

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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## WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - JUNE 8 & 9, 2024

Donation	\$3,839.00
Donation Online	\$862.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$4,706.00</b>

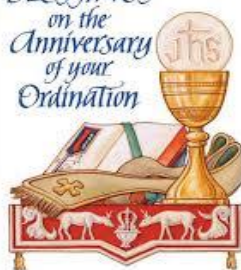


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**2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal  
\$43,706**

BLESSINGS  
on the  
Anniversary  
of your  
Ordination



**To Our Dear  
Father Paul Thanh Vu, SDD.,  
Congratulations on the 1st  
Anniversary (June 9th) of  
Your Priest Ordination! We  
honor your support services.  
Our prayers are with you!**

**To Father Joseph, Father Paul,  
and all the Dads out there**

*Happy*  
**FATHER'S**  
*Day*

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Please Call for Appointment

**PARISH OFFICE 206-735-7598**

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick: Ext. 1

Parish Staff: Ext. 2

Administrative Support: Ext. 3

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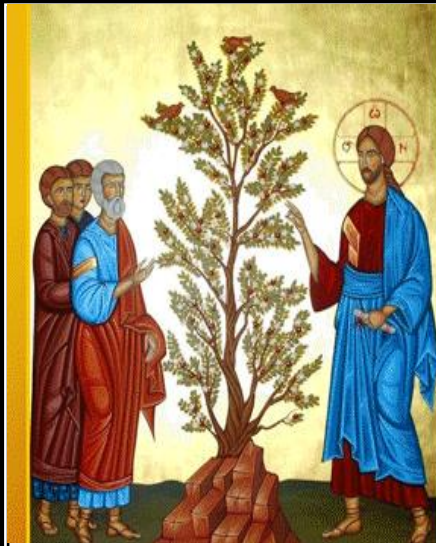


"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."  
- Mk 4:30-32b

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**11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
HOMILY BY FATHER JOSEPH VU**

**Christ Sees the Church as a Kingdom, not as a Club**



Christ's favorite topic, it could be argued, was "the Kingdom of God."

- His first public sermon began with "The Kingdom of God is at hand," and from then on he kept talking about it, as in today's Gospel.
- If there is a Kingdom, there must also be a King, and if there is a King, there must be subjects.
- That's how he sees the Church, as a Kingdom, not merely as some kind of club.

Today we can ask ourselves if that's how we see Church.

When we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," do we mean the same thing that Jesus meant when he taught us that prayer?

- God's Kingdom is the realm where hearts obey him out of faith and love.

- The kingdom of this world is the realm where hearts obey themselves out of self-centeredness, egoism, and fear.

- If we really want to help Christ redeem the kingdom of this world by transforming it, through his grace, into the Kingdom of Christ, we have to keep hearkening to the King and carrying out his commands, even when they are uncomfortable for our selfish tendencies.

Obedying someone else, though, is almost always a challenge for us sinners.

Jesus knows this, and so he doesn't ask us for blind, mindless obedience.

- He uses parables to explain and promise that by following and obeying him, our lives will be fruitful.

- The virtues that give true, lasting beauty to our lives, that give our lives meaning and deep happiness (virtues like wisdom, courage, self-control, and Christ-like love), are like the seeds in the Lord's parables.

- They are planted in our hearts at baptism, and as we follow and obey Christ in our daily lives, they grow and flourish.

Being good citizens of Christ's Kingdom is the sure path to an abundant spiritual harvest here on earth and forever in heaven.

## **Being Creative Citizens of Christ's Kingdom**

By making us citizens of his Kingdom and his messengers and representatives in this world, God gives each one of us the opportunity to put our own creativity at the service of that Kingdom.

God is continuously inviting us to follow him, to build our lives on the rock of his friendship by obeying his commandments and his teaching.

But the commandments are just the beginning of the spiritual life.

- God doesn't want us to be robots; he wants us to be companions, to be free citizens of heaven.

- He doesn't program us, like machines; he inspires us, like soldiers or artists.

- He wants us to get to know his plan, and then to freely contribute with our own creativity, intelligence, and imagination (gifts he has given us) to the task of building up his Kingdom in the world.

- God didn't draw the architectural plans for the great gothic cathedrals of the Middle Ages.

- Rather, he gave intelligence and creativity to his people, and they used those gifts to do something wonderful, beautiful, and lasting for God and for their fellow men.

- Think of all the saints in history who used their freedom to find better, more ingenious ways to love God and love their neighbor, and in so doing they made everlasting contributions to Christ's Kingdom.

- We all have that same freedom - it is a gift of God's mercy!

That's what it means to be a Christian: to build our lives on the solid foundation of friendship with Christ and obedience to his Kingship, but to build energetically and creatively, as love always does.

That goes for every Christian, not just priests and nuns, but every one of us!

Today Christ will renew his commitment to us in this Mass.

When he does, let's thank him for making his Church so much more than just a religious club, and let's renew our commitment to his everlasting Kingdom.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know  
that I, the LORD,  
bring low the high tree,  
lift high the lowly tree,  
wither up the green tree,  
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

### Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

### Second Reading:

Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

### Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,  
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.  
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of  
plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

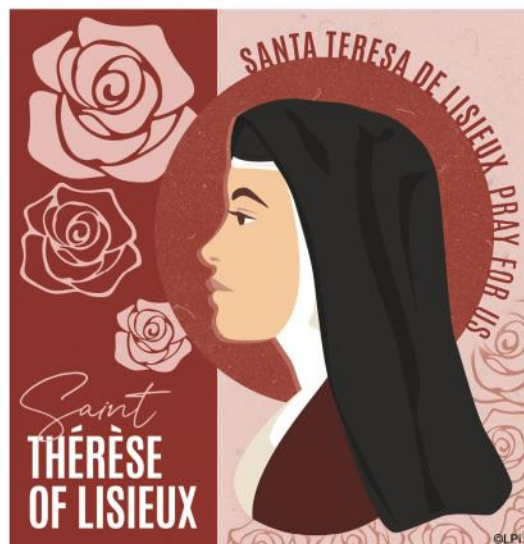
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Faith can start small, Jesus tells us — as small as the tiniest seed on earth. But it's up to us to surround that seed with good, nutritious soil, to nourish it with sunlight and water, and to tend to it lovingly so that it will grow.

## Observances for the week of June 16, 2024

- Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Romuald, Abbot  
**Thursday:** World Refugee Day  
**Friday:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious  
**Saturday:** St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs  
**Next Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite sister whose autobiography has inspired Catholics across the world to deepen their relationship with God. She died at 24 from tuberculosis and is currently the youngest person to be named a Doctor of the Church.

## Prayer for God's Increase

Dear God,

Work here! Bring growth and increase to the work we are doing in Your name. Bless us as we follow where You invite, and work where You direct.  
Amen.