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St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES: 7am Monday through Saturday at St. Michael the Archangel

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: 5pm Mon Tues Thurs Fri (English) & 6pm Wed (Spanish) at Immaculate Conception

Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am - 4:45pm / **Confessions:** Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 1:30pm, 4pm / **SPANISH MASS:** Sun 11:30am

Gift Shop Hours: Mon - Wed - Fri 9:30am - 1:30pm & Sun 6:30am - 2:30pm

Website: saintmichaelparishkona.org **June 16, 2024 | 16 de junio de 2024**

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I - **Ezekiel 17:22-24** | Psalm - **130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8** | Reading 1 - **2 Corinthians 5:6-10** | Gospel - **Mark 4:26-34**
Primera Lectura - **Ezequiel 17:22-24** | Salmo - **129:1-2,3-4ab,4c-6,7-8** | Segunda Lectura - **2 Corintios 5:6-10** | Evangelio - **Marcos 4:26-34**

TRUSTING IN GOD'S PLAN

Today's readings teach us to trust in God's plan, even if it starts small. We might feel insignificant or think our actions do not matter. But God can use our small efforts to create something wonderful. Just like the small shoot in Ezekiel and the mustard seed in the Gospel, our small acts of faith can have a big impact.

In our daily lives, we often face challenges and uncertainties. We might not see the results of our efforts right away. But these readings remind us to have faith and trust that God is working through us. Our job is to be faithful and do our best, leaving the rest to God.

St. Paul's message in 2 Corinthians also reminds us of the importance of our actions. We are called to live by faith and aim to please the Lord. Even if we do not see immediate results, we know that our efforts are important and will be judged by Christ. <https://young-catholics.com>

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



"TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE THE KINGDOM OF GOD?" —MK 4:30

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Job (Job) 38:1,8-11**

Psalm/Salmo: **107(106) 23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **2 Corinthians(2 Corintios) 5:6-10**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Mark (Marcos) 4:35-41**

Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at saintmichaelparishkona.org. To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.

June 16, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

If we walk through the woods on a beautiful spring day, we'll see the signs of life bursting forward. Green shoots coming up from the ground, leaf buds poking out from the branches of a tree - even the birds and animals are busily scampering. Life, growth, and new beginnings are all around. Today's readings have a common theme of nature as one of the ways we can experience God's design. Like the crowds Jesus taught, we may not know the exact cause of what makes a plant grow from a tiny seed to a towering tree, but that's OK - we don't have to know. As St. Paul writes, "we walk by faith, not by sight." We trust the Lord to lead and guide us. And, like the harvester in the parable, we can observe, tend, and act when the time is right to bring in the harvest, for, as Paul continues in his letter: "We aspire to please [God]."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does it look like to play an active role in bringing in the harvest? Faith is a lifelong journey, and everyone is in a different place. The delicate shoot needs different care than the full-grown tree. In prayer, God can speak to us to help us discern the best way to help the people he has put in our lives. Perhaps we offer encouragement, or a shoulder to lean on. Maybe someone needs a friend to converse with. No matter where or who we are, each one of us can be like the harvester that Jesus references, observing and acting as appropriate, helping support the seed of faith God plants in each person. And as we heard in the Gospel today, the smallest seed can become the largest of plants; therefore, our work is plentiful as laborers working to help build God's kingdom here on earth.

PRAY Pray for the wisdom to recognize where you are in your journey, what you need to keep growing, and how you can offer to help others.

Lord God, fill me with your gifts and put your words in my mouth, that through them, others may be filled with the power and warmth of your love. Amen.

Life of Stewardship

As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance.

In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works.

We often go through life wanting to be in control. We try to solve all our problems, as we think, "I can do it myself." We cling to our own ideas by putting certain events, future plans or even day-to-day moments into a perfect little box, "This is the way I want it." We can even push back in moments of suffering by trying to find every possible way to get out of it. We are "in control."

Imagine what life would be like if we surrendered a little more. It is easier said than done - but, oh, how freeing it would be.

What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, "Thy will be done"?

We would become free from attachment and more blessed than we could ever imagine.

Only God can do all that He promised in our First Reading. We need Him. All we need to do is surrender. To help us on this journey of total surrender, try starting each day with a prayer of surrender, "Lord, I give You this day and all that You have in store for me, my family and friends." With the guidance of the Lord, surely we will make it home to heaven.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

Parish News

Annual Parish Retreat - Saturday, June 29

Our annual Parish Retreat will be held on **Saturday, June 29 beginning with our daily Mass at 7am.**

Our speaker will be Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB - a dynamic and engaging speaker that has led retreats across the country. This retreat offers a time for spiritual renewal. The focus will be on God's call to live as good stewards in Thanksgiving to Him who feeds us with His own Body and Blood. This is an invitation to reflect on God's unconditional love for us and our response to that love. **Breakfast and Lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend. Please RSVP to the office.**

Seminarian Education Fund

Once a year we commit ourselves to this on-going work by inviting, encouraging, and appealing to everyone to help and support our seminarians and those discerning to enter the Religious Life.

Please support our future priests by giving to the annual Seminarian Education Fund collection this weekend. This is an occasion for each of us to actively participate in the education and formation of these young men trying their best to heed God's voice to offer their lives to the service of His flock.

A seminarian's journey is long and very demanding - academically, spiritually, and financially - and they cannot do this alone! Your donation provides tuition, books, room and board, and health insurance for our seminarians. Please be as generous as God has always been generous and good, all the time.

Thank you very much and may the good Lord continue to keep you under His loving care and may He continue to bless you for your kindness, now and forever!

- Office of Vocations - Diocese of Honolulu

Aloha & Mahalo to Carolyn Livingston

Join us as we bid a warm Aloha & Mahalo to Carolyn Livingston. Carolyn created our Gift Shop in 1994 and has continued to manage the Gift Shop for all these years. Although we are sad to see Carolyn go, we wish her well as she moves closer to family on the mainland. We will have a potluck dinner on Wednesday, June 19th at 5:30pm after Benediction.

Patriotic Living Rosary - 4th of July

Our country needs our prayers! Join us with your families as we pray for the United States of America and our leaders. We will have Patriotic Rosary pamphlets, chairs, a tent and water available. The Patriotic Living Rosary will be prayed at 4pm on the 4th of July at the Grotto. Pray one Hail Mary for one of our fifty states. To sign up for a specific state, sign up after our weekend Masses or call the Parish office.

Knights of Columbus 4th of July Grill

The Knights of Columbus will be grilling on the Fourth of July on the front lawn of St. Michael's. All proceeds will fund the parish outreach programs that the Knights have planned to assist our Kona families in need. Menu items available for purchase will be Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Popsicles, Water, & Soft Drinks. **Grill opens at 2:30pm until sold out!**

Faith Formation

Children's Rosary

St. Michael's Children's Rosary Club meets on the last Sunday of each month. This is a great way for children to recite their prayers and also to start praying together as a family. **Our next meeting will be after the 9am Mass on June 30.** We will pray one decade of the Rosary at the grotto followed by a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

Marriage Preparation

If you are planning a Catholic wedding either here or in another Catholic Church, please keep in mind that attending an **Engaged Encounter Weekend** is required in the Diocese of Honolulu. Visit www.hawaii.engagedencounter.com to reserve your class. For detailed information about the marriage preparation process, please call the Parish Office at 808-326-7771.

Neighborhood Rosary Inspires Community Prayer

"The Holy Rosary not only serves admirably to overcome the enemies of God and religion but is also a stimulus and spur to the practice of evangelical virtues which it injects and cultivates in our souls. Above all, it nourishes the Catholic Faith, which flourishes again precisely in opportune meditation on the sacred mysteries and raises minds to the truths revealed to us by God". - Pius XI

Display the statue of the Blessed Mother in your home and invite your Catholic neighbors to pray the Rosary with your family. For more info, call Beth Smith at (760) 212-4533.

Stewardship of Treasure

June 3rd - 9th, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 2,485.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 8,266.89
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 10,833.69

Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,165,004.63** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

Mahalo for your continued generosity.

Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH JUNE 2024

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$10,831.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$1,724.18**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in *'Ohana in Christ* to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit saintmichaelparishkona.org and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus chose the desert as a place to pray in solitude. He fought temptation, the temptations of the devil himself. He taught us how to be victorious over temptation. We must desire victory over it. Call upon the Lord to help you fight temptation. Often, we crowd out the opportunity to be victorious for Christ. We allow "My schedule", "My time", "My life" to come before the voice of Christ which says, "Come to Me". When we permit this, temptation wins. Think about it! Try to pray as St. Augustine prayed, "*God, give me the grace to triumph over my enemy, temptation.*" **You have a special hour of adoration waiting for you between 7:30am and 5pm on Wednesdays.** Call the office at **326-7771** to claim your victory!

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this - but even more wonderful - is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything." Jesus is the long awaited messiah king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to

wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples - who hear things explained directly - barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

Treasures From Our Tradition

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the acts of giving from our abundance and attending to the needs of the poor open us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

- Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Everyday Stewardship - Use Your Gifts Wisely

You could buy a meal for a person who is hungry or for a person who just ate a feast. You could spend time with a lonely person or with someone who has more friends than you. You could step forward to join a parish committee that your experience and knowledge can help, or you can join a ministry where you will constantly struggle to figure out what to do. All of the above actions involve you giving and sharing yourself and your gifts. But not all of these actions will bear good fruit.

If a sower sows seeds only on rocky or weed infested soil, nothing of great value will grow. But if that same sower plants his seeds in rich soil, then the harvest will one day be great. In all of the soils, the seed is being sown, but it is not the act of sowing that is the most important factor.

In living a stewardship way of life, we must discern how best to share our gifts. Discernment needs the Holy Spirit and a desire to follow God's will, not our own. Our

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own desires and misconceptions can cause us to use our gifts unwisely. The more mindful we are of how, when, and why we are sharing ourselves, than the greater the impact for God's glory. God wants all of you, but not in a way that is without understanding and discernment. He wants you to shine as a light to the world through your stewardship just as He came to you as the Light of the World in baptism. You can't shine brightly if the match does not hit the wick. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, "This parable means..." I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom's favorite casserole recipe. Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. Good ol' mushy chicken rice thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don't even have to think about you.

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it's certainly true that the parables of Christ - each word, each detail, each character - are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn't change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus' sentences.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPI

"With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it." - Mark 4:33

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH

- 4pm - Mr. Jerome Pinto, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7am - Mary Peralta and Jenny Peralta, May they Rest in Peace
- 9am - Louisa Fuellas, 12th Anniversary of Death
- 1:30pm - JP Urgino, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Conrado Galiza Vergara, May he Rest in Peace

MONDAY, JUNE 17TH

- 7am - Antonette Grande, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Ken Nakasone, Rest in Peace

TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH

- 7am - Wayne Essex, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Bino Macedo, May he have Eternal Rest

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH

- 7am - Leilani Bernabe, deceased, Happy 62nd Heavenly Birthday
- 5pm - Lynden Nishi, Rest in Peace

FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST

- 7am - Wayne Essex, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Jamie Carpentier, for Healing

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

- 7am - Roberta & Felix Ferrer, Rest in Peace

Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, **please call well in advance of the date to secure it.**

Mass cards are available.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."

—Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**

Small and Miraculous

This Week's Readings at Mass

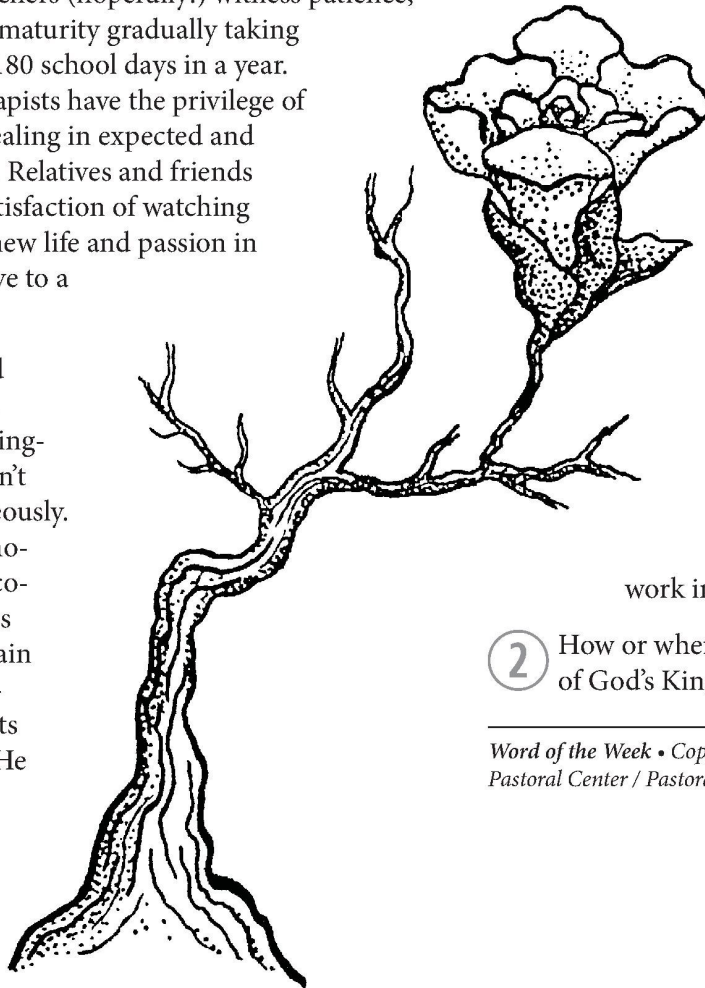
- ▶ Ezekiel 17:22-24 - Prophecy of the restoration of Israel
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 - Walking by faith
- ▶ Mark 4:26-34 - Seed grows by itself and the mustard seed

Both the first reading from Ezekiel and the Gospel reading point to God's power to turn small and seemingly insignificant things into works of great beauty, strength, and abundance. Ezekiel imagines this as God planting a tender shoot which becomes a majestic cedar tree. Jesus uses the image of the tiny mustard seed growing into a large plant that provides a haven for birds.

We don't have to be farmers or gardeners to experience how the Kingdom of God is slowly revealed. Parents have this experience when they conceive a child and are stunned by the miracle of their new baby at birth. Teachers (hopefully!) witness patience, compassion, and maturity gradually taking root throughout 180 school days in a year. Doctors and therapists have the privilege of seeing patients healing in expected and unexpected ways. Relatives and friends experience the satisfaction of watching a loved one find new life and passion in a courageous move to a second career.

As with seeds and plants, all growth takes time. The Kingdom of God doesn't appear instantaneously. Racism, sexism, homophobia, and economic inequalities still cause great pain and suffering. Because God respects human free will, He doesn't intervene and fix everything for us in a split second.

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“Planted in the house of the Lord,
the just shall flourish.”

Sheepish Question:
What kind of seeds do I want to plant in faith
this week?

What God *does* do is surprise us by helping the smallest of seeds to grow and flourish in time. Our task is to plant those seeds and nurture them while we watch, wait, pray, and trust that God will grow them into people, communities, organizations, and locales of beauty and strength.

Questions of the Week

- 1 In what area of your life are you privileged to see God's work in progress?
- 2 How or where are you asked to plant the seeds of God's Kingdom?

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MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

TUESDAY

- Coffee, Sweets & Tweets with Fr. Lio 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Men of Faith 5:00-6:30pm

THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group - 5/16 6:00-7:00pm

FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 12:30-1:30pm
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father After 1:30 Mass
(1st Sunday of each month)

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