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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

Please visit: <https://archseattle.org/about-the-archdiocese-of-seattle/archbishop-etienne/pastoralplanning/pastoral-plan/>

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

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| Donation | \$3,260.55 |
| Donation Online | \$1,742.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$5.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$0 |
| Children's Donation | \$0 |
| Total Donation | \$5007.55 |



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2021 Appeal Goal: \$23,246

Received as of 6/10/21: \$28,050



SPECIAL COLLECTION: June 26th-27th

Peter's Pence collection allows local Catholics to join the works of the Holy Father in helping to relieve the suffering of the world's most vulnerable; victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.



archseattle.org/be_fed/

Listen to Archbishop Etienne share insights about the Eucharist. Then join him as he speaks with local young adults about real issues we face today and how Christ, present in the Eucharist, can truly nourish us.

Sunday Readings

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 17: 22-24; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10
Mark 4: 26-34



"When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest is come."

Mark 4: 34

Christ Sees the Church as a Kingdom, not as a Club

Christ's favorite topic, it could be argued, was "the Kingdom of God."

- His first public sermon began with "The Kingdom of God is at hand," and from then on he kept talking about it, as in today's Gospel. If there is a Kingdom, there must also be a King, and if there is a King, there must be subjects.
- That's how he sees the Church, as a Kingdom, not merely as some kind of club.

Today we can ask ourselves if that's how we see Church. When we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," do we mean the same thing that Jesus meant when he taught us that prayer?

- God's Kingdom is the realm where hearts obey him out of faith and love.
- The kingdom of this world is the realm where hearts obey themselves out of self-centeredness, egoism, and fear.
- If we really want to help Christ redeem the kingdom of this world by transforming it, through his grace, into the Kingdom of Christ, we have to keep hearkening to the King and carrying out his commands, even when they are uncomfortable for our selfish tendencies.

Obeying someone else, though, is almost always a challenge for us sinners. Jesus knows this, and so he doesn't ask us for blind, mindless obedience.

- He uses parables to explain and promise that by following and obeying him, our lives will be fruitful. The virtues that give true, lasting beauty to our lives, that give our lives meaning and deep happiness (virtues like wisdom, courage, self-control, and Christ-like love), are like the seeds in the Lord's parables.
- They are planted in our hearts at baptism, and as we follow and obey Christ in our daily lives, they grow and flourish.

Being good citizens of Christ's Kingdom is the sure path to an abundant spiritual harvest here on earth and forever in heaven.

Being Creative Citizens of Christ's Kingdom

By making us citizens of his Kingdom and his messengers and representatives in this world, God gives each one of us the opportunity to put our own creativity at the service of that Kingdom.

God is continuously inviting us to follow him, to build our lives on the rock of his friendship by obeying his commandments and his teaching.

But the commandments are just the beginning of the spiritual life.

- God doesn't want us to be robots; he wants us to be companions, to be free citizens of heaven. He doesn't program us, like machines; he inspires us, like soldiers or artists.
- He wants us to get to know his plan, and then to freely contribute with our own creativity, intelligence, and imagination (gifts he has given us) to the task of building up his Kingdom in the world.
- God didn't draw the architectural plans for the great gothic cathedrals of the Middle Ages. Rather, he gave intelligence and creativity to his people, and they used those gifts to do something wonderful, beautiful, and lasting for God and for their fellow men.
- Think of all the saints in history who used their freedom to find better, more ingenious ways to love God and love their neighbor, and in so doing they made everlasting contributions to Christ's Kingdom.
- We all have that same freedom - it is a gift of God's mercy!

That's what it means to be a Christian: to build our lives on the solid foundation of friendship with Christ and obedience to his Kingship, but to build energetically and creatively, as love always does. That goes for every Christian, not just priests and nuns, but every one of us! Today Christ will renew his commitment to us in this Mass. When he does, let's thank him for making his Church so much more than just a religious club, and let's renew our commitment to his everlasting Kingdom.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

- SUN 6/13** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
- MON 6/14** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
- TUES 6/15** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- WED 6/16** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- THR 6/17** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
- FRI 6/18** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
- SAT 6/19** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
- SUN 6/20** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

- Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Flag Day
- Saturday: St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
- Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

