



## Resurrection Our Lord Church

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### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: June 16, 2024

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#### Offering for June 09, 2024

**Total Sum. Collection \$ 4,373.00**

Capital Improvement \$ 1,170.00

ACA \$ 550.00

Voice Candles \$ 76.00

World Market \$ 200.00

#### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

“Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.” Our life is one of gratitude for the many gifts that God has given. What are the gifts God has given to you, uniquely; and how is He asking you to share those gifts with the Church and the world?

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**Baptism** : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:35 am or by appointment.

#### Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

**Sun 6/16:** \* Thanksgiving by Lap Sam family  
\* Maria, Martha and 2 Joseph by Khiet Loan  
**Mon 6/17:** \*Thanksgiving, well-being for grandmother by Dylan Lam  
**Tue 6/18:** \* Ancestors both sides by Huong Vu  
**Wed 6/19:** \*Thanksgiving, all souls and intention by 1 person  
**Thus 6/20:** \* Tina by family  
**Fri 6/21:**\* Joseph and Maria by Hong Au  
\* Peter, Maria and Ann by Phuc  
**Sat 6/22:** \* All souls by 1 family

**Today's Gospel:** [Mk 4, 26-34](#) Jesus said to the crowds: “This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.” He said, “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.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

#### Holy Father's Intention for June: For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

#### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days: Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one. Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time. Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom. The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many. These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

**Happy Father's Grandfathers!**



**Day to all Fathers and**