



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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JUNE 13, 2021
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12:00 PM and 4:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM & 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM

Register on line for all Masses at
www.stmaryscalgary.ca

Please wear a MASK

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues - Sat. 4:30 PM
Friday 8:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-4:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 8:00 AM—4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Dennis at the
Parish Office (403) 228-4170.

**DONATIONS OVER THE PHONE, ON LINE
& IN PERSON.** If would like to donate to
help with the costs and maintenance of the
Parish, please call Lillian at (403) 228-4170.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed Statutory Holidays

Tiny Seeds, Tall Trees

The Asian bamboo seeds are amazing. They lie buried in the soil for five years before any shoots appear above the ground. When watered, in just 6 weeks the bamboo plant grows to a height of around 90 feet. How come? Botanists say that unseen and unknown, the seeds germinate and develop strong roots that eventually break out and produce tall bamboos. So, it is with the kingdom of God.

Jesus uses parables to explain the kingdom of God. Today's gospel passage contains two short parables – the seed growing secretly and the mustard seed. Each parable contains a simple, single message. The first parable seeks to inculcate trust in Jesus because in Him God's kingdom is already taking root and growing. Invisible, at first, the seeds of this kingdom will eventually reap a bountiful harvest.

The parable of the mustard seed – like the first – also speaks of growth with the added stress that the enormity of the tree so strikingly contrasts the smallness of the seed. The seed symbolizes the insignificant beginnings of Jesus' ministry, while the huge tree suggests the final cosmic event of the fulfillment of God's kingdom. The only difference between the two parables, then, is that the first emphasizes that the farmer can do nothing to produce or hasten growth, while the second emphasizes the contrast between the small beginnings and the overwhelming final consummation.

We could think about growth, first, as individuals, we must be careful about what we sow. Even small and insignificant matters at the beginning – whether good or bad – can have monumental effects at the end like a tiny, good deed could reap rich recompense.

Next the message is on patience. Many parents want to see their daughter or son grow up rich, powerful - fast. There is this woman who, when asked how old her children were, would answer: "The doctor is four years old, and the lawyer is five."

At the family level, we sow good seeds – daily prayer, reading of God's word, Sunday Mass, and Reconciliation. Our children will imbibe all these as they grow up. As a parish, we realize even our small insignificant efforts will go a long way towards building a vibrant community. If we trust in God, the growth He gives us will be more than we could imagine. We are all tiny seeds, but God can make of us tall trees. However, if we think that we can do everything ourselves, and if we do not trust in Jesus, we will not get anywhere. None of us can make ourselves or others grow. "A seed knows how to wait... a seed is alive while it waits." Hope Jahren

Readings for June 20 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: (Job 38:1-4, 8-11++) Here have I prescribed the bounds of the sea.

Second Reading: (2 Corinthians 5:14-17) See, everything has been made new.

Gospel: (Mark 4:35-41) Who then is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?

Stewardship of Treasure — May 29 to June 4, 2021

General Collections

	Last Week
Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.	\$7,101.
Maintenance	\$ 185.
Other	\$ 30.

Together in Action

Together in Action is an annual diocesan-mandated parish charitable appeal that funds diocesan, local, national & international initiatives: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/tia2020.html>

Goal: \$41,552. Donations to date: \$6,852.

Thank you for your financial support to St Mary's Cathedral during this difficult time. It is now possible to make a donation through a variety of means. Please visit stmaryscalgary.ca/content/donations to make an **online** donation. If you have questions about charitable giving, please contact: Lillian at 403

New Lights in the Cathedral

Thank you everyone for your generosity toward the Cathedral's LED lighting installation. Phase 1 of the project in the Cathedral church is done! Would you consider a donation toward it?

Goal: \$50,000. Donations to date: \$27,105.

Sacrament Preparation for Children at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish will be offering Sacrament Preparation for **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** beginning September, 2021 for children currently in Grade 1.

Children in Grade 6 or higher are eligible to receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation**, sometimes called the sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Preparation for this sacrament will begin in January 2022.

Registration forms for any of these sacraments are now available on-line, in our parish office and at the main entrance of the Cathedral. If you have any questions or would like more information on the preparation program for First sacraments for children, please contact Marilyn@stmaryscalgary.ca or call 403-228-4170.

NEW

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Fr. John is looking for up to 5 people to sit on a newly formed St. Mary's Cathedral Building Committee. Reporting to the Rector and the Cathedral's Finance council, the Building Committee reviews and assesses the current facilities' status, makes recommendations, and oversees tendering relevant work and selection of maintenance contractors. Anyone with construction, engineering, or relevant experience, please express your interest by emailing him at fr.john@stmaryscalgary.ca or call 403-228-4170, ext 227.



Monday, June 14

7:30 am Antonio Berthe (INT)
5:00 pm Multukumary Kanagalingam (RIP)

Tuesday, June 15

7:30 am Maria Fraser (INT)
5:00 pm Karl Beischroth (INT)

Wednesday, June 16

7:30 am Beth Smith (INT)
5:00 pm Rose Lutula (RIP)

Thursday, June 17

7:30 am Nancy Maguire (RIP)
5:00 pm Linda Neal McDonald (RIP)

Friday, June 18

7:30 am Mirna Farahat (INT)
5:00 pm Phan Truong (INT)

Saturday, June 19

9:00 am Intentions of the Donor
5:00 pm For favours received (INT)

Sunday, June 20

8:00 am Dan Eisner (INT)
10:00 am Jonathon Holland (INT)
12:00 Noon St. Mary's Parishioners



PRAYER CORNER INTENTIONS: For the sick, the suffering, the elderly, the lonely and all who find themselves on the margins of society, that they may be empowered by God's special care of them. In particular, let us remember *Michael O'Brien-Kelly, Maria Fraser, Luis Illescas Jr., Laura Meier, James Lipowy, and Karl Beischroth*. For those who have died in Christ, that they may be resurrected with Him into eternal life.

Please see the extensive review of information on **Healing & Reconciliation #Kamloops215** found on the Diocese of Calgary website. Go to <https://www.catholicyc.ca/>

GIFT AND INFORMATION BOOTH: The Cathedral gift booth has a selection of gifts for those receiving the first Sacraments (rosaries, prayer cards, plaques, bracelets, necklaces, etc.) as well as a wide selection of Bibles (including large print or compact), books to enhance your knowledge of the Catholic faith, the monthly Word Among us, the Sunday Missal (discounted) and much, much more. We even have Father Day's cards. Please help support the Cathedral through your purchases.

We can also provide information on the Cathedral, sacrament preparation, supply you with offering envelopes or set you up for direct debit. We are looking for volunteers for the Gift Booth in order to be open before/after each weekend Mass. If you would like to be part of our team, please contact marilyn@stmaryscalgary.ca.



Curious about the Catholic faith?

Feeling drawn toward discovering if becoming a member of the Catholic Church is for you?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) offers the opportunity for those discerning "becoming Catholic" to journey with others toward coming to know God and building a strong relationship with our Father. If you have any questions or would like more information on the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Dennis Foraie at 403-228-4170 (ext. 226).