

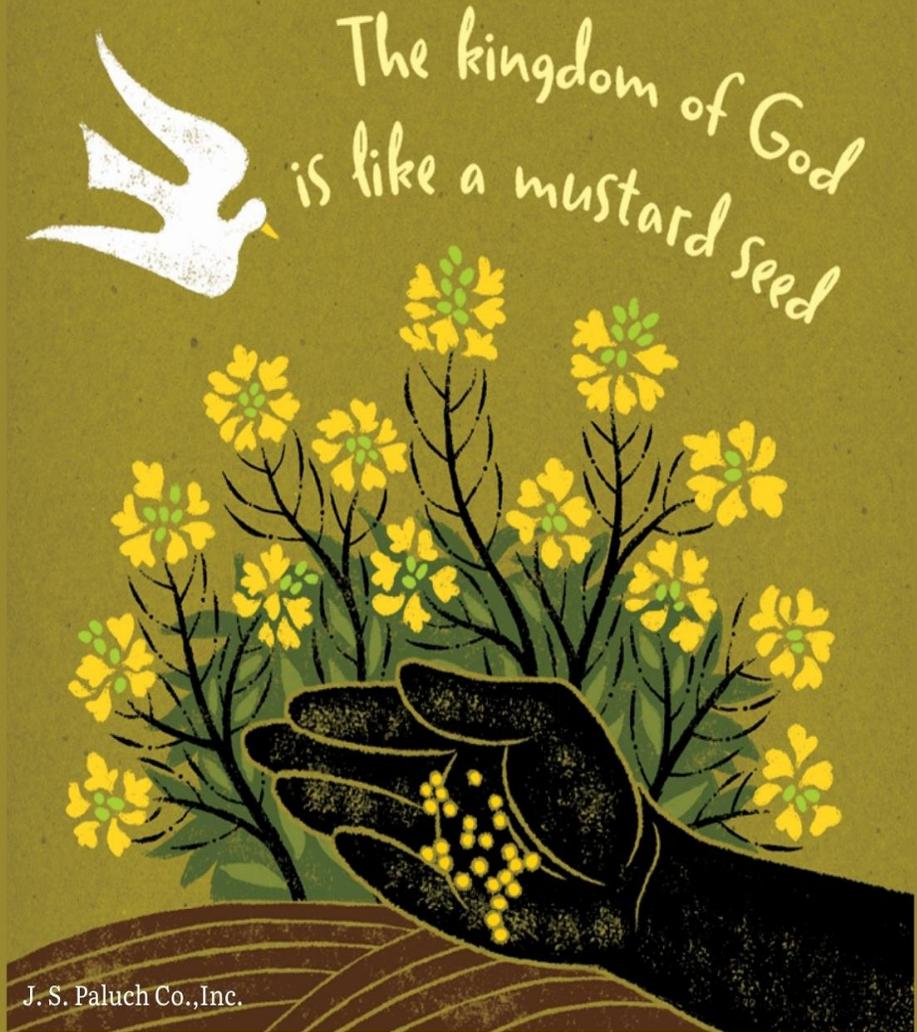


# St. Cornelius Catholic Church

June 13, 2021 | Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



*Prayer  
Community  
Mission*

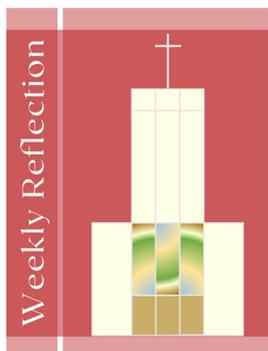
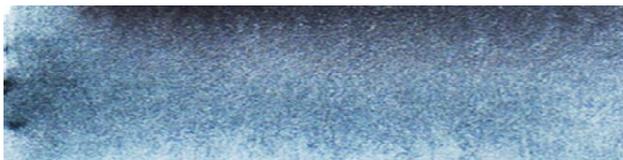


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*that is the smallest of all the seeds. But once  
it is sown, it springs up and becomes the  
largest of plants.*

*MARK 4: 31-32*

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## The Big Picture

We hear about the Kingdom of God in many of Jesus’ parables. Jesus must have gotten tired of trying to explain it, but he never gives up. In today’s passage, he uses parables to describe how the kingdom will spread. What is interesting is that these parables are not so much about our actions as they are about how God builds his kingdom.

Let’s start with the second parable: Jesus exaggerates a little, with the mustard seed being the smallest seed and the bush being the largest plant. His point is that the kingdom may look small at first, but it will keep growing. The image of all the birds coming to the branches is taken from Old Testament passages, in Daniel and Ezekiel, about other people coming into Jerusalem to worship the one LORD. Jesus implies that the growing kingdom will attract outsiders to be members. The main point is not to be discouraged when it seems the kingdom is not growing: We might be limiting it to people who think and act just like ourselves. We might see attendance at church in our parish declining. So Jesus is reminding us to think of the bigger picture.

In the first parable about the man who scattered seeds, Jesus says that those seeds produce a harvest, even though the farmer doesn’t know how or why those seeds can grow. We too can be doing things that help the Kingdom to grow, without knowing how we are helping. The obvious example is prayer: We may not see the results of our prayer, or not know if God is answering our prayer. But God is making the kingdom grow in his own way and in his own time. Like the farmer, we can help it grow by loving each other, teaching our children about Jesus, caring for the poor and the sick.

If the farmer were to let weeds choke his crop, or be stingy with his seeds, he might not have a very good harvest. We can be stingy with our love, or hurt people with our anger. Then we would be slowing the growth of the kingdom. So let us always be aware of the kingdom, and ask God to move us to do whatever we can to help it grow.

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Mass & Services’ Schedule—			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5pm Daily Mass (church)	5pm Daily Mass (church)	5pm Daily Mass (church)	5pm Daily Mass (church)
	7pm Holy Hour (church)		
<i>Livestream available for all service M-F, Sat 8am, and Sun 10am. See our website for YouTube link to our channel.</i>			



### Ministries & Fellowship Groups

Group	Contact	Phone / Email
Altar Servers	Roger Udabe	562.965.6485
Bereavement	Nancy Himes	562.928.2474
Book Club	Katy Ellis	562.607.1100
Cub Scouts	Shawn Kelly	714.713.2015
Boy Scouts	Bill D’Alvia	562.508.8900
Choirs	Joe Patolo	562.421.8966
Cursillo	Joe Hamamoto Jr.	562.572.3429
Eucharistic Ministers/ Lectors	Michele Bradley	562.420.6481
Hospital Ministry	Frank Schmidt	562.225-7571
Knights of Columbus	Victor Magaña	562.420.3214
People for Others	Jenny Davidoff	562.420.3425
Project Achieve	Kathy Cabral	562.810.1473
RCIA	Audrey Hamamoto	562.572.3427
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Ushers	Michael Moretine	562.420.4565
Weddings & Quinceañeras	Parish Office	562.421.8966
Confirmation & Youth Ministry	Cristy Hull	562.420.7613

Any updates to contacts, please let us know [ebulletin@stcorneliuslb.org](mailto:ebulletin@stcorneliuslb.org)

### Stewardship Report—Week of 06/07

In-person Collection	\$12,842
E-giving (adj bi-weekly)	\$2,832
Total	\$15,674
Versus Budget	+\$1,674

### Safeguard the Children — Did You Know?

**Avoid Sexting & Build Healthy Relationships**

When teens start dating, they often feel pressure to keep up with peers and to explore new romantic feelings. But these feelings, combined with hormones and decision-making capabilities, can lead to some poor choices, including sexting. Sending nude images is dangerous and puts the sender and receiver at risk. Photos can be shared instantly on cell phones and social media, and once out there, the images never go away. Talk to your teen about the consequences of sexting and importance of building healthy relationships where partners respect boundaries and don’t ask for explicit images. For more info, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/netsmartz/downloadable/discussion-guides/your-photo-fate-discussion-guide.pdf>.

### Paper Bulletin Re-Introduction

We’re happy to bring back our paper bulletin. We are accepting requests for additions from groups to advertise meetings or special projects. Email Liz at [ebulletin@stcorneliuslb.org](mailto:ebulletin@stcorneliuslb.org).

### Mass & Services’ Schedule Continued—

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Ministers’ Notes:
5pm Daily Mass (church)	8am Daily Mass (church)	8am Sunday Mass (church)	Contact Michele Bradley so you can be added to the latest schedule at <a href="mailto:mbradley284@gmail.com">mbradley284@gmail.com</a>
	5pm Sunday Vigil Mass (church)	10am Sunday Mass (church)	
		12pm Sunday Mass (church)	



## Announcements

### Well Wishes to 8th Grade Graduates

We would like to extend congratulations and well wishes to the St. Cornelius 8th grade graduates. Best of luck to you on your next step to high school. We pray for your continued success and happiness.

### Father's Day Cards for Mass Novena

Father's Day is June 20th. To honor the special men in your family, we have Father's Day cards for a special Mass Novena. The cards are dispersed in the church pews and the parish office.

### Faith and Fiction — St. Cornelius Book Discussion Group

The next two meetings of book club will be held June 21st at 3:00 p.m. (The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Richardson) and July 19th (The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline). All are welcome to join. Contact Katy Ellis for meeting location, [kellislb@hotmail.com](mailto:kellislb@hotmail.com).

### Votive Candles

Our parish office sells the large votive candles for our vestibules for prayer each are \$5 and are blessed by our priests. Candles from other sources are not permissible as the glass votive holders may crack and possibly explode from inadequate heat dissipation. Thank you for your understanding.

**The Little Ones** Jim Burrows



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Thus says the Lord God, "I will also take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and set it out; I will pluck from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. And birds of every kind will nest under it; they will nest in the shade of its branches. Ez 17:22, 23



*Happy Anniversary*

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IF YOU'D LIKE YOUR ANNIVERSARY INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN, PLEASE EMAIL LIZ AT [EBULLETIN@STCORNELIUSLB.ORG](mailto:EBULLETIN@STCORNELIUSLB.ORG).



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, June 13

- 8:00 AM None recorded  
 10:00 AM † Willie Miranda  
 † Judy Klenk  
 † Denise Adams  
 † Bill Waldon  
 † Veronica Mendoza-Balbin  
 12:00 PM † Marie Vasalle

### Monday, June 14

- 5:00 PM † Marie Vasalle

### Tuesday, June 15

- 5:00 PM † Marie Vasalle

### Wednesday, June 16

- 5:00 PM † Marie Vasalle

### Thursday, June 17

- 5:00 PM † Marie Vasalle  
 † Norberto Buendia  
 S Sandy Sová

### Friday, June 18

- 5:00 PM † Marie Vasalle  
 S Sandy Sová

### Saturday, June 19

- 8:00 AM † Ruben Robles  
 5:00 PM Vigil None recorded.

### Sunday, June 20

- 8:00 AM † Earnie Graci  
 † Sue Windham  
 10:00 AM † Willie Miranda  
 † Matt Roeder  
 † Angelo Roulo Jr.  
 B Colleen Alm  
 12:00 PM None recorded.

† deceased A anniversary S illness/hospital T thanks B birthday SI special intention

## Prayers for the Sick

We will begin publishing names for prayers for the sick in the bulletin. If you would like a friend or loved one included, please submit via the form on our website – [stcorneliuslb.org](http://stcorneliuslb.org). Names will appear for 2 weeks but you may resubmit. †

*The celebration continues with...*

## ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH REUNION

Tue, Sep 14, 7pm | Evening of Prayer

Wed, Sep 15, 7pm | Evening for Youth

Thu, Sep 16, 7pm | Pandemic Service of Lament & Hope

Fri, Sep 17, 7pm | Evening of Music & Worship with our music ministries

**WELCOME BACK HOME!**



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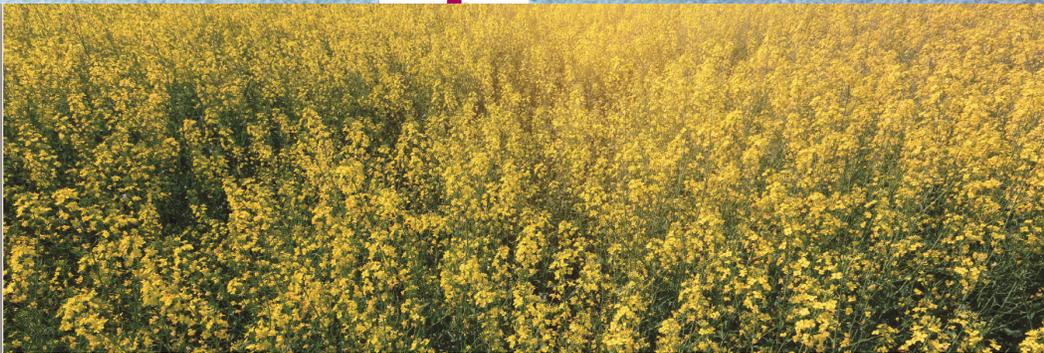
## Clergy & Parish Office

Parish Office, M-F 10:30 to 5pm	562.421.8966
Father Jay Cunnane - Pastor	Leave of absence; contact the office.
Father George Reynolds - Associate Pastor	562.421.8966
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JUNE 13, 2021

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## THE CHURCH AND GOD'S KINGDOM

Today's scriptures connect the towering cedars of Lebanon from the prophet Ezekiel to the mustard plant of the famous parable of Jesus. Both plants represent the Kingdom of God. Both are also to be understood as symbols of the Church, where "birds of every kind shall dwell" (Ezekiel 17:23) and shelter in the cedar's branches, and the shade of the mustard plant's large branches provide dwelling for the "birds of the sky." Even today's psalm tells of the just one who is like a cedar flourishing in the house of the Lord.

Now, the Church is not the Kingdom, but rather a sacrament, a visible sign of it. They co-exist in the here-and-now but also in the "not yet." As Paul reminds us, we must constantly work to continue building and growing the Kingdom by everyday good works of "the just one." So we are all birds and just ones.

### "LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD . . ."

The Gospel of Mark is nothing if not a testament to the power of parables to illustrate the Good News through story. Jesus was a master storyteller, who understood the importance of using images and concepts to which his listeners could relate. A seed, a mustard plant, would symbolize one of Mark's signature focuses: the Kingdom of God.

Centuries earlier, the prophet Ezekiel proclaimed most poetically to the Israelites, recently liberated from Babylonian captivity, that their God was still their hope, their comfort, their rescue, and their shelter. Those refugees would understand the image of the towering cedar as a symbol of their kingdom, cut down, fallen, captured. By restoring their kingdom, their God was giving them a new creation (the replanted shoot) and a new covenant.

### THY KINGDOM COME . . .

Ezekiel said that God would tear off "a tender shoot" (17:22) for this replanting. What does this sound like? Why, Advent, of course, and specifically the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (Isaiah 11:1); and again in Isaiah's Messianic texts we hear: "He grew up before us like a tender shoot" (53:2). Jesse was the father of the great king David and, as we know, Jesus came to be that tender shoot, that blossom, the new Davidic King whose throne, the cross, was once a tree.

God's incarnation in Jesus, born fully human, is the fulfillment of the promise to Ezekiel of the renewed and restored cedar, the new Kingdom. That new creation and covenant exists for us in the Church, through the Holy Spirit making the seed planted within us grow, flourish, and spread. Thus we have the faith and courage to be that visible sign of the Kingdom bringing hope and renewal to the world. We must live Kingdom lives before we can convince others to do so.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
Mark 4:26-34



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