

## The reign of God



is like a  
mustard seed

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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2012

They that are planted in the house  
of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts  
of our God.

—Psalm 92:14

## GOD'S TIME

We either pay attention to or ignore “clock time” as we play in the summer sun and note the earth’s tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like supertime and summertime.

God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of “saving time,” that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called *kairos*, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

This Sunday’s readings alert us to the reality and the import of God’s time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the “harvest” time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34  
Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12;  
Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26;  
Lk 1:57-66, 80

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Father’s Day  
Tuesday: St. Romuald  
Wednesday: Summer begins  
Thursday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
Friday: St. Paulinus of Nola;  
Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## SANCTUARY LIGHT: JUNE 16 - JUNE 22

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn  
in memory of **Leonard Kelly**.

The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn  
in memory of **Dylan Ross**.



Our Communities of Faith  
extend our sympathy and prayerful  
support for the families of **Vera Mays**,  
parishioner of St. John’s, and

**Noel Deming**, husband of Lina Deming.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families, and  
may they and all who sleep in Christ, find in God’s presence,  
light, happiness, and peace.



Dr. Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army Med Corps  
James A. Benning, USM  
Drew Michael Boatner, USMC  
Matthew Boyd, Arm  
Andrea Byrd, USCG  
Eugene Cazedessus, USM  
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC  
Matthew Charlet Dart, USN  
Stephen DiLorenzo, Army  
Christopher Fisher, Army  
Adam Foster, USN  
Brad Gautreaux, USMC  
J. Michael Head, USMC  
Brien Hollkamp, US ANG  
James Hollkamp, USN  
Joseph N. Jones, Jr., Army  
Sabrina Jones, USNG  
Markus Kippers, USN  
Zachary Konechne, Army  
Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army  
Gordon Newman, Army  
Brian Plauche, USAF  
Nicholas Richards, USN  
Patrick Roberts, USMC  
Brandon Robichaux, USN  
Griffin Robichaux, USN  
Jesse B. Richard, Army  
James Rouchon, USMC  
Christopher Vaccaro, Army  
Gordon M. White, USAF  
Tyler Wigger, USN

## WEEKLY COLLECTION 06/10/2012

### Stewardship Offering - St. John

Identified Contributions (198 Families)	\$	10,072.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$	722.25
Total	\$	10,794.25
Building Fund-Maintenance (16)	\$	528.00
Legacy of Faith Cap. Camp. (25)	\$	1,930.00
Capital Campaign Total	\$	1,988,301.56

### Stewardship Offering - Our Lady

Identified Contributions (41 Families)	\$	2,317.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$	154.95
Total	\$	2,471.95
Building Fund-Maintenance (1)	\$	50.00

—Next Weekend - **Peter’s Pence** /Collection for the Holy Father—  
Place your donations and envelopes in the regular collection.

### **Does the Church tell us who we should vote for?**

No. The Church does not tell us who to vote for.

It does not endorse an official list of candidates  
or tell us which party Catholics should join.

Instead, Catholics are to use their judgement and

follow their consciences as they apply the  
teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the core

values of their faith to the choices they make when voting. As  
Catholics who follow the “challenging call to discipleship,” we  
need to evaluate the issues and candidates in the light of our  
faith. Then we are challenged to live out our faith by getting  
actively involved - by voting and engaging in civic activities.

Forming  
Consciences



**St. John the Baptist Office**

† The Religious Ed office will be closed next month (July).

† **What could be more convenient !**

Registration forms or payment for the next school year can be brought to the office (Mon-Wed / 8AM-4PM), mailed, or just dropped into the collection at weekend Masses. Don't forget you can register on-line at our website: [sjb-ola.org](http://sjb-ola.org).

**Returning students have forms already printed in the Religious Ed office.**



Take advantage of the lower rates through June 30<sup>th</sup>: One child is \$40.00, two children is \$60.00, and three or more is \$70.00. On July 1<sup>st</sup> the rate will increase by \$5.00 per child.

**St. John's is in need of volunteer teachers for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Grades.**

Needed



**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**TEACHER'S**

**MORNING OF REFLECTION**

and instructions for the year.

Required for all teachers!!!

To be held in the Parish Hall.

“Paved with Souls” by Father Bayhi

Sister told me that many of the hospitals in Calcutta had standing agreements with them for the care of orphaned children. It often happened that young Indian girls would come into the hospitals under the pretense of being able to pay, give birth to their children and then leave in the middle of the night. Many times the nuns accepted babies who were only a day or two old. They took them into their care and made them a part of the orphanage. I sat there for about forty-five minutes playing with the children. It was so frustrating after a time because there was nothing with which they could play. There were no toys...no trucks, no dolls. They spoke no English; I spoke no Bengali and, with no toys or other objects to entertain them, our communication had ended. I excused myself, found Sister Charmaine and asked her permission to go out and get some toys. She said it would be fine so I immediately went into the marketplace in search of something for the children. I bought some big hollow balls that they could kick, some small rubber balls that could be thrown, and some plastic dolls. Though I couldn't buy for 300 of them, I bought about thirty toys thinking the children could play together with them. When I returned to the orphanage it was like the real Santa Claus had come in the middle of August. The children saw me with the bags of toys and, before long, I was back on the steps and they were all over me. They went through the bags grabbing toys, kissing me and thanking me all at once. They played with all the toys and were everywhere. This lasted about five minutes until most of the dolls were headless and the balls were being fought over. Like children everywhere they were coming back to me because someone took their ball, or someone had their doll. They kept repeating, “uncle”, “padoo, padoo.” It was so funny, I didn't know what the hell they were saying. I laughed and mimicked them until I noticed one little boy in the group. He was obviously blind because he was leading with his hands. He crawled into my lap crying, “Uncle Padoo,” because he had missed out on the toys. Because he was blind he hadn't been quick enough to get one. I finally located a broken toy and gave it to him. He was happy to just sit in my lap and play with it. Meanwhile, in frustration, I would repeat “Uncle Padoo,” and all the children would laugh and play, happy for a time at least.

**Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Father's Day**

-7 a.m. Mass/Coffee and Pastries

-10 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Rosary

-11 a.m. Mass / Children's Liturgy

**-OLA**

-8:30 a.m. Rosary / Choir

-9 a.m. Mass / Children's Liturgy

**Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

-6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Grp.

-6:30 p.m. Scouts

**Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

-8:30 a.m. Legion of Mary

-6 p.m. Adult Choir

**-OLA**

-6 p.m. Rosary

-6:15 p.m. Confessions

-6:30 p.m. Mass

**Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

-7 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

-7:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

-7:30 a.m. Mass / Divine Mercy / Coffee and Biscuits

**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

-4 p.m. Confessions

-5 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

-7 a.m. Mass / Coffee and Pastries

-10 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Rosary

-11 a.m. Mass

-Noon ☆☆ **Fortnight for Freedom** ☆☆

**Community Call to Action & Pot-Luck Dinner**

**-OLA**

-8:30 a.m. Rosary/Choir

-9 a.m. Mass

**Happy Father's Day**



**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE**

**-Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Family Choices: Finding the Balance in Dementia Care**

Cost is \$10.00 / Walk-ins are \$15.00

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Lunch provided.

Catholic Life Center Main Auditorium

**-Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Calling all parents of Teens!!!**

**Training the Trainers Parent Seminar**

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Baton Rouge

Daughters Forever, Sons Forever offers parents solid

information, sound research, and practical advice to guide teens

through the minefields of modern culture. Seminar cost of

\$50.00 (for one or both parents) includes lunch and material.

Registration is required and the form can be found at

[www.mfjdiobr.org](http://www.mfjdiobr.org). For more info, call Danielle at 242-0164.

**-August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Life Awareness Program / A Weekend of Discerning a Religious Vocation for SINGLE Catholics between the ages of 17-40.**