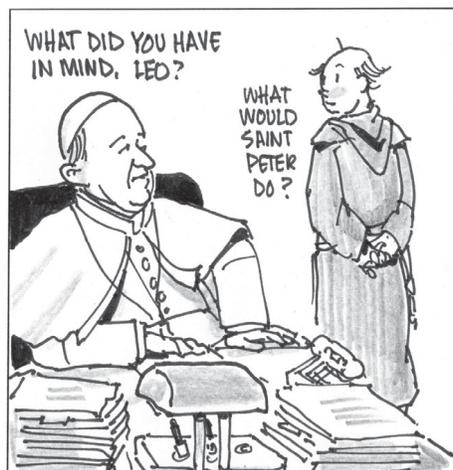
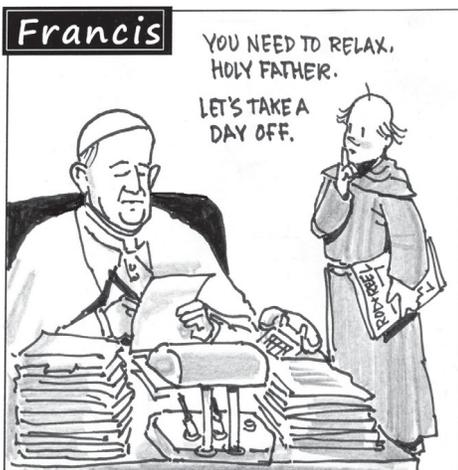
What might be the meaning today as we listen again to the familiar words of the parables of the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, and the leaven? All three parables speak of a slow, silent growth. Almost in secret, wheat and mustard seeds planted in the ground crack open to allow a sprout of new life to take hold in the soil.

By the time the tiniest green shoot is visible to a passing human, a vast system of roots has already firmly established itself below ground.

Nourished by the roots the plant grows and grows, day by day transforming itself into something that can bring forth fruit and offer shelter. What might this everyday transformation tell us about the kingdom of heaven's silent growth in the here and now?

The vast majority of Jesus' parables deal with everyday occurrences such as a merchant buying pearls, a woman searching for a coin, or a traveller in need of help. Instead of pointing to the fantastical, Jesus calls attention to reality. As he tells the crowds in Luke's Gospel, "the kingdom of God is among you" (17:21). In order to live in this kingdom, we need only eyes to see it and ears to hear.

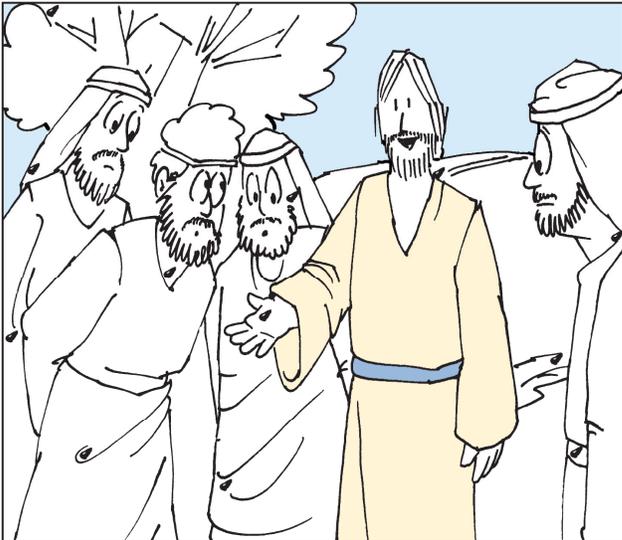
To enter into a parable, one must be willing to let go of the security offered by answers and definitions. What might we discover if we dare to open ourselves to the incomprehensible mystery of the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps like the seeds of mustard and wheat, we will also experience transformation. The only way to find out is to trust Jesus, the parable teller, as he gently calls us to become "parable people."



What the Kingdom of Heaven Is Like

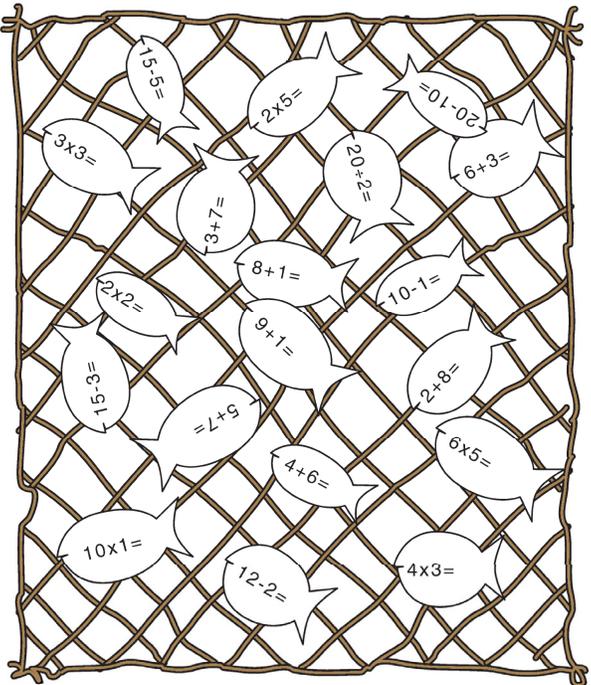
Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

Find and circle 12 hidden mustard seeds.



The kingdom of heaven is like a net let down into the lake. It caught all kinds of fish. The fishermen pulled it up on the shore. They collected the good fish in the baskets and threw the bad fish away.

Find the fish whose answers match this one $5+5=$. Color them.



LITURGY SCHEDULE for AUGUST 5 / 6

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
DEACON	Deacon Bill Karstenson	Deacon John Breit	Deacon Tom Dunne	Deacon Len Marturano	
HOMILY	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
LECTORS	James Sohn Derek Oliver	Ed Boduch Jennifer Santos	David Asta Randy Schappert	Norma Holmes John Holmes	
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Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 31

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am All Who Are Sick

Tuesday, August 1

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Andrew Wilson;
† Bernadette Regan Curtin

Wednesday, August 2

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Loretta & Harold Martens;
† Jolyon Kamath

Thursday, August 3

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am All Military Personnel

Friday, August 4

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am † Robert Freel

Saturday, August 5

8:00am For the Sanctity of All Human Life
5:00pm † Madaline Tomaszek ;
Intention for Bonifacio Quiaoit;
All Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, August 6

7:30am † Sue Maxwell;
† Frank & Viktoria Adomaitis
9:30am † Sue Rheume;
† Steve Chernicky
11:15am † Kathy Tomusiak;
† Margaret Szemiot;
† Baby Victoria
1:30pm Mass—POLISH
4:00pm Mass—VIETNAMESE

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tue: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thu: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sun: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

FOR OUR SICK

Barbara Amato	Kirk Forseth	Stanley Kwiatkowski	Ken Romanchek
Lou Anderson	Faith Forseth	Lauren Lambert	Dick Samojla
Jim Baur	Parker Forseth	Gene Lazich	Carlos Serna
Kathy Bell	Mel Gass	Harold Lewis	Shawn Smith
Jeanette Blaszyński	Bill Gerl	Peggy Lowe	John Socha
Cherie Bott	Ralph Gonzalez	Baby Alexa Mang	Russell Spano
Andy Bouchonville	Marino Guardalabene	Helen Mariano	Kristina Sromek
Baby Billy Callahan	RJ Hubka	Bob Maruska	Alice Stedronsky
Baby Ray Callahan	Adeline Kaczmarek	Elayne Maruska	Anne Swaw
Anna Marie Candorla	Mary Anne Kiesel	Candida Morales	Robert Szott
Tom Cook	Wesley Knutson	Mike Moran	Sharon Tadsen
John Cooney	Mary Alice Kobler	Paul Moser	Marcy Weckler Barr
Baby Seamus Cullen	Susan Kordell	Mary Obey	Jeri Sue Welty
Brenda Darling	George Kwiatkowski	Rita Olles	Connie Wilberding
Jason Dean	John Kwiatkowski	George Oslovich	William Yadron
Emily Dempsey	Leia Kwaitkowski	Valentine Pawlak	Martha Zara
Beth Dix	Lotti Kwaitkowski	Boni Quiaoit	
William Dvorak	Mark Kwaitkowski	Patty Reynolds	
Jeanne Formanski	Robin Kwiatkowski	Elaine Romanchek	

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- SrA Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- A1C Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Army

- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SSGT Brian J. Dankowski
- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SPC Jeffry Ketelsen
- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green

Beret

- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- CPT Jesse Turner
- CPT Tina Stowick Turner
- PFC Will Willis
- Troops in the Middle East

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse
- MSGT Jason Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz

CPT Thomas McCarthy

- CPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- CPL Kyle Rich
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- ENS Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- LCDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- SN Gregory Minott
- AN James Steining



ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of My Daughter
LISA MARIE MOSKALA



PRAYER

If you or someone you know needs prayer,
call our Prayer Chain—Elaine 847-358-2782.

XVII Niedziela Zwykła – Perły i bramy raj

Pan Jezus jest przedstawiony jako ten poszukujący pereł... Czytając Apokalipsę św. Jana odnajdujemy w niej perły. Miasto Boga – niebiańskie Jeruzalem, miasto, w którym spędzimy całą wieczność, ma bramy, które są perłami. Widząc zatem Jezusa poszukującego pięknych pereł, tak naprawdę widzimy Jezusa, poszukującego bram w raju, poszukującego bram nieba. Po co to robi? Po to, by je otworzyć, by nas wszystkich wpuścić. Królestwo niebieskie podobne jest do perły, przez której wąski kanalik potrzeba będzie się precyzyjnie, by doświadczyć nieba. A Jezus, poszukiwacz pereł, poszukiwacz bram do nieba, znalazł i otworzył nam tę bramę w dniu zmartwych powstania. Piękna perła - oto nasze życie...

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‘Żołnierze Stolicy wydałem dzisiaj upragniony przez Was rozkaz do jawnej walki z odwiecznym wrogiem Polski, najeźdźcą niemieckim. Po pięciu latach nieprzerwanej, bezkompromisowej i nieustępliwej walki prowadzonej w podziemiach konspiracji stajecie dzisiaj z bronią w rękę, by Ojczyźnie przywrócić Wolność, by wymierzyć zbrodniarzom niemieckim karę za terror i zbrodnie dokonane na polskiej ziemi...’

73. lata temu rozkaz dowódcy Armii Krajowej gen. Bora zainicjował powstańczą walkę... W godzinie ‘W’ Biały Orzeł, szlachetną ambicją, raz jeszcze rozwinął skrzydła a Najjaśniejsza Rzeczypospolita powstała z kolan, ponownie z wiarą ‘spoglądając’ ku niepodległości pomimo, iż od ‘39 czwartym rozbiorem raz jeszcze wymazano ją z map Europy i świata, pomimo iż Jej synów próbowano unicestwić w niemieckich obozach koncentracyjnych bądź mordując rosyjskim strzałem w tył głowy, pomimo ludobójstwa dokonywanego przez

nacjonalistów ukraińskich...

1. sierpnia wspominamy ‘warszawskie Termopile’ – 63. dni chwały pokolenia polskich patriotów dostrzegając ich tęsknotę za wolnością i pragnienie za dobytciem ‘połyskujących ostrzy miecza’ by wymierzyć sprawiedliwość... w ten dzień spoglądamy na odwagę i heroizm tych z powstańczych barykad: żołnierzy Armii Krajowej i Szarych Szeregów, Narodowych Sił Zbrojnych i Związku Jaszczurczego, z batalionów ‘Miotła’ i ‘Kiliński’, ‘Zośka’ i ‘Parasol’, Zgrupowania ‘Pułku Baszta’ i ‘Kampinos’ i Kompanii NSZ ‘Warszawianka’...

Z Białym Orłem w sercu, z ‘carmen patrium’ – pieśnią ojców ‘Boże, coś Polskę’ na ustach, z legendarnym ‘Visem’ w dłoni, pamiętając o heroicznej postawie przodków... poszli w bój o Polskę, by zerwać z Niej kajdany okupacji i czerń nazizmu i czerwień komunizmu sztabów... Poszli w bój, bo doświadczając cierpień, dramatów i tragedii dostrzegali tę metafizyczną perspektywę nieuchronności zwycięstwa dobra nad złem... Poszli w bój, bo niepodlegającym dyskusji imperatywem moralnym było: ‘TAK TRZEBA...’, i poszli po śladach tych... będących przed Nimi, tych którzy za Nią walczyli i umierali... których krew obficie przelana w Powstaniu Styczniowym, tortury, kazamaty i męki Sybiru nakreślały tę jedyną i nadającą sens drogę... Pamięć o bohaterach przeszłości i tragicznych ich bojach zobowiązywała... i podtrzymywała ducha oporu i wiarę w ostateczne wyzwolenie Ojczyzny... Poszli w bój, by Polska była biało-czerwona pisząc swoje życie tak, by nasi przodkowie byli z nich dumni... i analogicznie do nich pisali je często czerwienią atramentu własnej krwi akcentując zawsze te święte i wielkie wartości: ‘Deus, Honor et Patria – Bóg, Honor, Ojczyzna...’ i dla nich też walczyli... Walczyli pamiętając, że Biały Orzeł tylko przed Bogiem skłania swą dumną głowę...

To nie pompatyczność, nie nostalgia i egzaltowanie polskiej przeszłości kreowała sens ich walki..., sens ich życia i sens ich śmierci, ale przekonanie, że wraz ze śmiercią pamięci o

przeszłości umiera i ginie przyszłość...

Pomimo kilkunastu i dwudziestu kilku lat życia czuli się odpowiedzialni za ‘jutrzejszy dzień Ojczyzny...’ i rzeczywiście byli odpowiedzialnymi... Świadomość, że u progów pełni życia, w obronie ‘tego co najważniejsze’, można stracić życie, jest wystarczającym świadectwem najwyższej wielkości myśli, serca i ducha... 73. lata temu, w trudnym okresie DOJRZEWANIA i młodzieńczego entuzjazmu, nie brakowało odpowiedzialności i determinacji, inteligencji i elitarności, i rzeczywistej wiary w zwycięstwo, ale ‘serce do walki o wolność’ przegrało z dwoma systemami totalitarnej nienawiści i bestialstwa, które razem i indywidualnie mordowały Polaków i polską tożsamość, kulturę ‘polskiego Ducha’ i nadzieję...

I chociaż pragnęli żyć dla Polski, dla Jej dobra i przyszłości to w ich sercach mocno, jak górskie echo, wybrzmiewały słowa wersu Tacyta: ‘Praestat cum dignitate cadere, quam cum ignominia vivere’ – ‘Lepiej paść z godnością niż w hańbie i niewoli żyć...’ Przez 63. dni chwały dokonywali wyborów zgodnie z wartościami, w które wierzyli... Naprawdę wierzyli, że jedyną..., tą bezcenną, wartością nie jest życie... ale Honor...! To niejako horacjańskie z ducha: ‘Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori...’ – ‘Słodko i zaszczytnie jest umierać za Ojczyznę...’ I dlatego też potrafili pięknie żyć i pięknie umierać... Bo ‘być Polakiem to bronić praw Narodu, a jeśli trzeba w walce leć, bo lepiej życie złożyć swe za młodo, niż za rydwanem niewolnikiem bieć...’ – pisał Jerzy Narbutt – poeta, prozaik, felietonista... Ich śmierć i ofiara krwi na ołtarzu Ojczyzny nie była jednak daremną... Dzisiaj tętno Polski bije z przestrzelonych ich serc... Zatem ‘Gloria victis...’ – Chwała zwyciężonym...’

W 73. rocznicę Powstania Warszawskiego wspominamy bohaterstwo i... męczeństwo Powstańców... Przed kilkudziesięciu laty, składając przysięgę zobowiązywali się ‘walczyć ze wszystkich sił, aż do ofiary życia...’ i ‘służyć Ojczyźnie, aż do ostatniej kropli krwi...’ Pozostali wierni i przelali krew, przysięgi dotrzykali...