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## 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 16, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	9:00AM
	TUESDAY — FRIDAY	8:00AM
	SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS	9:00AM
CONFESSIONS:	SATURDAY	4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT





## ***Growing into the Kingdom of God***

Recently we have been celebrating a number of festive Sundays: Pentecost, Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, as well as some festive weekdays: the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These are like early summer festivals, even though summer has not yet officially begun, but warmer weather is encouraging flowers to bloom.

After these festivals, we have now returned to Sundays in Ordinary Time. We are not in a special liturgical season such as Advent, Christmastide, Lent, or Eastertide, just in "ordinary time." However, no time is really "ordinary," in any negative or indifferent sense, because God is always at work in our lives and in our world to draw us closer to his Kingdom and to life in Christ.

Today's Gospel text is a mosaic of short parables and independent sayings by Jesus, all of them meant to shed light and insight for the followers of Jesus regarding the coming of the Kingdom of God. Although these sayings of Jesus may not be as eye- or ear-catching as some others, their deeper meaning indicates that the Kingdom of God will inevitably, by God's power, be present and eventually understood by everyone.

With this in mind, the disposition with which we hear God's word is very important. This is a constant challenge in our world where being entertained often takes precedence over experience and learning. Pondering God's Word as found in Sacred Scripture and its meaning for one's life, called *lectio divina* or holy reading, is not always easy, but God extends a loving invitation to each of us to listen to his Word and to put it into practice.

Reflecting on how often in human society the rich become richer and the poor poorer, Jesus insists in his teaching that spiritual insight and generosity are always in short supply, but so dearly needed for the increase of God's grace in human lives.

The general reaction of the common people to the teaching of Jesus was often disbelief or puzzlement, and is an example of the failure then and now to accept the challenge of the Kingdom of God in our midst. How shall we hear God's Word? This is an important challenge to all believers, young and old alike.

The parables of Jesus are to be understood as words of encouragement for his impatient and discouraged followers. They are an assurance that the work begun by Jesus, his preaching about the Kingdom and his rising from the dead, is not in vain because it will ultimately bear fruit. Disciples of Jesus need to have faith in God and believe that what we pray in the Our Father, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done," will in fact come to be a reality.

The essence of Christianity is faith that is activated, we might say, in love. Faith is dead without works. "Heed what you hear," Jesus says. His parables, part of today's Gospel, challenge us to respond to the call of the Lord each day in our "ordinary" life. Insignificant beginnings blossom into something different, something greater. Our faith and our love are to be like that. "We walk by faith, not by sight," St. Paul reminds his hearers today, and each of us as well.

In Ezekiel's prophecy today, God is described as taking a tender shoot and planting it on the high mountain of Zion, where it will sprout branches and bear fruit, becoming a majestic cedar. This is another image of God working through "ordinary time" and with ordinary people. It also stresses the importance of patience and not becoming discouraged by what may appear to be God's lack of interest or power. Just the opposite is true when we live by faith and trust in God each and every day.

*Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico*



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FIRST COMMUNICANTS  
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*Naiara Brauer  
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Callum Quinn  
Eva Quinn  
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**PROJECT ADVANCE 2024  
BUILDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**

Each year, Project Advance enables us to come together as a community of faith in Jesus to support various ministries and programs of the Archdiocese.

This year's appeal focuses on empowering parishes to be vibrant centres of faith and community. The hope is that all parishes will be strengthened and equipped with necessary resources to carry out more effectively their mission of evangelization and service, and to be beacons of hope, love, and service in our community.

Your donation to Project Advance will help to realize this vision. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Your support will fund initiatives such as pastoral formation, youth and young adult ministry, and many outreach programs for those in need.

All monies raised greater than the parish goal set by the Archdiocese of \$30,300.00 (plus the cost of materials needed for the appeal) will be set aside this year for church roof repairs, new Altar Server gowns, and ongoing projects within the parish. All pledges are tax receiptable for 2024.

If you pledged last year, your preprinted forms have been mailed to your home. If this is your first time to pledge or if you did not receive a preprinted form, blank forms are available at the back of the church. There are various ways of making a pledge: credit cards, lump sums, postdated cheques, and online at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org) (click on Donate to Project Advance). Please choose the method most convenient for you. Our parish is #63.

*Thank you to everyone for your generosity.*





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OUR SCHOOL IS A VIBRANT FAITH AND LEARNING COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF EACH CHILD USING CHRIST AS OUR CENTRE. WE ARE BLESSED WITH CARING AND DEDICATED EDUCATORS COMMITTED TO INSPIRING LIFE LONG LEARNERS IN ALL AREAS. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE MANY ENRICHING LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
 MONDAY-FRIDAY  
 10AM-1:30PM  
 604-929-1404  
 PARISH.SPX @RCAV.ORG

**REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:**  
 REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

**REQUESTS FOR MASSES:**  
 FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10. MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. FOR A COST OF \$3.00

**MARRIAGES:**  
 TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR. JEFF AT LEAST 9 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

**BAPTISM:**  
 PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:**  
 Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

**BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:**  
 Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm. Mass or Prayers with Communion.

**ST PIUS X PARISH**

**PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

BARBARA JOHNSTON  
 236-999-1286

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CECILIA MCLAREN  
 604-729-4543

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

DAVID BOYER 604-929-6430  
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**GREETERS**

**WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS**

**AT ALL THE MASSES**

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

**TO VOLUNTEER**

604-929-1404

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*To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miiller adoration.spx@gmail.com*

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***Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am***

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**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

FOLLOW US – See what's happening! Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

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**DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES**

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

**BIRTHRIGHT:**

MONDAY—FRIDAY,  
 110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD:** 604-525-0999



## *A Father's Prayer*

Dear Lord Jesus,

Help me to be the kind of father you want me to be.

Help me not to take my role as father lightly, or take my children's love for granted.

Help me to be a good listener, giving my children my full attention so that I may be well aware of their concerns, aspirations, and needs.

Help me to be more interested in spending quality time with my children rather than in spending money on them as a substitute for time.

Help me to teach my children how to respect God and their mother by my example of respect for their mother and for God's commandments.

Help me to be aware of the things that I do that are a poor example for my children – and enable me not to keep doing them – so that I may not cause unnecessary problems in our family.

Help me to remember that my children are a gift from God, and that he has temporarily entrusted them to me and my wife so that they may grow up to be citizens, employees, spouses, and parents who glorify God.

Help me to talk to my children with kindness and to treat them tenderly so that they may see a good example of how they should behave toward others.

Help me not to jump to conclusions about my children's motives, and enable me to calm down before disciplining them.

Help me to discipline my children properly so that they may listen to me the first time I ask them to do something, even if I just whisper.

Help my discipline to keep my children from becoming a burden or a grief to my wife, so that they may learn that there are serious consequences for bad choices and poor behaviour.

Help me to apologize promptly when I complain, accuse falsely, act selfishly, or say unkind or provoking words.

Help me to go out of my way to compliment and encourage my children, and to compliment my wife in front of my children.

Help me, in my living and acting, to show my belief that it is I and not only my wife or someone else who is responsible for the spiritual and academic training of my children.

Help me to be a proper example of what a loving, caring, considerate, and self-sacrificing father should be.

Help me to realize that it is my job to be an example of maturity, not an example of disrespect, so that my children may grow up to be respectful adults and parents.

Help me to show my children how much I respect and love their mother by my words and actions.

Help me not to be afraid to be affectionate and loving towards my wife in front of my children so that they may know how to be loving spouses when they grow up.

Help me to think of ways to teach my children how to live by your precepts and principles so that they may learn how to repent and believe, thereby growing up to become mature, responsible, and loving people rather than self-centred individuals.

Help me to show my children that my wife and I are united in our desire to follow your teachings in raising our children.

Help me always to present your face to my family.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE  
June 16, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On this Father's Day, we express our gratitude to all fathers who love and protect their families. It is fitting that this is also Pro-life Sunday in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Cardus, a Canadian think tank, recently released a research paper titled, *Still Christian, What Canadian Christians Actually Believe*. When respondents were asked whether they agreed with the statement that abortion is the killing of an unborn human being, just 39% of Catholics said yes. It is very disturbing that over 60% of surveyed Catholics did not agree.

The Declaration On Human Dignity, published by the Holy See this April, quotes Pope Francis as saying, "the dignity of every human being has an intrinsic character and is valid from the moment of conception until natural death" (n. 47). The Declaration continues, "The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind, in behaviour, and even in law itself is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil, even when the fundamental right to life is at stake." (n.47)

On "Medical Assistance in Dying" the Declaration has this to say: "There is a widespread notion that euthanasia or assisted suicide is somehow consistent with respect for the dignity of the human person. However, in response to this, it must be strongly reiterated that suffering does not cause the sick to lose their dignity, which is intrinsically and inalienably their own" (n. 51).

We must take every opportunity to proclaim the sacred value of human life, by prayerful intercession, by witnessing to others, and by supporting organizations whose goal it is to help those facing times of crisis. Ours is the voice of truth about life to our family, friends and the wider community. Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Life, to guide us in our efforts to increase reverence for life and a culture of life in our world.

With my blessing and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *J. Michael Miller CSB*

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