



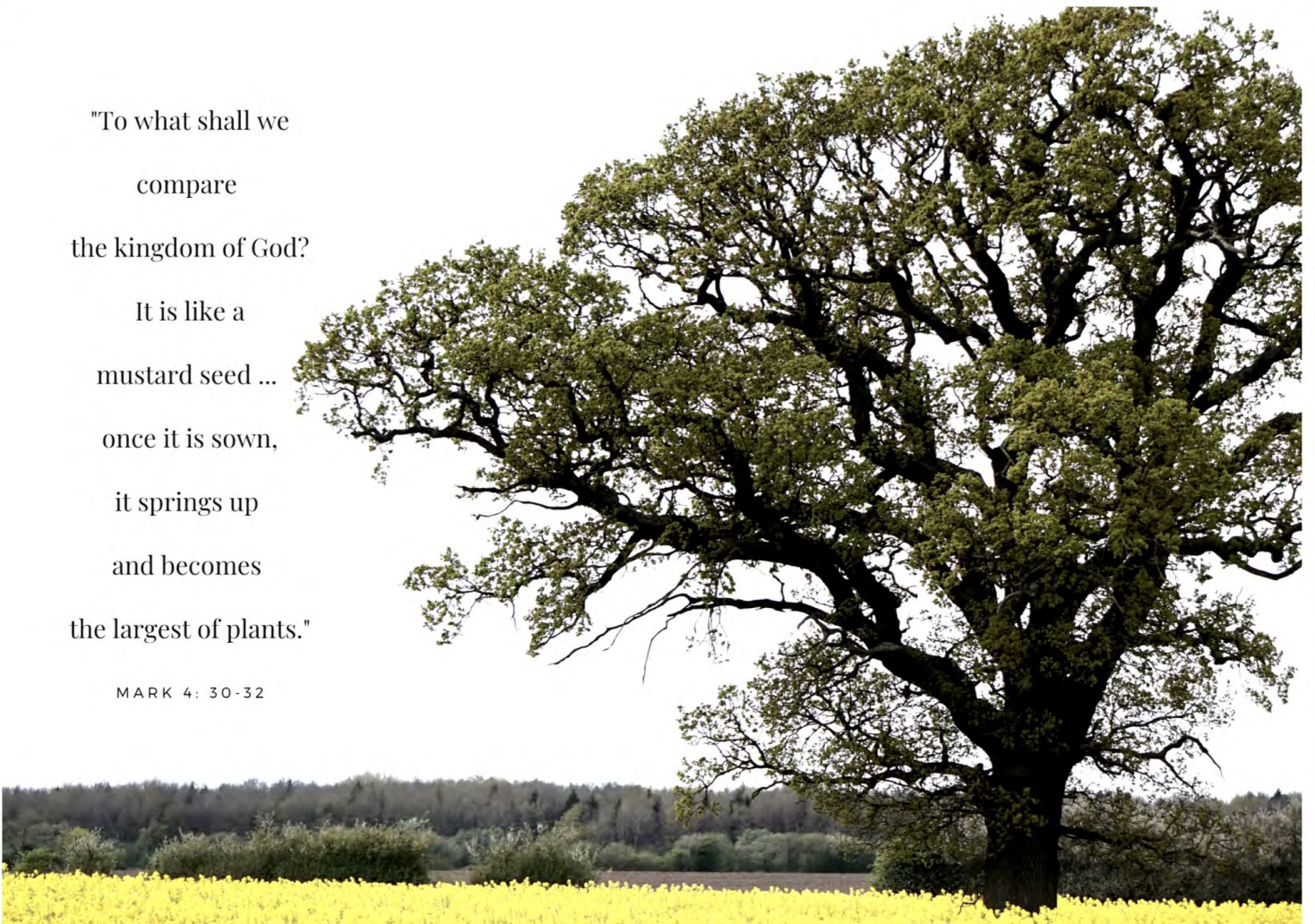
TO GUIDE. TO INSPIRE. TO SERVE.

June 13, 2021 | VOLUME 50 NUMBER 24 | Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"To what shall we
compare
the kingdom of God?

It is like a
mustard seed ...
once it is sown,
it springs up
and becomes
the largest of plants."

MARK 4: 30-32



A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, **“do small things with great love.”** This is how it works in the kingdom of God. **God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love.** We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. **We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love.** We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be,



and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. **Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!**

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Schedule Masses for July - December, 2021

It is time to begin scheduling MASS INTENTIONS, SANCTUARY LIGHTS and ALTAR FLOWERS for July through December, 2021. Please complete the form found on the following page of this bulletin edition and return it to the church office. The form is also available on the church website at stmbr.org/resources (link found under FORMS). Please return the form by mail to the attention of Elise Moran, bring it to the church office, or you may drop it into the collection basket at any weekend Mass clearly marked “Mass Intentions.” Please make sure you have your name, address, and telephone number filled out on the form in case there are any questions about your requests.

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM JULY - DECEMBER 2021

Each parish household may schedule five (5) Mass Intentions, 3 weekend and 2 weekday (Tuesdays and Thursdays). The Mass intention stipend is **\$5 per Mass** —checks made payable to STM Church. STM Church will accept requests for Mass Intentions on a first-come, first-served basis in the order in which the Mass Intention Request Form is received in the church office. We will do our best to fulfill your Mass Intention request as submitted. If we cannot schedule the date you choose, we will schedule the intention as close to the requested date and time as possible, and will notify you of the date via mail or phone.

TODAY'S DATE: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

1. Mass Intention For: _____ Deceased () Living ()

Date Offered: _____ Mass Time: _____

Card Required: Y / N Send to: _____

2. Mass Intention For: _____ Deceased () Living ()

Date Offered: _____ Mass Time: _____

Card Required: Y / N Send to: _____

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Date Offered: _____ Mass Time: _____

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5. Mass Intention For: _____ Deceased () Living ()

Date Offered: _____ Mass Time: _____

Card Required: Y / N Send to: _____

SANCTUARY LIGHT AND ALTAR FLOWER REQUEST FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE →



SANCTUARY LIGHT REQUEST JULY THRU DECEMBER 2021

The sanctuary lights in the church and Adoration Chapel may be burned in memory of your loved for one week. When requesting your week, please choose Sunday's date. The sanctuary light stipend is \$20 for each week offered.

Today's Date: _____ () Church Sanctuary Light () Chapel Sanctuary Light

In memory of: _____

Requested by:

Name _____

Phone: _____

Date(s) Offered: _____

Card/Letter: Y ☐ N ☐ _____
(Name and Address)

Sanctuary Flowers Donation Form

Today's Date: _____

Altar Flowers (under the Cross in Sanctuary - \$125)

☐

Ambo Flowers (in front of the Lectern - \$75)

☐

**Please note that altar flower
donations are not accepted
during Advent and Lent.**

Flowers for: _____

Deceased (in memory of) ☐ Living (in honor of) ☐

Requested dates: 1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Requested by: _____

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Send to: _____





Pope Francis

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To celebrate the Eucharist, we need first to recognize our thirst for God, to sense our need for him, to long for his presence and love, to realize that we cannot go it alone.

FLOWER DONATION

The flowers in front of the ambo this weekend, June 12 - 13, are donated in the memory of Leo Flynn as requested by Anita Flynn.

SANCTUARY LIGHTING

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Larry Cronan the week of June 13 as requested by Suzie Cronan.

The sanctuary light in the chapel will burn in memory of Richard Wilson the week of June 13 as requested by the Wilson family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 15 - 6 p.m.: Roland Sheets, Joanne LeBlanc, Betty Jo Bell, Savannah Willey, Noelle Willey, Joshua Keatts, Patrick Dufrene

Thursday, June 17 - 8:45 a.m.: Betty Speyrer

Saturday, June 19 - 4:30 p.m.: Ernest Bonaccorso Jr.

Sunday, June 20 - 8 a.m.: Paul Lovell, Noelle Willey, Marla Thurman, Betty Jo Bell; **10 a.m.:** Barry Sanders; **5 p.m.:** STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors

PRAYER LINE

For serious or urgent prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 225-978-1246 (leave your name and phone number if there is no answer), or send a request by email to prayerline@stmbr.org.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers the following seriously ill persons: Bill Bailey, Pat Bailey, Brandon Burrows, Larry Brown, Lisa Brown, Al Diehl, Liz Ferguson, Ruth Gauthier, Jane Gelpi, Leslie Gendron, David Longwell, Terri Mallett, Jack Morris, Grace Thompson, Loressa Watts, D.J. Webre.

To add your name, or the name of a loved one if you have their permission, contact Elise Moran at morane@stmbr.org, or call 225.275.3940.

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

BAPTISMS

We extend a warm welcome into the Church family to the following children who were baptized at St. Thomas More during the month of May:

Eduardo Gabriel Fontenot, child of Eric and Joyce Fontenot;

Claire Elizabeth Brouillette, child of Garrett and Brandi Brouillette;

John Malcolm Green, child of Trevor and Elizabeth Green;

Beau Michael Aymond, child of Mark and Serena Aymond.



Father Michael J. Moroney

requests the honor of your presence
for the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination
Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving
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