

# *Saint Catharine of Alexandria Church*

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## **Rectory Hours:**

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 8pm  
Friday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 7pm  
Saturday: 9:30am- 5pm

## **Religious Ed. Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 8pm (Appt. Preferred)

## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm in English  
Sunday: 8:30am in English  
10:00am & 11:30am in Spanish  
1:00pm in Polish

## **Weekday Mass Schedule**

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am in English  
Wednesday & Friday: 7pm in Spanish

## **First Friday Mass & Devotion**

In English: Mass at 8:30am: Devotion from 9am to 6:45pm  
In Spanish: Mass at 7pm

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

## **Sacrament of Baptism for Infants**

In English: Second Saturday of the Month  
In Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month  
*Registrations must be made in the Rectory Office at least two months in advance.*

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

*Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.*



## **Dear Padre** June 16, 2024

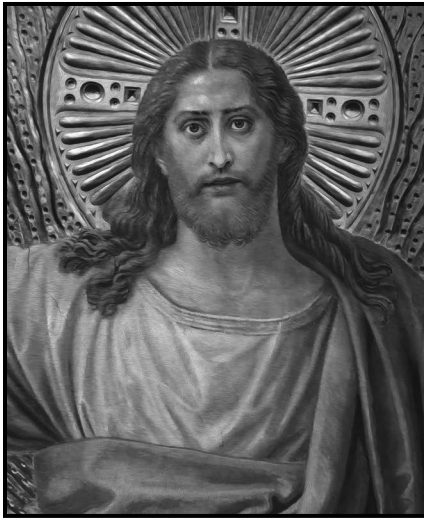
***Why did Jesus always speak in parables? Why didn't he give us clearer answers?***

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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." - Mk 4:30-32b

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### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, June 16th

- 8:30am +Andrea Francois– Sons
- 10:00am +Gloria Quizhpi– Familia  
+Norma Medal
- 11:30am Maria Elena Collado– Rafael & Rafaela  
+Angela Arias– Familia  
+Antonia & Pedro Zambrano– Familia
- 1:00 pm +Janina i Wladyslaw Dyjach

#### Monday, June 17th

- 8:30am Birthday Blessings for Eduardo Perez

#### Tuesday, June 18th

- 8:30am +Pedro Rios– Familia

#### Wednesday, June 19th

- 8:30am +Brigit Oliapuram
- 7:00pm Por los estudiantes de la Parroquia

#### Thursday, June 20th

- 8:30am +Carmelo Cubero– Familia

#### Friday, June 21st

- 8:30am Anniversary of Rafael & Rafaela
- 7:00pm Special Intentions

#### Saturday, June 22nd

- 8:30am For the Sick of the Parish
- 5:00pm For the People of the Parish

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

### Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

### Second Reading:

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

### Gospel:

"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." (Mk 4:31-32)

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### Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Faith can start small, Jesus tells us — as small as the tiniest seed on earth. But it's up to us to surround that seed with good, nutritious soil, to nourish it with sunlight and water, and to tend to it lovingly so that it will grow.

## Observances for the week of June 16, 2024

- Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day
- Wednesday:** St. Romuald, Abbot
- Thursday:** World Refugee Day
- Friday:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
- Saturday:** St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michelle Perri, Dominica LaLima and for all the deceased in our Parish & their loved ones.

#### FOR THE SICK:

Galo Caldero & for all the sick in our Parish.

*Please call the Rectory at 718.436.5917 to place your loved ones on the Deceased or Sick list.*

## WEEKLY OFFERING

# June 9: \$3,225

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16 de junio de 2024

## 11° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Tierra, semilla, dar fruto y cosecha son palabras claves en la parábola del Evangelio de este domingo. Dios quiere hacernos partícipes para trabajar en su viña y así ser colaboradores directos de su obra de salvación. Hoy escucharemos dos parábolas, la de la semilla que crece lentamente y la del grano de mostaza que crece hasta hacerse grande y convertirse en un arbusto. Jesús sabía muy bien el texto del profeta Ezequiel, donde describe el deseo de Dios para su pueblo: “Yo mismo sacaré del cedro una patilla y la plantaré en una alta montaña de Israel, se desarrollará, dará frutos y se convertirá en un cedro magnifico; bajo él descansarán aves de todas las especies, se cobijarán a la sombra de sus ramas” (Ezequiel 17:22-23).

¿Qué significan estas parábolas ahora en este tiempo? ¿A qué me invitan? Creo que, Jesús desea que maduremos en la fe para actuar conforme a los dones que nos ha regalado. El Señor espera mucho de cada uno de nosotros, porque nos ha dado las herramientas para trabajar. Y la herramienta principal es su Palabra sembrada en nuestros corazones, que silenciosamente crece por medio de la oración y la acción, para enseguida participar en la misión encomendada para lograr una sociedad más justa y comprometida. El modelo a seguir es Cristo, el alimento para el camino es la Eucaristía, que fortalece y santifica. Recordemos que, de lo pequeño, como la semilla de mostaza, Dios hace grandes cosas. ¿Qué ha hecho en mí para agradecerle?



### Noches juveniles de verano

Todos los lunes de 5pm a 8pm  
Julio 8 - Agosto 26

Noches de compañerismo abiertas para  
estudiantes de 7 a 12 grado

Las actividades incluirán:  
Noches de cine, juegos de mesa y  
videojuegos, deportes y más

El 19 de agosto, SCA organizará una fiesta  
juvenil de verano de 7pm a 11pm



### Educación Religiosa

¡Las inscripciones para Educación Religiosa  
comenzarán el 16 de julio de 2024!!

- Martes a viernes: 1pm a 5pm
- Martes y jueves: 5pm a 8pm (con cita preferible)

#### Preguntas más frecuentes

¿Cuándo puedo comenzar a inscribir a mi hijo a catecismo?  
Para Comunión, cuando los estudiantes comienzan 2  
Grado.  
Para Confirmación, cuando los estudiantes  
comiencen el 7 Grado.

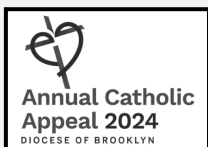
¿Cuántos años necesitará mi hijo para asistir a clase?  
Preparación de Comunión y Confirmación, dos años  
cada uno.

¿Qué documentos necesito traer para el registro?  
**NECESITAREMOS** el certificado de Nacimiento y  
Bautismo de su hijo.

¿Cuánto cuesta la matrícula de Educación Religiosa?  
\$80 por niño  
Depósito de \$40 al registrarse (sin excepciones)

¿Cuándo se realizan las clases?  
1er Año de Comunión- Sábados de 12:30pm a 2pm  
2do Año de Comunión - Sábados de 11am a 12:30pm  
1er Año de Confirmación: sábados de 9:30am a 11am  
2do Año de Confirmación: jueves de 5pm a 6:30pm

Mi hijo tiene..... (caso específico).... ¿Qué debo hacer?  
Por favor hablar con Luis para más información.



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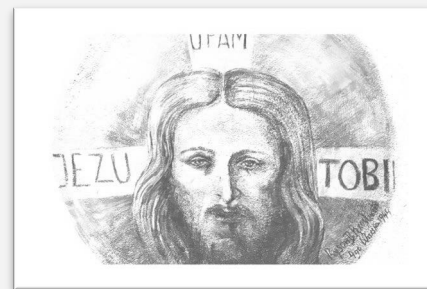
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## X NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

### ***Mk 3, 20-35 Szatan został pokonany***

Jezus przyszedł z uczniami swoimi do domu, a tłum znów się zbierał, tak że nawet posilić się nie mogli. Gdy to posłyszeli Jego bliscy, wybrali się, żeby Go powstrzymać. Mówiono bowiem: «Odszedł od zmysłów».

A uczeni w Piśmie, którzy przyszli z Jerozolimy, mówili: «Ma Belzebuba i mocą władcy złych duchów wyrzuca złe duchy».



Wtedy przywołał ich do siebie i mówił im w przypowieściach: «Jak może Szatan wyrzucać Szatana? Jeśli jakieś królestwo jest wewnętrznie skłócone, takie królestwo nie może się ostać. I jeśli dom wewnętrznie jest skłócony, to taki dom nie będzie mógł się ostać. Jeśli więc Szatan powstał przeciw sobie i jest z sobą skłócony, to nie może się ostać, lecz koniec z nim. Nikt nie może wejść do domu mocarza i sprzęt mu zagrabić, jeśli mocarza wpierw nie zwiąże, i dopiero wtedy dom jego ograbi. Zaprawdę, powiadam wam: Wszystkie grzechy i bluźnierstwa, których by się ludzie dopuścili, będą im odpuszczone. Kto by jednak zbluźnił przeciw Duchowi Świętemu, nigdy nie otrzyma odpuszczenia, lecz winien jest grzechu wiecznego». Mówili bowiem: «Ma ducha nieczystego». Tymczasem nadeszła Jego Matka i bracia i stojąc na dworze, posłali po Niego, aby Go przywołać. A tłum ludzi siedział wokół Niego, gdy Mu powiedzieli: «Oto Twoja Matka i bracia na dworze szukają Ciebie».

Odpowiedział im: «Któż jest moją matką i którzy są moimi braćmi?»

I spoglądając na siedzących dokoła Niego, rzekł: «Oto moja matka i moi bracia. Bo kto pełni wolę Bożą, ten jest Mi bratem, siostrą i matką».

### **Oto słowo Pańskie**

W tym fragmencie Ewangelii Jezus uczy nas, że podziały nigdy nie są dobre, nawet wśród demonów, złych duchów. Podziały zawsze niszczą, nieważne, czego dotyczą: czegoś dobrego czy złego. Jeśli czujemy się podzieleni, wtedy wszystko, czego się podejmujemy, obraca się przeciwko nam i nie pozwala nam skupić się na naszych celach. Z tego powodu Jezus stwierdza w innym miejscu Ewangelii, że „nikt nie może dwom panom służyć, gdyż jednego będzie miłował, a drugim pogardzał” (por. Mt 6, 24). Bóg prosi nas, abyśmy Mu służyli i kochali Go całym sercem, a my często Go zawodzimy. On o tym wie. On wie, że jesteśmy słabi, a jednak oczekuje, że mimo to będziemy się starać ze wszystkich sił. On czeka na ten moment, w którym uznamy, że, aby coś osiągnąć, musimy polegać na Jego sile, a nie na naszej. Walka o królestwo Boże zależy nie tyle od tego, co robimy i co nam się udaje albo nie udaje, ale od tego, jak bardzo ufamy Bożej obecności, miłości i przebaczeniu, które zawsze na nas czeka.

June 16, 2024

# 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, “he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.” Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

## Summer Youth Nights

Every Monday from 5pm to 8pm  
July 8 to August 26

Fellowship nights Open to 7th- 12th Graders

Activities will include:  
Movie Nights, Board & Video Games,  
Sports, & More

On August 19 SCA will host a Summer  
Youth Party from 7pm to 11pm



## Religious Education

Registrations for Religious Education  
will begin on July 16, 2024!!

- Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm
- Tues. & Thurs.: 5pm to 8pm (By Appt. preferred)

### Religious Ed. FAQ

When can I begin registering my child for Religious Classes?  
For Communion, as students begin 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
For Confirmation, as students begin 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

How many years will my child need to attend class?  
Communion and Confirmation prep. takes two years each.

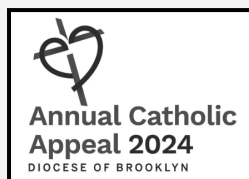
What documents do I need to bring for registration?  
We will **NEED** your child's Birth Certificate as well as  
Baptismal Certificate.  
Birth Certificate **must** be provided at Registration

How much is the tuition for Religious Education?  
\$80 per child  
\$40 deposit due at registration (No Exceptions)

When are classes held?  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Communion- Saturdays at 12:30 to 2pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Communion- Saturdays at 11am to 12:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation- Saturdays at 9:30am to 11am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation- Thursdays at 5pm to 6:30pm

My child has..... (specific case).... What do I do?  
Please speak with Luis for more information.

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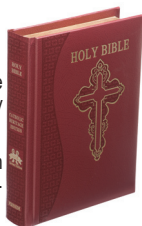
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