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Cathedral WEEKLY

**"TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE THE KINGDOM OF
GOD...IT IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED..."**

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STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITY & WEEKLY UPDATE

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MASS TIMES
Saturday 4:00PM
Sunday 7:00AM, 10:00AM and 5:00PM

Weekday Masses
Monday thru Friday 7:00AM and 5:15PM
Saturday 8:00AM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Monday thru Friday – 4:15PM to 5:00PM

Saturday – 9:00AM to 10:00AM and
2:30PM to 3:30PM

Sunday – 4:00PM to 4:45PM

Traveling this summer?

Traveling during the summer or away from the Cathedral on the weekend? Please consider the many ways to remain generous to the Parish through mailing in your envelope or considering an online gift. We appreciate your continued generosity! For questions, please contact Katie at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.

Alpha Starts This Week!

Alpha is an interactive series where participants share a meal and in small groups explore faith and life through a friendly atmosphere! All are invited, no need to RSVP! Bring a friend and join us June 20th at 6:30pm in the Cathedral Atrium. Questions? Contact Katie Price at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Monday 18 June

7AM - Rich Lefferts (Friend)

5:15 PM - Norman & Eileen Rovey (Family)

Tuesday 19 June

7AM - Priest Intention

5:15 PM - Mary Ann Midden (Janice & Pete Pohlman)

Wednesday 20 June

7AM - Shane Broyles (Family)

5:15 PM - Special Intention for Poor Souls (Anonymous)

Thursday 21 June

7AM - Catherine Staab (Anonymous)

5:15 PM - L. Mae Nicoud (Timothy & Judy Nicoud)

Friday 22 June

7AM - Mary Ann Midden (William Midden)

5:15 PM - Stuart Selinger (Nancy & Carl Saladino)

Saturday 23 June

8AM - Sue Durr Fagan (Catherine Conder)

4PM - Catherine Staab (Florence Gabriel)

Sunday 24 June

7AM - For the People

10 AM - Alice Bates (Bates family)

5PM - John & Edith Bacalar (John Busciacco)

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Hidden Potential

The image of a mustard seed was something very familiar to those living in the Holy Land 2,000 years ago. The mustard seed was symbolic for the smallest of things. The Lord Jesus teaches us in this Sunday's Gospel to be cautious in underestimating something

simply by its initial appearance.

A mustard seed yields a mighty tree, an image not unique to this Sunday's Gospel. A strong tree was symbolic in ancient times, including in the Old Testament, of various empires on the earth. From this Sunday's Gospel, the mustard tree becomes a symbol for the Church, singular in her beginning yet growing large and strong to the point that others come and dwell in her shade and strength. Two millennia ago, the religious and secular authorities thought nothing more of Jesus after he was crucified, but his life, death, and resurrection became the singular seed from which the Church came forth. The world did not think much of the early Church either. Today, the Church draws all people to herself as the source and fount of God's grace in the world.

The Church is both a static and active reality.

She exists because she is a divine initiative, but much of her vitality is contingent upon our discipleship, our free choice as to whether or not we cooperate with the grace of God in our own lives.

We are the living stones that make up the Church. We must make the active choice to advance her agenda of the Gospel, given to her by our Lord.

The mustard seed may seem insignificant to many, not getting a second thought, but locked within is so much potential. The same is true with us. To the world we may seem insignificant or unremarkable, but not to God. God knows the potential that lies within each and every human life; the power and possibility to change the world by simply being the men and women that he has called each of us to be, to use the gifts and talents given by him to build up the Kingdom here and now.

Before the parable of the mustard seed, we were presented with the parable of the farmer who scatters the seed but knows that the rest is not up to him. Jesus is reminding us that we must rely on God's grace. The farmer cannot make the seed grow on his own. He does his part in sowing the seed but nature does the rest; so it is with our discipleship. We are called to do what we can with what God has gifted us and to allow God to do the rest; this demands trust. Trusting in the gifts and talents that God has given us, trusting that he will do his part, and trusting that, in the end, all things will work for his purposes.

Don't underestimate the power and possibility that God has placed within you.

Use your God-given gifts for his glory and for the good of your fellow sisters and brothers. If each of us would simply do our individual part in God's grand design then we would find the world set ablaze with his grace, his love, and his mercy. God bless you!

Father Christopher House is the Rector-Pastor of the Cathedral and serves in various leadership roles within the diocesan curia, specifically Chancellor and Vicar Judicial.

Stewardship Activity

Stewardship of Time

This summer try adding a Mass Journal into your routine. Draw from the Readings or the homily and take time to write and reflect how God is speaking to you each Sunday.

Stewardship of Talent

Thank you to our ministry volunteers who celebrated with us last Thursday evening. Please pray for them!

Stewardship of Treasure- June 2nd & 3rd

Envelopes:	\$4,817.00
Loose:	\$4,376.31
Maintenance:	\$170.00

TOTAL: \$9,363.31

Needed to operate weekly: \$15,907.89

Difference: \$6,544.58

May EFT: \$18,261.10

Parishioner News

As you have noticed, the summer edition of the *Weekly* is going to be a bit lighter. We have done this to save on costs, but will maintain a vibrant E-news weekly and social media presence to provide additional faith formative resources and articles. We will resume the larger *Weekly* this fall.

1968 Cathedral Class Reunion (50th Reunion) on June 23rd, 2018 in the School Hall, following the 4pm Mass. We look forward to hosting and it is handicap accessible. No need to RSVP, just show up!

Have some news you would like to share? Please email Katie Price at kprice@cathedral.dio.org.