SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

MONDAY 6/18
First Kings 21:1-16
Matthew 5:38-42

TUESDAY 6/19
First Kings 21:17-29
Matthew 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY 6/20
Second Kings 2:1, 6-14
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY 6/21
Sirach 48:1-14
Matthew 6:7-15

FRIDAY 6/22
2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
Matthew 6:19-23

SATURDAY 6/23
2 Chronicles 24:17-25
Matthew 6:24-34

Feasts, Solemnities, and Memorials This Week:
Tuesday, Romuald; Thursday, Aloysius Gonzaga;
Friday, Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher, & Thomas More

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
Sahel Food Crisis: The people of Niger need our help

It is half-way into the rainy season in Niger and yet not a drop of rain has fallen in most parts of the country. The land is as dry as ever. Niger is one of the largest countries in the West African region of the Sahel, the swath across Africa bordering the Sahara desert, where currently millions of people are threatened by drought and famine.

In such harsh and unfavorable weather conditions, it doesn’t matter how hard you wish to work, you can only do so much without rain. “Without rain,” one farmer says, “earlier rising and going to bed late is useless”. Strikingly, the people of Niger are so grateful for what they have and hardly complain about their lacks. They radiate joy and hope in the midst of severe hunger.

Catholic Relief Services is in Niger, bringing the love of Catholics from all over the world to bear on this destitute place so that these poor people will have a chance to survive.

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Mark 4:31–32

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DAILY MASS
Weekday services are celebrated daily at 7:00 AM, Monday through Saturday, in St. Joseph rectory adjacent to the church in Mammoth Lakes. Walk right in; stay after for coffee and fellowship.

CONFESSIONS
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The “Act of Contrition” is available in the confession room.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM
La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM
Lee Vining:
Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM
Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -
Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon
FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22–24

I, the LORD, Bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, Wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6–10

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body, we walk by faith, not by sight.

Walking through the Holy Land today, one might be forgiven for thinking

The Kingdom of Revelation, the tree of life reappears to bear fruit year-round, its leaves a healing medicine. (Revelation 22:1–2) The trees, it seems, may be more faithful servants of God than are we.

Construir el Reino de Dios

La primera lectura, el salmo y el Evangelio están llenos de imágenes de la naturaleza: ramas, frutos, árboles... ¿Cuánto tiempo tarda una planta pequeña en crecer hasta hacerse un árbol de cedro alto y frondoso? Aunque no veamos cómo se produce el crecimiento de una planta, sabemos que ésta crecerá, sobre todo, si le damos los cuidados adecuados. El aspecto físico de crecer es misterioso, pero crecer por dentro —como persona o comunidad— puede ser mucho más, especialmente crecer para construir el Reino de Dios.

A modo personal o comunitario, quizás nos haga falta crecer en algo... y no sepamos qué es. El apóstol san Pablo nos dice que, aunque no veamos, debemos tener confianza y guiarnos por la fe, para servir al Señor. En la oración colecta, hoy pedimos la gracia de Dios, que supera toda debilidad humana, para seguir siendo fieles.

We need only walk by sight, sometimes. There are so many things to see. In Jericho you can reach out and touch the gigantic elder sycamore (or one quite like it) from which Zacchaeus once clung, hoping to see Jesus. Or you can aim your camera at the now-deceased but still majestic stump of a tree in Hebron, alleged to be the terebinth of Manre under which Abraham pitched his tent and entertained angels. Very ancient trees still stand there that they can do for us.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26–34

"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 and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."