



HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Bear the Fruits of the Kingdom of God

Happy Father's Day

Take time today to tell Dad how much you love him!

A Prayer for Fathers

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty.

You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you.

You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes.

They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labor and weariness.

But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone.

Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

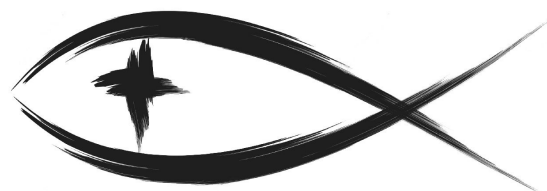
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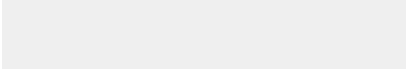
Jesus uses a story today to help us understand the lesson He is teaching. He says that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. Look how small the mustard seed is (show the seed) and think about what we picture in our minds when we hear the word "kingdom." We usually think big areas of land with lots of people, castles, villages and a king telling people what to do. God's Kingdom is very similar. It is very big. It has lots of people. It has churches (castles), and a King – God! God takes care of us as a king would and wants the Kingdom to grow and continually become bigger. It grows by people helping and loving each other so that others want to come and be a part of the Kingdom, too.



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When a mustard seed is planted it grows into a big tree that provides homes for birds and shelter for people and animals. (Show the picture of the mustard tree). Our lives and good deeds are like the mustard seed. Every little good deed that we do will become part of God's Kingdom helping it to grow bigger. The bigger God's Kingdom grows, the more people will be loved, cared for and happy.







SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 4:26-34

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