

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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JUNE 16, 2024 | 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS

In today's Gospel passage from Mark we hear Jesus once again talking about the "kingdom". And in particular, we hear Jesus describing how this kingdom will develop and grow --- from something the size of a little mustard seed to something much larger, something that provides a kind of shade for creatures to dwell in. His point seems to be that from almost nothing something wonderful can blossom, from little can come much, from the invisible can come something visible and beautiful and helpful and necessary.

That sounds pretty wonderful, doesn't it? It brings us comfort to think about God bringing about whatever it is that God wants to bring about --- that God will see to it that the world gets everything it needs to become the beautiful place he created it to be. God will do everything --- make sure the seed is sown, the seed is watered, the ground is nourished, the sun will shine, and the kingdom will grow in unimaginable ways. Fr. Peter



THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday
 5:00 pm
 5:30 pm
St. Anthony's—Lakin
 Rosary & Prayers
 Mass

Tuesday
 9:30 am
 10:10 am
HPRV
 Mass
 Communion/Visiting
 Homebound

Wednesday
 7:30 am (MT)
 8:00 am (MT)
St. Raphael's /Syracuse
 Rosary
 Mass

Thursday
 11:00 am
 11:45 am
 12:15 pm
St. Anthony's -Lakin
 Confessions
 Rosary
 Mass

Friday
 7:00 am
 7:30 am
 8—10:00 am

Saturday
 3—3:50 pm
 4:00 pm
 5:20 pm
 6:00 pm

Sunday
 8:00 -8:50 am
 9:00 am
 9:50-10:25 am
 10:30 am (MT)

St. Anthony's—Lakin
 Rosary & Prayers
 Mass
 Eucharistic Adoration
 & Confessions

Lakin, Deerfield
 Confessions
 Mass (St. Anthony)
 Confessions (Deerfield)
 Mass (Christ the King)

Lakin & Syracuse
 Confessions
 Mass (St. Anthony)
 Confessions
 Mass (St. Raphael)

COLLECTION FOR 6-9-2024

Envelopes: \$537.65
Loose: \$304.00
Online Giving: \$1758.63
Total: \$2600.26
Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17
Income over/under + \$839.11

Office Hours
 Monday - Friday
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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DEAR PADRE,

WHY DID JESUS ALWAYS SPEAK IN PARABLES? WHY DIDN'T HE GIVE US CLEARER ANSWERS?

Why did Jesus always speak in parables? Why didn't he give us clearer answers? Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 546). About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2). Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the open-hearted.



[The Redemptorists/DearPadre.org](http://TheRedemptorists/DearPadre.org)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I walk by faith, showing my trust in God and things I cannot see? Can I recall a recent occasion in which I chose to put my trust in God?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Cómo camino con fe, demostrando así mi confianza en Dios, aún con las cosas que no puedo ver? ¿Pudiera recordar alguna ocasión reciente en que opté por poner mi confianza en Dios?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from St. Vincent de Paul)

O divine Savior, you came into this world to preach your gospel in delightful simplicity. I humbly ask you to let me learn from your example. Make me acquire your spirit of simplicity and by your grace spread it around in a simple and direct manner for the spiritual well-being of others. May I thus promulgate your word, spreading it wherever I go as your good and faithful servant. O my dear Savior, pour out your spirit of simplicity into my heart so that I may be your true apostle by always fully cooperating with your grace. Amen.

LIFE HAPPENS

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The adage that "life is what happens to us as we're busy doing other things" seems to be a rewording of this week's Gospel about the kingdom of heaven, namely about God's reigning activity in our lives. It is a parable about a man who sows seeds in his field. The seeds sprout, grow, and bear fruit, all without his knowing how. In effect, the message says that it is God who happens to us as we're busy doing other things. We tend to convince ourselves that we have complete control over our lives, when in reality that is somewhat of an illusion. Though we may decide what we will have for dinner, what TV program to watch, or what we will wear, we have much less control over the portions of life that so often give meaning and shape to who we are. The person someone marries is dependent upon the mutual commitment of the two people in love. The degree of job satisfaction we eagerly hope to find can partly depend upon the people with whom we work and the expectations of others. "We walk by faith and not by sight" reveals that we recognize the reigning presence of God bringing us to a life we'd never imagined. In reality, the one thing we do have control over is how we respond to life's events, which can then open us to the ways by which God brings us to fruitful abundance.



With many such parables [Jesus] spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.
MARK 4:33

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Alloysius	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday
1 Kgs 21:1-16	1 Kgs 21:17-29	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Sir 48:1-14	Gonzaga, Religious	2 Chr 24:17-25	in Ordinary Time
Mt 5:38-42	Mt 5:43-48	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Mt 6:7-15	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Mt 6:24-34	Jb 38:1, 8-11
				Mt 6:19-23		2 Cor 5:14-17
						Mk 4:35-41



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil.... The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality...to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life....

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PRAYER AND ACTION will be using St. Anthony Parish Facilities to serve the Kearny County Community Monday, June 16 through June 21. Daily Mass (M-F): 7:30 am. Confession & Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday night



St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day Celebration and Parish Picnic

Please come to celebrate our Patron Saint's Feast Day this Saturday, June 15th, beginning with the Holy Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by a picnic meal with hamburgers and hotdogs provided by our K of C. Please bring a side dish or dessert to go along with the meal. Games and activities will be provided for both youth and adults.



PRAYER & SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family, on the passing of Robert Aparicio -Chavez. May the Almighty God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. May he rest in peace.

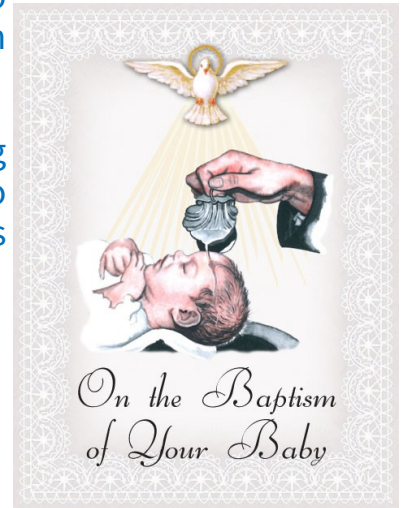


We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Tusikanni Salazar, child of Jaime and Celine Salazar, who was baptized this weekend.

Welcome to God's family in the Church!

May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon

Tusikanni.



Dear God, thank you for the gift of fatherhood. We pray for all fathers and those hoping to become fathers. May You give them the strength to be a vessel of Your love. Amen. (Hallow)



REFLECT

Think of three of our blessings: How much did you have to do with their coming about?



How YOUR gift changes lives:

<p>\$100 Provides one life-saving ultrasound and medical assessment.</p>		<p>\$200 Provides counseling sessions for 2 different families (pregnant teen, mother or father and their family).</p>
<p>\$25 Provides a supply of brochures to give to abortion-vulnerable women to let them know of our services.</p>		<p>\$50 Provides one life-affirming professional counseling session.</p>
		<p>\$10 Provides a pregnancy test and verification for a woman in need.</p>

ish will collect Kansas for life baby bottle on Father's Day. We ask that you use them to collect your change or any other monetary donation that you would like to make to our Pro Life Causes. Thank you.

KNIGHTS NEWS

Any Catholic men who would like to be a K of C member



Knights of Columbus®

please contact Tom Bachman—640-8259. We held meeting on every first Wednesday, except during Summer to build up brotherhood and help each other to grow in Catholic faith.

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Peter Tran	355-6405
Rel.Edu. Committee: Karen Burden,	355-6388
DRE: Lisa Gannett	355-6611
Parish C. Chair: Gwen Waechter	272-1030
Finance C. Chair: Tressa Powers	355-6206
Altar S. President: Nanette Rice	355-7676
Grand Knight: Tom Bachman	640-8259
Prayer Line Starters: Allison Bushek & Nanette Rice	355-1696 355-7676
Vocation Team: Nanette & Sandra	355-7676
Youth Director: Hannah Schauf	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, June 17	5: 30 m	† Suellen Bergkamp
Tue, June 18	9:30 am	Sp. Int. Smith Family
Wed, June 19	8:00 am	St. Raphael's
Thurs, June 20	NO Mass	Fred Cahoj & Family
Fri, June 21	7:30 am	† Liz Lang Baier
Sat, June 22	4:00 pm	† Dennis Flax
Sun, June 23	9:00 am	† Phyllis Sullivan

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6/15/2024 - Saturday, 8: 00 pm

Servers: Jason Velasco, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Debbie Frederick

E.O.HC: Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

6/16/2024 - Sunday, 9:00 am

Servers: Haley, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

E.O. HC: Del & Julia Kaps

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6/22/2024 - Saturday, 4: 00 pm

Servers: Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

Reader: Tom Bachman

EO.HC: Rosemary & Tom Bachman

6/23/2024 - Sunday, 9:00 am

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Hannah Schauf

E.O. HC: Teresa Beltran, Karen Burden

What does "Kingdom of God" mean?

The kingdom of God isn't "heaven"—that is, it's not where we go when we die. It's not even a place. Kingdom refers to God's rule. Jesus refers to the Kingdom as "among" us and "within" us—always within reach. We don't "get there" so much as abide in it where we are. We participate in the Kingdom in various ways: changing our hearts, working toward justice, protecting the vulnerable, and freeing the burdened. We pray for the Kingdom to come in the Lord's Prayer.

Jesus offers stories and metaphors for understanding the Kingdom: a sower, a mustard seed, a treasure, a banquet. Matthew's gospel references the Kingdom almost 50 times. John's gospel makes clear that the Kingdom isn't territory to be gained. It's where peace rules and oppression ends. No political system or social program can establish God's rule. We can't make "Kingdom come" by our own efforts. Yet we're summoned to enter more fully into the Kingdom by reshaping society to conform to its values.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask*:

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00. Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Baptism:

Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

