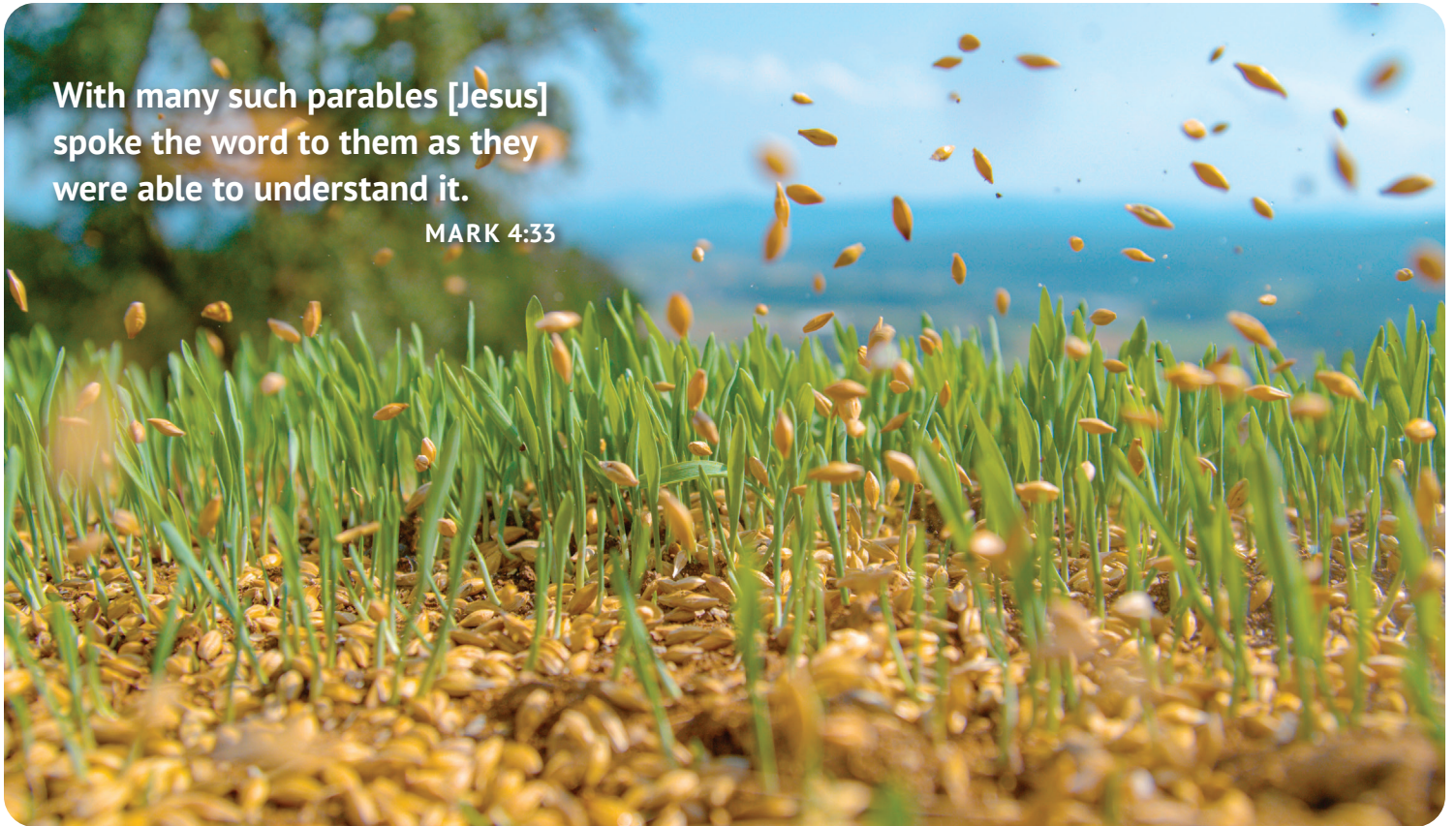




With many such parables [Jesus] spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

MARK 4:33



Life Happens

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The adage that “life is what happens to us as we’re busy doing other things” seems to be a rewording of this week’s Gospel about the kingdom of heaven, namely about God’s reigning activity in our lives. It is a parable about a man who sows seeds in his field. The seeds sprout, grow, and bear fruit, all without his knowing how. In effect, the message says that it is *God* who happens to us as we’re busy doing other things.

We tend to convince ourselves that we have complete control over our lives, when in reality that is somewhat of an illusion. Though we may decide what we will have for dinner, what TV program to watch, or what we will wear, we have much less control over the portions of life that so often give meaning and shape to who we are. The person someone marries

is dependent upon the mutual commitment of the two people in love. The degree of job satisfaction we eagerly hope to find can partly depend upon the people with whom we work and the expectations of others. “We walk by faith and not by sight” reveals that we recognize the reigning presence of God bringing us to a life we’d never imagined. In reality, the one thing we do have control over is how we respond to life’s events, which can then open us to the ways by which God brings us to fruitful abundance. ●

Reflect

**Think of three of your blessings:
How much did you have to do
with their coming about?**

Monday June 17	Tuesday June 18	Wednesday June 19	Thursday June 20	Friday June 21	Saturday June 22	Sunday June 23
NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	MASS Church 5:30 P.M.	MASS Church 9:30 A.M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION: 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment.

WEDDINGS: Wedding date & arrangements must be made six (6) months ahead of proposed wedding date with the Pastor.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Pastor to schedule an appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register with the pastor.

STEWARDSHIP

Amount needed each weekend \$ 2612.60
 Collection – June 9, 2024 \$ 986.00
 FYTD deficit \$ (55175.50)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 15, 2024	Sunday, June 16, 2024
Sacristan: Kate Gannon	Sacristan: Volunteer
Greeter: Shirley Merlo	Greeter: Phil Jackson
Servers: n/a	Servers: n/a
Lector: Jeff Hicks	Lector: Mary Jackson
EM's: Volunteer	EM's: Volunteers

Prayer List

Fr. Hoppenjans
 Ricky Mullett
 Ray Tosti
 Patty Vanhoose
 Phyllis Edwards
 Mary Zielinski
 Tamara McKenzie
 Peyton Mercer
 Bernie Merlo
 Mike Kulp
 David Hillman
 Irwin McHugh
 Tiera Newsome
 Kimberly Gottfried
 Fr. Brandon Bigam
 Vincent Grino

Sr. Nancy Edwards
 Michael Carroll
 Phillis Edwards
 Fr. Bill Fedders
 Harold Bayes
 Regina Collins
 Jacob Collins
 Lorraine Doderer
 Bob Felty
 Dr. Mark Caruso
 Garland Arnett
 Steve Faust
 June Lane
 John & Charles Ratliff
 Betty Fraley
 Flo Newman

P.S. If anyone has passed on from our prayer list, please let us know.

HYMNS FOR MASSES (JUNE 15-16)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #497

The Eyes and Hands of Christ #522

How Great Thou Art #432

Canticle of the Sun #433

FATHERS' DAY BLESSING PRAYER – JUNE 16

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAUDATO SI ACTION TEAM

Thanks to Tina Starkey, Kathy Rubado, and Margo Riggs for agreeing to be on the Laudato Si Action Team. If you would like to join the team, contact Fr. Michael. Fr. David Wheeler will announce the first team meeting sometime during the summer..

FR DAVID WHEELER MOVING HERE

Fr. David Wheeler will be moving into the Rectory June 26-28. Fr. Michael will be at a Conference those 3 days.

ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Rosary will be prayed every Sunday at 9 a.m. before the 9:30 Mass. Please join us!

DAY OF PRAYER – EVERY THURSDAY

Fr. Michael invites all parishioners to pray every Thursday that God would send us more people to join our parish, celebrate Mass with us, and evangelize others.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Dear Padre,

**Why did Jesus always speak in parables?
Why didn't he give us clearer answers?**

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted. ●



RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON, GUERCINO / WIKICOMMONS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 17 Weekday	June 18 Weekday	June 19 Weekday	June 20 Weekday	June 21 St. Aloysius	June 22 Weekday	June 23 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15	Gonzaga, Religious 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Mt 6:19-23	2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34	Jb 38:1, 8-11 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil.... The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality...to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life....

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 13, 2021

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