

To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God?

Today's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first

transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *What about these metaphors gives you comfort and encouragement?*
- * *How do you contribute to the health and growth of the kingdom of God?*

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June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are already half-way through our celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, inaugurated on Tuesday December 8, 2020 to run through December 8, 2021. When Pope Francis announced the Year of St. Joseph, he expressed the hope that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

Having now returned to Ordinary Time and as a parish under the patronage of St. Joseph it is my hope that we will use this time and leading into Advent to get to discover the beauty of St. Joseph, the Guardian of the Universal Church and especially how he can help in the renewal of our faith and parish life.

Following holy communion at every Mass I am inviting us to pray together the prayer of St. Joseph that is in the pews. There is a pilgrimage with the statue of St. Joseph across the diocese which we will be hosting the 4th week of August. It is my hope that as we open more from the pandemic, we will hold a few events in celebration of this year.

May St. Joseph, husband of Mary and Guardian of the Universal Church, intercede for us for a renewal of our faith, family, and parish life.

Congratulations to all who have helped our St. Joseph parish complete our Annual Catholic Appeal goal this early. You have helped us answer our name well in the Savannah Diocesan family. God bless you all so very much!!!

Blessings,

Fr. Daniel Melaba

13 de Junio, 2021

Domingo Once en el Tiempo Ordinario

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Ya estamos en la mitad de nuestra celebración del Año de San José, inaugurado el martes 8 de diciembre de 2020 hasta el 8 de diciembre de 2021. Cuando el Papa Francisco anunció el Año de San José, expresó la esperanza de que "cada El miembro de los fieles, siguiendo su ejemplo, puede fortalecer diariamente su vida de fe en el pleno cumplimiento de la voluntad de Dios."

Habiendo regresado al Tiempo Ordinario y como parroquia bajo el patrocinio de San José, tengo la esperanza de que usemos este tiempo y el camino del Adviento para descubrir la belleza de San José, el Guardián de la Iglesia Universal y especialmente cómo puede ayudar en la renovación de nuestra fe y vida parroquial.

Después de la santa comunión en cada misa, nos invitó a rezar juntos la oración de San José que está en los bancos. Hay una peregrinación con la estatua de San José a través de la diócesis, que será la sede de la cuarta semana de agosto. Espero que a medida que nos abrimos más a partir de la pandemia, celebremos algunos eventos para celebrar este año.

Que San José, esposo de María y Guardián de la Iglesia Universal, interceda por nosotros por una renovación de nuestra fe, familia y vida parroquial.

Felicitaciones a todos los que han ayudado a nuestra parroquia de San José a completar nuestra meta de la Campaña Católica Anual tan pronto. Nos has ayudado a responder bien a nuestro nombre en la familia diocesana de Savannah. ¡¡¡Dios los bendiga mucho a todos!!!

Bendiciones!!!

P. Daniel Melaba

ANNOUNCEMENT

Eucharistic Ministers

Current Eucharistic Ministers and parishioners interested in being Eucharistic Ministers are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, June 22nd at 7 pm in the Church.

For those who cannot attend, please send us your email and telephone number to sjcwaycross@att.net so we can contact you about required Virtus training and Eucharistic Minister training.

Ministros Eucarísticos

Los Ministros Eucarísticos actuales y los feligreses interesados en ser Ministros Eucarísticos están invitados a una reunión el Martes 22 de Junio a las 7 pm en la iglesia.

Si no puede asistir, envíenos su dirección de correo electrónico y número de teléfono a sjcwaycross@att.net, para que podamos comunicarnos con usted sobre el curso Virtus y el curso del Ministro Eucarístico.



Mass in the Extraordinary Form (The Latin Mass)

Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the Latin Mass) at St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City) on the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

July 11, 2021, Sunday, at 3:00 pm

St. Anthony of Padua (Ray City)

Depending on the level of engagement of the faithful and in accord with the life of our parish, the Latin Mass will be offered on a regular basis on Sundays. A schedule will be posted on their parish website <http://www.anthonypaduaga.org/>.

For more information please contact Fr. Kevin O'Keefe by phone or email: 229-445-5554
pastor@anthonypaduaga.org



Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, toll free reporting hotline: (888) 357-5530

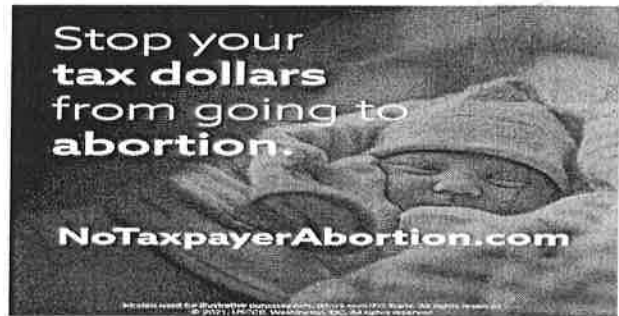


Word from Pope Francis

"Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust in God."

Palabra del Papa Francisco

"Aunque la vida de una persona es una tierra llena de espinas y descabadas, siempre hay un espacio en el que la buena semilla puede crecer. Hay que confiar en Dios".



"Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

The USCCB is asking Catholics to send a strong message, before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion.

Please sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com"





Our condolences and prayers to Angie Johnson and her family on the passing of her aunt, Lilla Lou Tate. May aunt Lilla Lou rest in peace and may all the family be consoled!

Angie Johnson & Family
2727 Zion Hill Rd.
Millwood, GA 31552



Abuse Hotline Number: To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.

Línea telefónica para reportar abusos: Para reportar un abuso sexual de un menor, perpetrado por un empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Savannah, llame al Número de la línea para reportar abusos: 888-357-5330 o a la Oficina para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, 912-201-4073/4074. Para leer la política de la Diócesis sobre abuso sexual de menor...



The Bible in the Mass
St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
10 week DVD series

When: May 12-July 14, 2021

Day and Time: Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:30

Location: Debbie Cahill's Home

In *The Mass in the Bible*, discover why the liturgy is a major theme that runs through the entire Bible, from Genesis to the Book of Revelation. We will not only look to the Law, the Prophets, and the life and teachings of Jesus, we'll also lean on the Doctors of the Church to enhance our understanding of the Mass. We'll see how the New Testament is concealed in the Old, the Old is revealed in the New, and how both point directly to the Mass, the sign of the New Covenant.

Please join us. Presenter: Tammy Theologus

Sign up for the Bible Study reminders by emailing tammytheologus@gmail.com.



The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at Deb Cahill's home (433 Lob-lolly Lane, Waycross) on Wednesday at Noon, June 16th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, Jerry Wilkerson, Debbie Wilkerson, Trisha Pape, Lee & Angela McConaha, Jim & Louise Craig, and Margie Read.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempfer, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Millie Bailey, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dalin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Mark Parker, Jan Keen, Andrew Brandon, Julie Hoddinot, Audwin Fluker Sr., Anna Lia Brandon, Perry Kolchek, Raymond Eastup, Martin Brewington, Nicolas Horne, Joshus Parisse, Marie Fletcher, Sara Booth, and Gug-oying Patten, and Steve, the father of Barbara Blasko.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann

Howell, Ethan Stanley, Richard Jacobs, Spencer Hughes and Seth Cheshire.

PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA ALBERT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 912-283-7700 TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LISTS.

St. Joseph Offertory
June 6, 2021

Weekly Offertory Needed	\$4,423.00
Weekly Offertory Collected	\$6,732.00
Difference Positive	\$2,309.00
Social Hall Renovation	\$2,877.00



Christina Baker Memorial Mass

There will be a Memorial Mass for Christina Baker on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 11 am here at St. Joseph. Please join Charles Baker and Family at this service for our dear friend Christina. Please continue to keep Christina and Charles & their family in your thoughts and prayers.

*Charles Baker
507 Bibb St.
Waycross, GA 31501*



Votive Candles



Mass Intention Requests

Please remember your \$5.00 donation when you light a **votive candle** in the church. There is a deposit box for your donation attached to the lower left side of the stand.

If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** in memory of someone, the donation is \$10.00. Please contact the church secretary to check date availability and to make your donation.

Lector Schedule

June 12, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday
English Lector-Tammy Theologus

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

June 13, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday
English Lector-Joseph Johnson

June 13, 2021-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday
Spanish Lector-Luci Diaz

June 19, 2021-Mass in English-5:00 pm Saturday
English Lector-Wanda Petersen

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

June 20, 2021-Mass in English-9:00 am Sunday
English Lector-Dan Booker

June 20, 2021-Mass in Spanish-12 Noon Sunday
Spanish Lector-Lucy Rios

Mass Intentions for Week of June 12, 2021-June 20, 2021
+(RIP) H-Health

Saturday, June 12, 2021-11 am+**Memorial Mass for Christina Baker**

Saturday, June 12, 2021-5 pm Mass+**Pat & Rita Barth**

Sunday, June 13, 2021-9 am English Mass **Pro Populo**

Monday, June 14, 2021-No Mass

Tuesday, June 15, 2021-6 pm Mass **No Intention**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021-5 pm-6 pm Adoration and
6 pm Mass **No Intention**

Thursday, June 17, 2021-9 am Mass **No Intention**

Friday, June 18, 2021-9 am Mass **No Intention**

Saturday, June 19, 2021-5 pm Mass+**Glenda Brewington**

Sunday, June 20, 2021-9 am English Mass **Pro Populo**

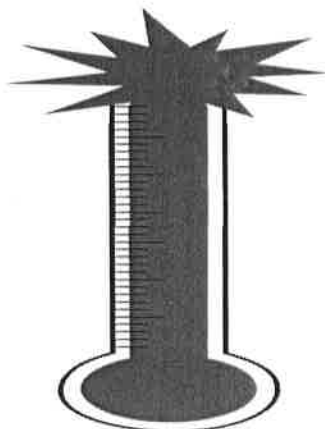
Sunday, June 20, 2021-Noon Spanish Mass **No Intention**



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 06/10/2021, our parish has given **\$21,483.00** which is **107%** of our target of \$20,050. Out of 212 families only 63 made a donation or pledge, which is 30% of the parish families. Thank You!

Llamamiento Católico Anual 2021. Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo a todo lo que conocemos. Al 06/10/2021, nuestra parroquia ha dado \$21,483.00 que es el 107% de nuestro objetivo de \$20,050. De 212 familias sólo 63 hicieron una donación o promesa, que es el 30% de las familias parroquiales. ¡Gracias!

Our goal was \$20,050; We now have \$21,483
30% of the parish families have responded.
30% de las familias han respondido.



GOAL
\$20,050
20,000
17,500
15,000
12,500
10,000
7,500
5,000
2,000

Dear Padre,

I care for my mother, who has dementia. I was active in my parish, but now I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer, much less helping out at church. I'm getting very depressed. What should I do?

I have several ideas. First, make your prayer life part of your mother's routine, and you'll find it easier to fit prayer into your day. People with dementia find it soothing to listen to repetitive prayer, so consider praying the rosary aloud in her presence. Sometimes people with advanced dementia can still remember and recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary, so you could end up praying the rosary together. That would truly be a gift.

Next, try reading aloud Scripture stories from a youth Bible. They'll be easier for her to understand than passages from an adult Bible, and you'll get some time with God's word.

Last, but absolutely not least, it's important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, he or she can help you find respite care, in which someone takes your place with your mom so you can get away for a while, or a caregiver-support group where you can talk with other people in your situation. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, your diocese can give you the same information.

Remember, attending to your spiritual health doesn't just help you—it helps your mother, too.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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- Monday**
 JUNE 14
Weekday
 2 Cor 6:1–10
 Mt 5:38–42
- Tuesday**
 JUNE 15
Weekday
 2 Cor 8:1–9
 Mt 5:43–48
- Wednesday**
 JUNE 16
Weekday
 2 Cor 9:6–11
 Mt 6:1–6, 16–18
- Thursday**
 JUNE 17
Weekday
 2 Cor 11:1–11
 Mt 6:7–15
- Friday**
 JUNE 18
Weekday
 2 Cor 11:18, 21–30
 Mt 6:19–23
- Saturday**
 JUNE 19
Weekday
 2 Cor 12:1–10
 Mt 6:24–34
- Sunday**
 JUNE 20
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jb 38:1, 8–11
 2 Cor 5:14–17
 Mk 4:35–41



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

How often do we see a man or woman arrive at work with a weary face, with a tired countenance and, when we ask them, "What happened?" they answer: "I only slept two hours because we are taking turns at home to be close to... our grandfather, our grandmother"...These are heroic deeds, the heroism of families!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 10, 2015

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of SAVANNAH

Over the last year, many parish ministries were “inactive” due to the pandemic. If you are now returning to volunteer in a ministry you must ensure you are up-to-date on your Safe Environment Compliance. Please call the Church Office to ensure your status.

Protecting Our Youth: Effective June 28, 2012*, Diocesan policy requires ALL employees and volunteers (age 18 and up) to be Safe Environment Compliant. This means he/she receive VIRTUS *Protecting God’s Children for Adults* training, undergo a background check, and read and acknowledge a Code of Conduct in advance of employment or volunteering ministry. A five-year training refresher is required for all active volunteers/employees, and certain roles require monthly training bulletins.

If you have any questions, please contact your parish/school Safe Environment Coordinator, or Joan Altmeyer, Director Safe Environment (912) 201-4074. You can also find many answers at

<https://diosav.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection>

*<https://diosav.org/cyp/mandated-reporting>

Please email Tammy Theologus for your Virtus status.
tammytheologus@gmail.com

Por favor, envíe un correo electrónico a Tammy Theologus para su estado virtus.
tammytheologus@gmail.com

Durante el año pasado, muchos ministerios parroquiales permanecieron “inactivos” debido a la pandemia. Si ahora regresas a ofrecer tus servicios voluntarios en algún ministerio, debes asegurarte de que tu cumplimiento de las disposiciones de Ambiente Seguro esté actualizado. Te invitamos a llamar a la oficina parroquial para verificar tu estado.

Protegiendo a nuestra juventud: A partir del 28 de junio de 2012,* nuestra política diocesana requiere que todos los empleados y voluntarios (de 18 años en adelante) cumplan con las disposiciones de Ambiente Seguro, lo que significa que estos deben recibir capacitación sobre el programa VIRTUS *Protegiendo a los hijos de Dios*, someterse a una verificación de antecedentes, y leer y firmar el código de conducta previo al inicio del empleo o ministerio voluntario. Un curso de actualización de cinco años es imperativo para todos los voluntarios y empleados activos, mientras que algunos puestos requieren la lectura de boletines mensuales de capacitación.

Si tienes preguntas, no dudes en contactar al(la) coordinador(a) de Ambiente Seguro de tu parroquia o escuela, o a Joan Altmeyer, directora de Ambiente Seguro, al teléfono (912) 201-4074. Asimismo, puedes encontrar respuestas a tus dudas en

<https://diosav.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection>

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Family Video Contest

Celebrating the Year of the Family

Grand Prize

A weekend on Tybee Island (October 8-11, 2021)

- Create a video that depicts how your family lives out its Catholic faith at home
- Must be under 5-minutes
- Submission period is June 1 - September 8

For complete contest rules and video submission, please visit www.diosav.org/offices/family-life



Amoris Laetitia
Family
Year 2021 - 2022



The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH



Concurso de Video Familiar

Celebrando el Año de la Familia

El Gran Premio

Un fin de semana en Tybee Island
(8 a 11 de octubre, 2021)

- Haga un video que muestre como su familia vive su fe católica en casa
- Debe ser de menos de 5 minutos
- La fecha de entrega del video es del 1° de junio al 8 de septiembre

Por favor, visita las reglas para entregar el video en este enlace

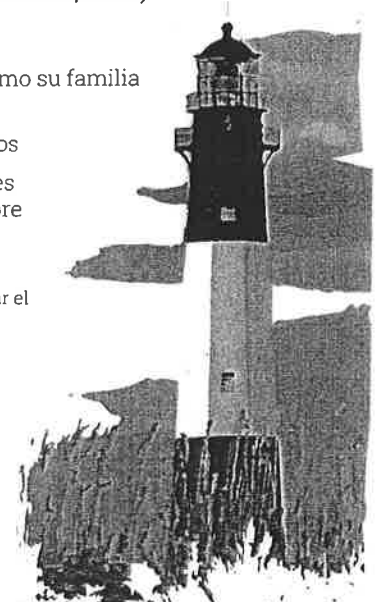
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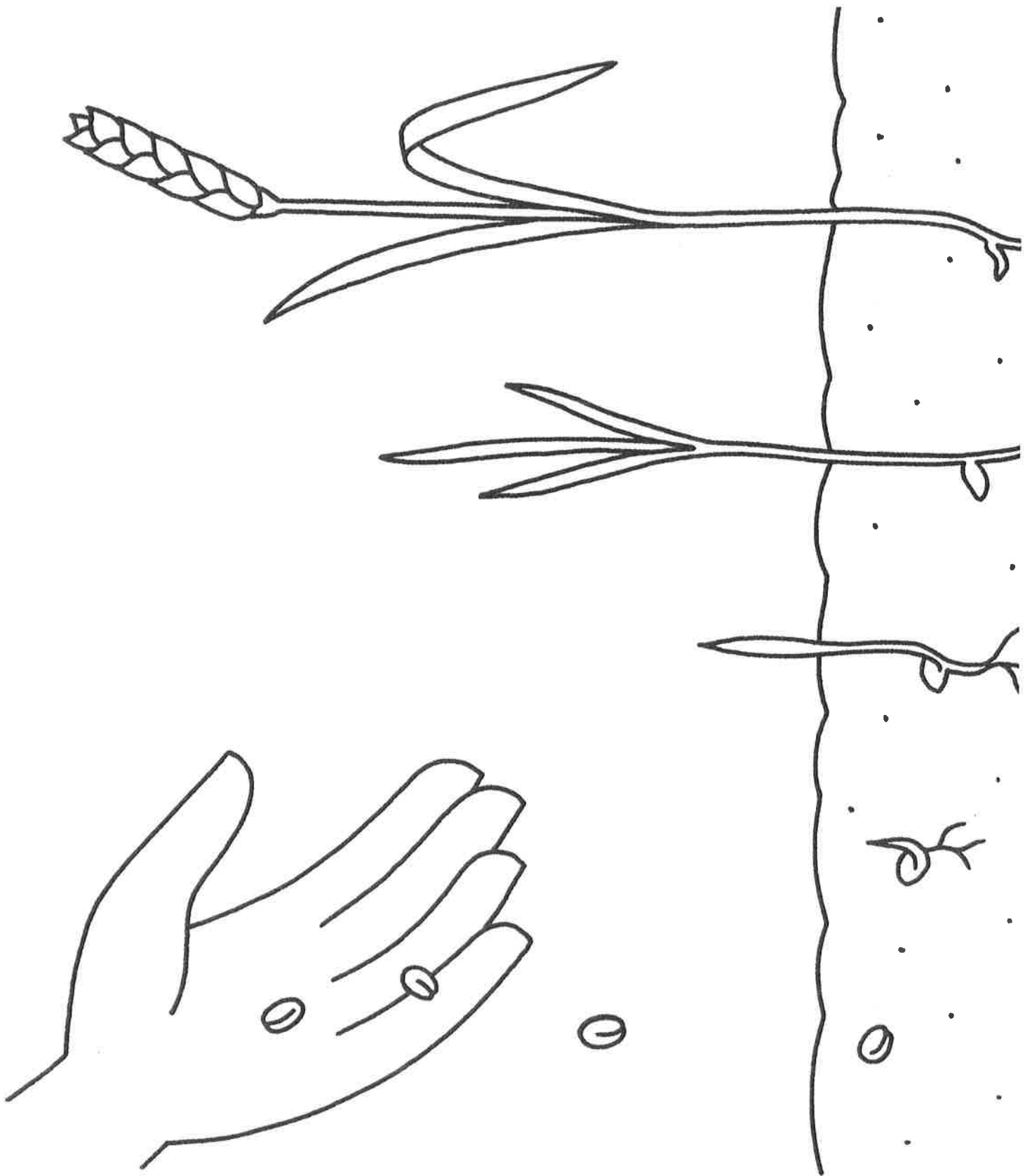


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Family
Year 2021 - 2022



Oficina de Matrimonio, Familia y Respeto a la Vida
LA DIOCESIS CATHOLICA ROMANA DE SAVANNAH







JUNE 13, 2021

"The Kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed planted in a field," said Jesus. "It is incredibly small and yet it grows to become one of the largest trees, where the birds come and make their nests."

Based on Mark 4:26-32


My
Promise
to Jesus

Lord, this week I will ask to plant flowers
in the garden with my mom or dad.
Then I will be able to take care of the flowers
and see them grow.