The Big Picture

We hear about the Kingdom of God in many of Jesus’ parables. In today’s passage, he uses parables to describe how the kingdom will spread. What is interesting is that they are not so much about our actions as they are about how God builds his kingdom.

Let’s start with the second parable: Jesus exaggerates a little, with the mustard seed being the smallest seed and the bush being the largest plant. Like the birds on the branches, Jesus implies that the growing kingdom will attract outsiders to be members. His point is that the kingdom may look small at first, but it will keep growing. We need not be discouraged when it seems the kingdom is not growing: We might be limiting it to people who think and act just like ourselves. We might see attendance at church in our parish declining. So Jesus is reminding us to think of the bigger picture.

In the first parable about the man who scattered seeds, Jesus says that those seeds produce a harvest, even though the farmer doesn’t know how or why those seeds can grow. We too can be doing things that help the Kingdom to grow, without knowing how we are helping. But God is making the kingdom grow in his own way and in his own time. Like the farmer, we can help it grow by loving each other, teaching our children about Jesus, caring for the poor and the sick.

But we can also hinder the kingdom by being stingy with our love, or hurting people with our anger. So let us ask God to trust him as we do our part to help the kingdom to grow.
Dear Lord,
Please look after those who have embraced the responsibility of being fathers.
Help make their burdens light and their roads straight.
Give them the wisdom needed to be good fathers and give them the words to say that will help guide their children.
Let them live Your love and be an example to their children.
May they turn to You in need and draw on Your strength and abundant love. Amen.

On behalf of Father Greg, Deacon Alfred, and the entire St. John Parish Staff, we would like to wish all of our fathers “A Very Happy Father's Day!”

Eucharistic Adoration
Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.
The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.776.4865.

Scripture Readings
Week of June 16, 2024
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
Monday 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6, 11,16; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20-21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Ritualsong
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  #1225
Entrance:  A Living Faith/Faith of Our Fathers  #787
Preparation:  **Instrumental**
Communion:  Taste and See  #1031
Sending Forth:  Sent Forth by God’s Blessing  #880

JUNETEENTH
Our office will be closed Wednesday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.
Freedom finally came on June 19, 1865, when some 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas. The army announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state, were free by executive decree. This day came to be known as "Juneteenth," by the newly freed people in Texas.

Catholic Daughter's Annual Sweet Sale
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. John #1214, will have their Annual Sweet Sale on Father’s Day Weekend, June 15 and 16. The sweets will be sold outside the main doors of church before and after all Masses.
What better way to honor Dad on Father’s Day than to treat him to a Catholic Daughter sweet?

St. John School Fathers Club Fundraising and Volunteer Support
The St. John Fathers Club will have their annual membership drive on Father’s Day weekend, June 15 & 16. Members will be collecting dues ($5) and enrolling new members outside the doors of church before and after all Masses.

Called By Name
Chosen for Consecrated Life
“When the crop permits, the harvest has come.” Are you being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars
Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Church Office Third Floor
Monday, July 8, 2024
Monday, August 5, 2024
Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass
Saturday, June 22, 2024
Saturday, July 27, 2024
Saturday, August 24, 2024
Dates are subject to change. Please contact Lily Skidmore during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.
Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion weekly to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes, care facilities or in the hospital. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the church parish office at 225.687.2402.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are willing to help with this important ministry, please call the church office.

Celebrating their Quarterly Communion with us Saturday, June 1, were Alhambra members (front, l to r) Danny Cedotal, Odom Vaughn, Alcee Becnel, Jimmy Ramirez and Timmy Martinez, (back) Ed Reeves, Jacob Wilbert, John Sasser, Father Greg Daigle, Dennis Badeaux and Rod Bickham.

Altar Servers

Serving at the Table of the Lord

Any boy or girl in the 3rd grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord. Access the registration form located on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under the RESOURCES tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.
These graduates of the St. John High Class of 2024 are shown during graduation festivities with their parents who are also St. John Alumni. Photo credit Donna Kirkland

The St. John Junior Ring Ceremony took place at St. John the Evangelist Church Saturday, May 18 at 4pm Mass. The Class of 2025 will begin their last year at St. John Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Front row, l to r are Amalie Dupont, Maddie Dupont, Shelbie Dupont, Kadence Billings, Alison Boudreaux, Annalyse Doyle, Amelia Gaudet, Karsyn Vadnais, Camille Haydel, Victoria Rome, Gracie Gantt and Claire Devillier.

Middle row, l to r are Eric Xiao, Marley Ourso, Olivia Sanchez, Maliyah Myles, Tony Tuminello, Cade Cumbo, Logan Raffray, Brantley Rivet, Hoyt Schurba, Amelie Blanchard, Ainsley Crowson and Saige Berthelot.

Back row, l to r are Jaran Primeaux, Luke Berthelot, Hayden Bayham, John Hanks, Jaxon Walker, Benjamin Gourgues, Austin Purpera, Caden Cannella and Landon Hanchett. Photo credit Donna Kirkland
29TH ANNUAL
ST. JOHN SCHOOL
GOLF CLASSIC

MONDAY,
JUNE 24, 2024
THE ISLAND GOLF COURSE
& COUNTRY CLUB

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FEES INCLUDE:
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  HALF & HALF, LUNCH, CART & GREEN FEES,
  RANGE BALLS, AND AWARD DINNER
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  2nd Place Sponsor, Team + Tournament Sponsor
- WHITE SPONSOR: $1,000.00
  3rd Place Sponsor, Team + Tournament Sponsor
- $600 FOR TEAM / $400 FOR ALUMNI TEAM
- $150 PER NON-ALUMNI / $100 PER ALUMNI
- $500.00 - HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR
- $100.00 - HOLE SPONSOR
- $300.00 - TENT SPONSOR
- SORRY, I CANNOT PLAY, BUT I
  WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION.

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BREAKFAST + REGISTRATION: 9:00 AM
SHOTGUN START: 10:00 AM
- FOUR GOLFER SCRAMBLE
- TEAM PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD
- COLLARED SHIRTS, NO DENIM.
- SOFT SPIKES ONLY
- CURRENT STUDENTS NOT ELIGIBLE TO PLAY
- MUST BE 18 OR OLDER

TEAM REGISTRATION:
1. __________________________
2. __________________________
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TEAM CAPTAIN: __________________________
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$___________ TOTAL ENCLOSED
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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FOR QUESTIONS,
CONTACT CHRIS REEVES:
225.776.7139
EM CREEVE4@GMAIL.COM
Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 22-4pm Mass
Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; John & Ann Ruiz, John & Therese Ruiz; Jeanette B. Trahan; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Ferachi & Hebert Families; Henry “Tutie” Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot, Sr., M/M Earl Breaux, Sr., John D. Bourg; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Alger Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Scott Marino; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Thomas M. Businelle, Donald Stockman; J. D. Dupre; +Father Mark Beard, Jenise & Paul Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Edna Ball; Aubry Quebedeaux, Blanche, Saul & Raymond Quebedeaux; M/M Edmond Gomez & Family; Alvin “Pecan” Daigle

Sunday, June 23-7:30am Mass
St. John Parishioners

Sunday, June 23-9am Mass
Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Guy Hopkins & Family; Thomas M. Businelle; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; The Calvaruso Family; Denise Miranda; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Katherine Kiely, Steve & Gloria Cedotal, Sue Jackson, Estelle & Henry Tullia; Allen Cavalier

Sunday, June 23-11am Mass
Cindy Dickerson; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Mrs. Ellis Tanoos; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Ezora Hedges, Sidney Hedges, Sr.

Tuesday, June 25-6pm Mass
Cathie Blanchard

Wednesday, June 26-7am Mass
O. J., Buster & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families

Thursday, June 27-7am Mass
John “Sonny” Bunch

Friday, June 28-7am Mass
Murray & Dixie Suffrin

Attend Mass While Vacationing
### Monthly Offerings/Contributions/Collections
(Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)

**Repairs and Maintenance Expenses**

**Other Expenses**

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**May 2024**

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