



## To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God?

**T**oday's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first

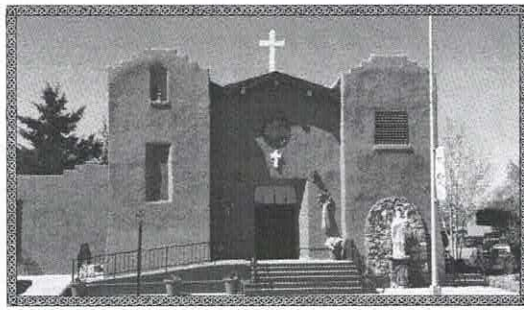
transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What about these metaphors gives you comfort and encouragement?*
- ★ *How do you contribute to the health and growth of the kingdom of God?*



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## JUNE 13TH

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

**Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am**

**Daily Mass: Wednesday (Bilingual Mass) 12:10pm**

**Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday: 12:10pm**

**Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass 1st Saturday of the Month: 10:30am**

**Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment**

**Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 7 pm**

### Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

**Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)**

**Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt**

### St. Joseph, Folsom

**Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)**

**Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt**

### NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM**

**Confession: Sunday 1:30pm—2:00**

### Nursing Home, Clayton

**Every 4th Sunday 1:30 PM**

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jason Pettigrew

Business Manager/Finance: Theresa Gard

Secretary: Laekyn Wagner

Religious Education: Rose Ramirez

Adult Religious Education: Rev. Jason Pettigrew

### Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9:00AM -1:00PM

Closed on Wed, Fri and Church & Civil Holidays

### Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)

Contact Pastor

### Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)

Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

**Masses will be offered June 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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| <b>Sat, June 12</b> | +Lelia Cordova<br>+Jerry Swagerty<br>+Joe Montano                                               | by Andrea Naranjo<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Teresina Montano & Family                                                      |
| <b>Sun, June 13</b> | SI Van Ahn Hoang<br>+Anthony Gallagher<br>(OLOG) +Robert Alexander<br>(OLOG) +Liana Bonin       | by Dieu Hoang<br>by Andrea Naranjo<br>by Andrea Naranjo<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long                                                |
| <b>Sat, June 19</b> | SI Connie Johnson<br>SI Helen Sintas<br>+Evelyn Sintas<br>+Jerry Swagerty<br>+Nancy Ambroggio   | by Teri & Peter Mansfield<br>by Teri & Peter Mansfield<br>by Teri & Connie<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter |
| <b>Sun, June 20</b> | SI Van Ahn Hoang<br>+Conrado & Petra Montoya<br>(OLOG) +Robert Alexander<br>(OLOG) +Liana Bonin | by Dieu Hoang<br>by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long                              |
| <b>Sat, June 26</b> | +Nancy Ambroggio<br>+Joe Montano<br><br>+Richard Sintas                                         | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Teresina Montano & Family<br><br>by Teri & Connie                                                   |

**Weekly Collections Summary: May & June 2021**

|           | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-----------|------------|-------------|
| June 5-6  | \$2,050.00 | \$ 250.00   |
| May 29-30 | \$1,482.00 | \$ 713.00   |
| May 22-23 | \$1,417.80 | \$ 261.00   |
| May 15-16 | \$2,038.25 | \$ 377.00   |

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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

**Announcement**

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**ACA Pledge Goal Report**

**St. Francis Xavier-Clayton**  
**% of Participation - 9.46%**  
**Number of Families -317**  
**Parish Goal - \$12,200.00**  
**% Goal Pledged -83.84%**  
**% Goal Paid -75.57%**  
**Total Pledge-\$10,229.00**  
  
**Total Paid-\$9,219.00**  
  
**Short-\$2,981.00**

"An important and serious *responsibility belongs to those involved in the mass media*, who are called to ensure that the messages which they so effectively transmit will support the culture of life. They need to present noble models of life and make room for instances of people's positive and sometimes heroic love for others. With great respect they should also present the positive values of sexuality and human love, and not insist on what defiles and cheapens human dignity. In their interpretation of things, they should refrain from emphasizing anything that suggests or fosters feelings or attitudes of indifference, contempt or rejection in relation to life. With scrupulous concern for factual truth, they are called to combine freedom of information with respect for every person and a profound sense of humanity" (John Paul II, "The Gospel of Life," n. 98).

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, June 19-Shelley Carter
- Sun, June 20- Laekyn Wagner
- Sat, June 26-Effie Walker
- Sun, June 27-Chase Carter

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check **www.sfxclayton.org!!**

# Dear Padre,

**I care for my mother, who has dementia. I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping out at church. I'm getting very depressed. What should I do?**

**I** have several ideas. First, make your prayer life part of your mother's routine, and you'll find it easier to fit prayer into your day. People with dementia find it soothing to listen to repetitive prayer, so consider praying the rosary aloud in her presence. Sometimes people with advanced dementia can still remember and recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary, so you could end up praying the rosary together. That would truly be a gift.

Next, try reading aloud Scripture stories from a youth Bible. They'll be easier for her to understand than passages from an adult Bible, and you'll get some time with God's word.

Last, but absolutely not least, it's important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, he or she can help you find respite care, in which someone takes your place with your mom so you can get away for a while, or a caregiver-support group where you can talk with other people in your situation. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, your diocese can give you the same information.

Remember, attending to your spiritual health doesn't just help you—it helps your mother, too.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*How often do we see a man or woman arrive at work with a weary face, with a tired countenance and, when we ask them, "What happened?" they answer: "I only slept two hours because we are taking turns at home to be close to... our grandfather, our grandmother"....These are heroic deeds, the heroism of families!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 10, 2015



## Calendar

### Monday

JUNE 14

Weekday

2 Cor 6:1-10

Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday

JUNE 15

Weekday

2 Cor 8:1-9

Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday

JUNE 16

Weekday

2 Cor 9:6-11

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

JUNE 17

Weekday

2 Cor 11:1-11

Mt 6:7-15

### Friday

JUNE 18

Weekday

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30

Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday

JUNE 19

Weekday

2 Cor 12:1-10

Mt 6:24-34

### Sunday

JUNE 20

Twelfth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41

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