

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
6/13 11:00	Harold Hill, Sr. +	Tom & Rose Hill
6/16 12:00 Latin	William Barry +	Carmen Allen
6/17 12:00	Bob & Keri Allen	
6/18 9:00	Special Intention	
6/19 4:00	Yvonne Brigham +	Tom & Rose Hill
6/20 11:00	Nick Barry	Carmen Allen



Our Lady of the Mountains—Offertory

Weekend of June 6, 2021 Attendance—186

Offertory—\$ 3,358 On line giving—\$350

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

To *Jair Batista* for donating his time and talent to build our Communion Rail. It is beautiful!

Saint of the Week

We are formed by environment and grace, by politics and prayer, by church and conscience. All God's creatures conspire to teach us as well. We stumble. We stutter. We rise.

We are lifted. ~St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231)
Patron of Social Workers Feast Day June 13

DSA 2021

Campaign Progress—Assessment \$13, 950

Funded—\$4,518 15%

“LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD....”

The Gospel of Mark is nothing if not a testament to the power of parables to illustrate the Good News through story. Jesus was a master storyteller, who understood the importance of using images and concepts to which his listeners could relate. A seed, a mustard plant, would symbolize one of Mark's signature focuses: the Kingdom of God.

Centuries earlier, the prophet Ezekiel proclaimed most poetically to the Israelites, recently liberated from Babylonian captivity, that their God was still their hope, their comfort, their rescue, and their shelter. Those refugees would understand the image of the towering cedar as a symbol of their kingdom, cut down, fallen, captured. By restoring their kingdom, their God was giving them a new creation (the replanted shoot) and a new covenant.

Fr. Barone will begin offering an **Adult Catechesis Class** next week and will continue weekly based on interest. We'll be walking through the Catholic Faith by means of the **Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church**. Class begins on **June 18**. Class will follow the 9:00am Mass on Fridays in the **Social Hall** and will be roughly **9:30am to 10:30am**. **Here are links to the book:**

Online version: https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html

Kindle and paperback: <https://www.amazon.com/Compendium-United-States-Conference-Bishops/dp/1574557203>

Father's Column

The First Apparition of Fatima

On May 13, 1917, Lucia dos Santos, Francisco, and Jacinta Marto were, respectively, ten, nine, and seven years old. After three apparitions of the Angel of Portugal in 1916, the children began to receive visits of a luminous Lady who later identified herself as "The Lady of the Rosary." The three seers were playing at Cova da Iria when they saw two flashes like lightning, after which they saw the Mother of God above a holm oak. She was, according to the description of Lucia, "a Lady dressed in white, more brilliant than the sun..." Her face, indescribably beautiful, was "neither sad nor happy, but serious," with an air of mild reproach. Her hands, joined together as if she were praying, were resting at her breast and pointing upward. A rosary hung from her right hand. The conversation developed in the following manner:

Our Lady: Do not be afraid; I will not harm you.

Lucia: Where is Your Grace from?

Our Lady: I am from heaven—pointing to the sky.

Lucia: And what does Your Grace wish of me?

Our Lady: I have come to ask you to come here for six months in succession on the thirteenth day of each month at this same hour. Later I will tell you who I am and what I want. Afterward, I will return here a seventh time.

Lucia: And will I go to heaven, too?

Our Lady: Yes, you will.

Lucia: And Jacinta?

Our Lady: Also.

Lucia: And Francisco?

Our Lady: Also, but he must say many roseries.

Lucia: Is Maria das Neves already in heaven?

Our Lady: Yes, she is.

Lucia: And Amelia?

Our Lady: She will be in purgatory until the end of the world. Do you wish to offer yourselves to God to endure all the sufferings that He may be pleased to send you, as both an act of reparation for the sins with which He is offended and an act of supplication for the conversion of sinners?

Lucia: Yes, we.

Our Lady: Well then, you will have much to suffer. But the grace of God will be your comfort.

"It was upon saying these last words, 'the grace of God...' that for the first time she opened her hands, which emitted the most intense light that penetrated our breasts, reaching the innermost part of our souls and making us see ourselves in God, Who was that light, more clearly than we can see can see ourselves in the best of mirrors.

Then, driven by a deep inspiration, we knelt down and repeated inwardly: 'O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.'"

"A moment later, Our Lady added, 'Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.' She immediately began to rise serenely toward the east until she disappeared far into the distance."

**The next Parish Council Meeting has been rescheduled for
Wednesday, June 16th at 10:30 a.m.
All parishioners are welcome to attend.**

Ladies of OLM

Join us for a Woman's Ministry Planning Luncheon! We are starting something new and would love your input. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11 am on Thursday, June 17th to share your ideas and have a little fun. Contact Janet at 828-526-4590 or email prescherjanet@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Belinda Rudzik, Sarah Bryan, Donna Barry, Nancy McGowan, Carolyn Neupauer, Alsia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, Griffin Harper

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.

James Urbanski, Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, and Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn