



# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 17, 2018

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***Celebrants:***

***Father Victor Ray***

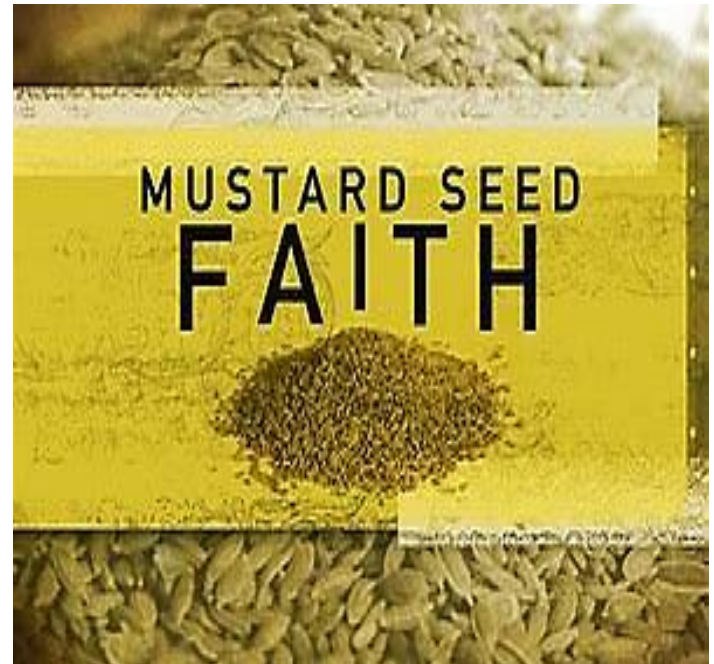
***Associates:***

***Father Martin dePorres***

***Father Robin Whitlock***



*Wisdom  
From  
Father Victor Ray*



The gospel text of today begins with these words, “Jesus said, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like’” (Mk 4:26) Like! And the gospel text concludes with these words, “Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables...” (Mk 4:34). Parables!

Three year ago, one Pastor Mack Wolford died from a rattlesnake bite during an outdoor church service just because he failed to accept the language of symbolism in Mark 16:18 (which says, “They will pick up snakes in their hands and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison”). Pastor Mack Wolford, who was only 44, in death followed his father who also died of snakebite in the context of practicing his ‘faith’ among the sect of “Serpent Handlers”!

In the gospel of today, Jesus narrates to us two seed-parables. The first illustrates the process involved in the growth of the grace of God in us and in the world around us. The second parable contrasts the paradox of the reign of God – it is invisible yet it could be very potent and powerful. In both there is an element of surprise. We do not know how the seed grows. And the mustard seed small as it is can become huge! Yes, are we ready to be surprised by God? Being humble enough to be surprised by God, I think, is the antidote to idolatry.

*Father Victor Ray*

# The Daily Prayer of Saint Teresa

Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of You. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. **Amen.**

## Let's Pray For:



Andrews, Stacey  
Elena  
Harper, Richard  
Hartwig, Bill  
Hickman, Bp. Peter  
Judy and Larry  
Jentsch, David  
Kovar, Lyn



Little, Ron  
Marx, D.A.  
Ray, Father Victor  
Retke, Wayne  
Spano, Dee  
Talboom, Mark  
Villafana, Ivy  
Wilhelm, Birgit

For all those that need a Prayer, Raise, your Right Hand Toward Heaven and know that the Parish of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Community is beside you in your Prayer.

For all of our Parishioners that follow us through Electronic Media. Prayers for your specific request that you have sent us.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- June 17, Mass, Sunday, 10:30 am – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- June 17, Sunday – FATHER'S DAY
- June 18, Monday, 6:30 pm – Drag Queen Fundraising Bingo for Saturday Morning Breakfast Club
- June 21, Thursday, 7:00 pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Pride Worship Service at First Presbyterian Church. Address is 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg.
- June 24, Mass, Sunday, 10:30 am – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- June 24, Sunday, 11am – 5pm – Pride Festival Booth at Spot "F38". Located at about 2710 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg. Located near the NuMex Restaurant. Parking is available on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South from 28<sup>th</sup> Street to about 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

*All of us at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Community want to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who is visiting us for the first time this morning. Whether you are just having a look, or are searching for a place to worship, we are delighted to have you here. Enjoy the rest of your worship time with us, and*

*May God Bless You!*



## Celebrations

Father Victor Ray Birthday 6/17

Michael Velez Birthday 6/25

Ron Little and Wayne Rettke Anniversary 7/4

Michael and Cheryl Velez Anniversary 7/4

For all those Celebrations that I have missed, Forgive Me and I sincerely hope they were all Wonderful and Wishing

## STOCCC GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL BOOTH

- PLEASE ATTEND CHURCH FIRST AND THEN COME AND SEE WHAT'S NEW.
- BOOTH LOCATION IS LISTED IN THE CALENDAR SECTION, IN THIS NOTICE, THE APP AND THE WEBSITE.
- MARKETING TEAM IS DISPLAYING THIS BOOTH CONCEPT FOR THE FIRST TIME, SO COME ON OUT AND CHECK IT OUT.

**For more detailed Church information, read the STOCCC Gazette which is found on the Website: [www.stoccc.org](http://www.stoccc.org) or the APP: Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Community**

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

6/10/18: 22	COLLECTIONS: \$255.00
ACTUAL MONTHLY EXPENSE: \$1,562.61	MONTHLY INCOME (PLUS/MINUS) <b>(-1,125.61)</b>

## **STOCCC SHIRT ORDERING**

**WE NOW ARE TAKING  
ORDERS FOR THE  
STOCCC SHIRTS.  
REMINDER, LIGHT  
BLUE AND  
BURGUNDY ARE THE  
OFFICIAL COLORS.  
ALL ORDERS MUST  
BE PAID FOR PRIOR  
TO ORDERING.**



## **This Weeks Chuckle**

140001@telus.net  
cagiecartoons.com



## **OUR NEW ADVERTISING SLOGAN**

Jesus Christ has never denied anyone in the participation of the Seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Confession, Marriage, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick.

If you believe this statement to be true, then Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Community is the Church for you,

Our mentor, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and We at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Community have one thing in common, our "LOVE" for our fellow being is a lesson learned from Jesus Christ.

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### **\* NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION**

To ensure that our mission here at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Community grow and survive, we need to adhere to our advertising slogan. It is time to let go of the past and start listening to the message that Jesus and Father Victor preach every Sunday about "LOVE". Alienating individuals from Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Community does not support our mission to help those who really need our LOVE and ASSISTANCE. REMEMBER: **I KNOW THERE WILL BE A DAY OF PEACE. FOR THIS, LET US ALL WORK AND PRAY.**

**HAMBURGER MARY'S**

**DRAG QUEEN BINGO**

**TOMORROW MONDAY,**

**JUNE 18, 2018 6:30 PM**

**PROCEEDS FOR THIS  
SEMI-ANNUAL EVENT  
SUPPORTS THE  
SATURDAY MORNING  
BREAKFAST CLUB  
WHICH SERVES  
BETWEEN 150-200  
PEOPLE PER WEEK  
WITH A NUTRITIOUS  
BREAKFAST...**

**Hamburger Mary's  
2901 Tyrone Boulevard  
St. Petersburg**





## *A Father Just Like You*

*I just want to let you know  
You mean the world to me  
Only a heart as dear as yours  
Would give so unselfishly*

*The many things you've done  
All the times that you were there  
Help me know deep down inside  
How much you really care*

*Even though I might not say  
I appreciate all you do  
Richly blessed is how I feel  
Having a father just like you*

*Today we celebrate Father's Day, honoring our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and all those who have acted as fathers in our lives. How fortunate are we if we had or have a father who is like the majestic cedar described in the first reading, providing comfort and protection for all those in its care. Whatever our own circumstances, we can look to God, our Almighty Father, as the ideal of a fostering, loving forgiving parent.*

# GATHERING

## COME, FOLLOW ME

Gael Berberick (ASCAP) and Barney Walker (ASCAP)



Come, fol - low me and live; do not be a - fraid. Be -



lieve and trust in me; your faith will give you strength. Leave

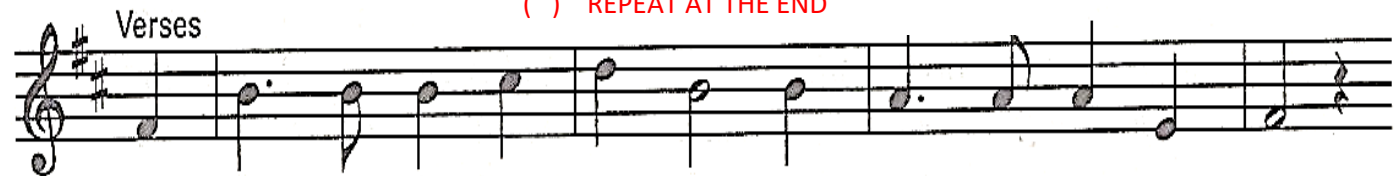


all your fears be - hind you; let your heart be free, for



( I will be your guide. Oh, come and fol - low me. )

( ) REPEAT AT THE END



1. Come, fol - low in these foot-steps; I'll lead you gent - ly home.
2. Come, walk a - cross the wa - ter; place all your faith in me.
3. If you re - main with - in me, my words re - main in you.



1. No shel - ter, food nor mon - ey will you need up - on this road.
2. Cast all your doubts be - hind you to the wind and rag - ing sea.
3. What - ev - er you may ask of me, that is what I will do.



Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. 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. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church*

**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

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

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

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

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

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

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

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

## Reading 2

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

*Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.*

Thanks be to God



**Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**



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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

## ***Question of the Week:***

How can I be fertile soil in which the seed God sows may grow? Where can I help the kingdom of God Flourish in the world? When do I need to let go and trust in the Lord?

# OFFERTORY

NEW CREATION

Jackie François

Refrain

From death to life: I no long-er live, but Christ now  
lives in me. Clothed in righ - teous-ness and  
crowned with ho - li-ness, we are new. Al-le - lu - ia!

Verses

1. See: the old is dead and gone. Be-hold: new things have  
all of sin and death's de-  
2. O Lord Je - sus, wash a - way  
1. come. Fit us for sal - va-tion.  
2. cay. Make us new cre - a-tions. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-  
to Refrain  
1, 2. lu - ia. De-light in re-demp-tion's song.


AT THE END A MUSICAL INTERLUDE THEN REPEAT  
ALLELUIA LAST LINE AND REFRAIN

# COMMUNION

## SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

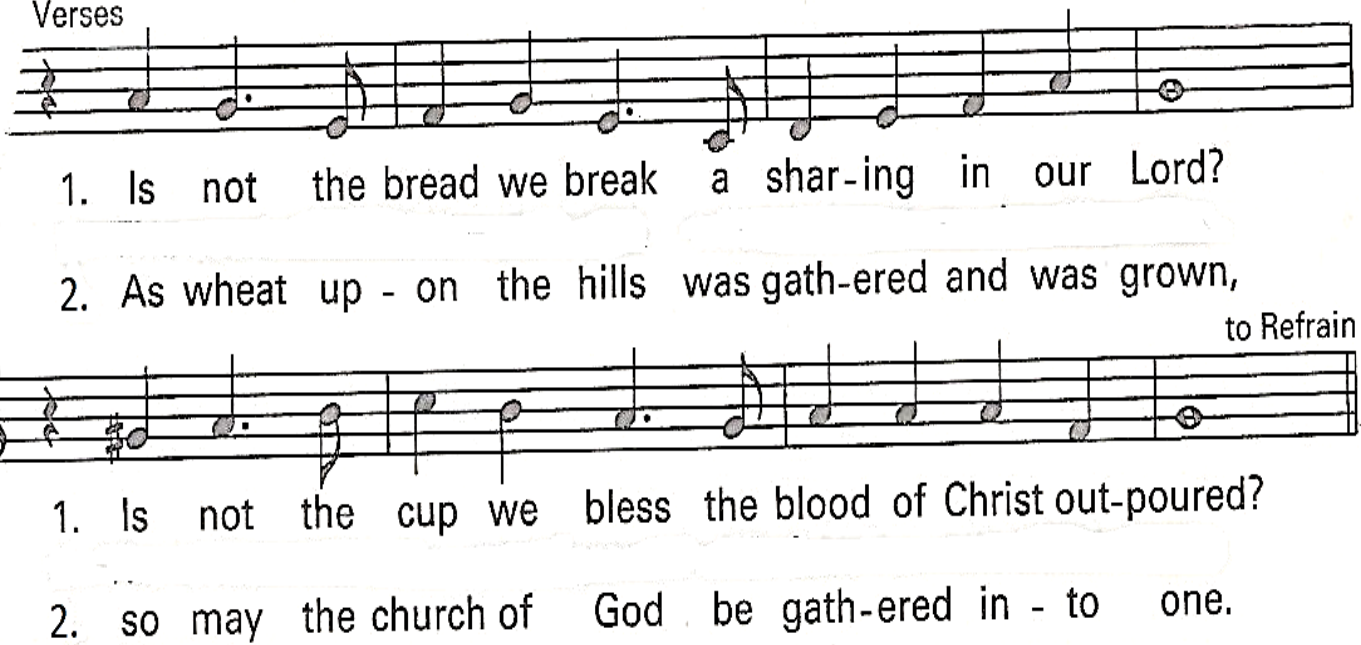
Dan Feiten

### Refrain



Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and grown,  
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the liv-ing bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is  
shared by all; the liv-ing cup, the liv-ing bread of God.

### Verses



1. Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?  
2. As wheat up - on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,  
1. Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?  
2. so may the church of God be gath-ered in - to one.

to Refrain



POST COMMUNION SONG (IF NEEDED TO STRETCH)

## SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living. Sanctuary for You

It is you, Lord. Who came to save  
The heart and soul. Of every man  
It is you Lord. Who knows my weakness  
Who gives me strength. With thine own hand

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and Holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living. Sanctuary for you

Lead Me on Lord. From temptation  
And Purify me. From within  
Fill my heart Lord. With Your holy spirit  
And Take away, Take away all my sin

Lord prepare me to be sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living. Sanctuary for You

Lord prepare me to be sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living. Sanctuary for You

Sanctuary for You

Sanctuary for You

**SENDING**

## **Mustard Seed**

by [David Ashley Trent](#)

If I tell this mountain to get up and move  
from the Appalachian Trail to the ocean blue  
This is a taste of what I can do  
with a head full of dreams and my eyes on You, Lord

All I need, all I need, all I need  
is faith the size of a mustard seed  
All I need, all I need, all I need  
is faith the size of a mustard seed

Cry out for peace when the world is at war  
Pray for justice like never before  
This is the time you need to be bold  
Ask and receive like you know you've been told

All you need, all you need, all you need  
is faith the size of a mustard seed  
All you need, all you need, all you need  
is faith the size of a mustard seed

The Lord made the water to turn into wine  
He raised up the dead and gave sight to the blind  
He said, "I tell you the truth this is just the start  
Because my children will do greater things by far."

All we need, all we need, all we need  
is faith the size of a mustard seed  
All we need, all we need, all we need  
is faith the size of a mustard seed

*Please join us for Fellowship  
and Coffee. Have a Blessed Week!*



Spread love everywhere you go. Let  
no one ever come to you without  
leaving happier.

— *Mother Teresa* —

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