

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday, June 13, 2021

Readings: 1) *Ezekiel 17:22-24* 2) *2 Corinthians 5:6-10* 3) *Mark 4:26-34*

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: The seed of faith is in our hearts, and grace helps it to bear fruit.

Jesus speaks his Word to the crowds in parables because that is how *they were able to understand it*. Today, he uses agrarian images. Although farming is dependent on many variables the farmer has no control over, the seed of faith planted on our hearts is totally in our control. Will we take the time to weed? Will we take the time to water?

Ezekiel speaks for the Lord, who will take a shoot from a cedar and plant it *on the mountain heights of Israel*, where it will *bear fruit*. In the second reading, Paul writes that *we walk by faith, not by sight*. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the kingdom of God using parables of a wheat field and a mustard seed.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

We now bring our needs and the needs of the world
before our Merciful Father.

For our Holy Father, may his prayers for Christian unity and renewal be quickly fulfilled.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who work in the justice system, may the Spirit empower them in charity and right action.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body,
and for those who attend to them.**

We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead, may they, rest in peace.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For this community celebrating the love, joy and peace of Christ.

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions... (Pause).

We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Father,

we ask that you hear and answer our prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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