

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**Year B**

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Readings: 1) Ezekiel 17:22-24 2) 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 3) Mark 4:26-34

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that even small works can bear fruit in growing the kingdom of God.

The psalmist urges us to give thanks to the Lord and to sing of his kindness and faithfulness.

For his loving presence is like a great cedar tree giving shade to those in need and fruit to those who hunger.

In Ezekiel, God uses the image of a tender shoot that becomes a majestic cedar and bears much fruit as a way of promising his care for the people of Israel.

Paul challenges all believers to please the Lord. Jesus uses the parables of the sower and the seed, and the mustard seed, to explain the kingdom of God.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

We walk with faith and not by sight.

In faith, let us bring our prayers and petitions to God our Father.

For the Church,
as disciples of Christ may our lives show forth
his steadfast love for the poor,
the vulnerable and those on the margins of society.
We Pray to the Lord.

For the rulers of the world,
may the Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen them in their service.
We Pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick in mind, body or spirit;
may they find the healing grace of Christ showered upon them.
We Pray to the Lord.

For those who have died,
may they share in the splendor of the risen Christ.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our parish community,
may it flourish under God's protection.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions,

We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

God our Father, through Jesus Christ you invite us to share in the eternal life of your kingdom. By your grace and holiness, may our efforts and witness bring others to share in that life.

We ask this through your son, Christ our Lord.