

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today's readings are about the birth and growth of the reign or rule of God (Kingdom of God), in human lives and about the gigantic growth of the Church from very humble beginnings. Both growths are slow and mysterious, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit. The first reading, taken from Ez 17:22-24, is a Messianic prophecy. Ezekiel tells us how the Lord God of Israel will send a descendant of King David as His Messiah and the Savior of the world. In contrast with the parable of the tiny mustard seed in today's Gospel, Ezekiel sees the Messiah originating in a royal family (lofty Cedar, David). In the second reading, St. Paul teaches the Corinthian Christians that they are to advance the growth of God's Kingdom and His rule in their lives by doing His will so that they may be amply rewarded in the final judgment. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to the germination of a wheat seed and that of a tiny mustard seed. Both have very small beginnings. The wheat seeds, by gradual but steady growth, give the farmer a bumper crop. In the same way, the life principle in a tiny mustard seed enables it to grow into a large bush. The reign of God in human hearts and the growth of the Church in the world also have small beginnings. But the Source of all life, God the Holy Spirit, gives to both a steady, persistent and gigantic growth, provided we cooperate with His grace.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

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+ Many people at this time of the year plant a garden. We can contemplate the Gospel reading of today in the middle of our garden. Jesus says "This is how it is with the Kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow." We go to our garden to see how much the plants have grown each day and are happy to see them sprout up. Jesus uses this example to show us that our small acts of kindness, our teaching, our work of today have the possibility of making a big difference in the future. God's kingdom is growing and we can be a part of making it happen by scattering seeds of goodness.

+ We had a small but wonderful group of children for the Corpus Christi procession. They threw flower petals from baskets and received the five blessings of Jesus.

+ We wish all the Fathers a blest and Happy Father's Day! Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off in the way they should go and when they are old they will not turn from it."

+ On Sunday, July 8th we will be holding a Pancake Breakfast after Mass and we are seeking your assistance in both the enjoyment of the morning, and in the fiscal end by helping with donations for the necessary supply of butter, eggs, buttermilk, syrup, sausages, cheese and milk. As usual, we could use a few adults to help us too!

Blessings and peace ~ Sister Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 895.00
Loose	245.00
Total	1,140.00
Total from June 11, 2017	822.00
Building Fund	165.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 341.00
Loose	95.50
Total	436.50
Total from June 11, 2017	528.20
Building Fund	60.00
National Concerns	100.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 552.00
Loose	102.00
Total	654.00
Total from June 11, 2017	582.25
Building Fund	25.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 230.00
Loose	72.00
Total	302.00
Total from June 11, 2017	194.00
Building Fund	55.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)
2017/2018 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 6/1/18

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,179.00	\$ 8,945.00	\$ 2,234.00
St. John	\$ 8,721.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 3,371.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,249.00	\$ 3,276.00	\$ 1,973.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 2,509.00	PAID in FULL

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