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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 13, 2021

The seed is the word of God, and Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever



Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our faith. In God, we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

XI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

La parabola è del granello di senape il più piccolo di tutti i semi che può produrre un grande albero che poi diventa il condominio degli uccelli del cielo che vanno a farci il nido e' una lezione speciale di vita cristiana. Anche questo esempio vuole dirci che nelle vie del Signore siamo un po' come delle piramidi rovesciate: si comincia dal più piccolo di tutti i semi e poi bisogna continuare a crescere. Dobbiamo aspirare non a diventare grandi ma a diventare piccoli; allora sì che saremo grandi! Poi è assolutamente indispensabile diventarlo per entrare nel Regno perché Gesù ci dice che la porta è stretta e quindi se siamo troppo grandi non passiamo dalla porta. Dobbiamo far dimagrire il nostro io per far sempre più posto a Dio.



Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:00pm

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English)

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

Registration:

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

Baptism:

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

Marriage:

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Call Office 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation - Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Mass or on request.

Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

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Tree of Righteousness

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, and God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary and that the fruit would be salvation? Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind"—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles. The image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God, Himself will empower the works. He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they understood, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments, He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God. - Scott Hahn.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COLLI:


RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCHES: With the Ontario Government announcing that the province will enter STEP ONE of the reopening plan on June 11, this means that our Churches can again be open to our parishioners with a 15% capacity for Mass. Please note that all Covid-19 protocols are still in place for this reopening. Masks must be worn, social distancing is required, no singing by the congregation, no socializing outside without distancing. Please use the hand sanitation bottles at the doors of the church. Communion is only in the hand and ministers must wear masks when distributing Holy Communion. There is still no children's liturgy allowed at this time. Parishioners who still feel uncomfortable about attending Mass at this time are asked to follow Mass virtually (www.dotb.ca) each week with Bishop Colli or their parish live-streaming Mass. As more people are vaccinated and more re-openings happen in the province, we will have a greater capacity for our churches in the next steps. Thank you for your patience and understanding, we hope to see you soon back in our parishes for Mass.

Sincerely, Bishop Fred Colli,
Bishop of Thunder Bay

FIRST COMMUNION 2021: September 11th & 12th. Parents are reminded to support their children with the preparation program that has been emailed out to them and posted on the parish website stanthonysparish.ca Attending Mass is the best preparation for First Communion. Mass can be attended by livestream on YouTube weekly or in person beginning July 5th. The YouTube link can be found on the parish website.

CONFIRMATION 2021: August 14th & 15th. A meeting for candidates, their sponsor and ONE parent has been scheduled for Sunday, August 8th at 7:00pm. The wearing of masks, hand sanitation and social distancing are requirements of all in attendance. Please arrive by. Please arrive by 6:45pm so that we can begin on time. A reminder to bring all of your completed documents that have been emailed to you.

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: Next ZOOM meeting is June 13 at 7:00pm. This will be the final meeting before summer. We wish all youth and their families a relaxing summer. The Zoom invitation will be emailed if you have registered your email with us. All youth in Grade 7 & up are welcome to join. If you are new and wish to join the meeting, please email cocci5@tbaytel.net to receive a Zoom Meeting invitation.

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Thank you to all Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support. God Bless!

"Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints"

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

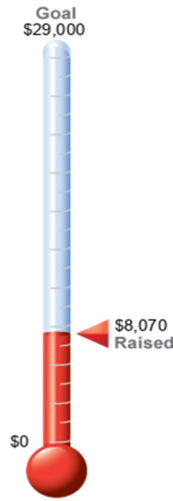


Bishop's Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign

Our needs grow more and more each year and your response in past years has been most appreciated and has enabled me, as the Bishop, to serve the needs of our parishes and communities in our Diocese. Please be generous again this year and I ask God's blessing upon you and your families.

Bishop F. Colli

Our Goal this year is \$29,000.00
To date we have raised \$8,070.00
We are at 28%



MASS INTENTIONS June 14—June 20, 2021

Monday, June 14

All Parishioners

9:00am English

Pastor

Tuesday, June 15

All Souls

7:00pm Italian

Parishioner

Wednesday, June 16

Amedeo Frattarola

7:00pm English

B. & E. Melchiorre

Thursday, June 17

Bruno Nardi
 Giuseppe Magisano
 Joseph Spooner

7:00pm Italian

Mom & Dad
 Wife Pina
 R. Furioso

Friday, June 18

Sam Larizza
 Giuseppina Costanzo

7:00pm English

Rocco, Pina, Bruna
 M. & S. Jollineau

Saturday, June 19

Jean Grassi
 Ernesto Romito
 Nicola Squartecchia
 Ercole D'Angelo
 Pasquale Bossio
 Bobby Carvalho
 Dennis Menean
 Umberto & Peter Pascuzzo

5:00pm

daughter Joan
 late Esterina
 daughters
 A. Menegon
 Vanda & Family
 Mom
 Wife & Family
 Maria

Sunday, June 20 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am
 FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

11:00am
 FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



Our 11:00am Mass can also be viewed by livestream with the link being found on the church website: www.stanthonyparish.ca



Prayer to St. Joseph
 Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 In you Mary placed her trust;
 With you Christ became man
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 Show yourself a father
 And guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
 And defend us from every evil.
 Amen

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