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Saint Thomas More Welcomes All

Welcoming all, we, the Spirit-filled parish of St. Thomas More, value our Roman Catholic faith by celebrating the sacraments, breaking open the Scriptures, and joyfully offering ourselves in service to others. Under the inspiration of our patron saint, we seek to build a caring community that embraces the values he modeled of friendship, integrity and courageous love of God.

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Weekend Assistants

Deacons

Rev. John E. Janze

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Rev. William Krekelberg
Rev. Joseph Horn, O Praem
Rev. Joseph Justice
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Deacon John & Mrs. Michelle Selig

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Office Hours by Phone:

The parish office is closed to the public.
Phones are answered during the following times:
Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm

The kingdom of God



is like a mustard seed
that is the smallest
of all the seeds.
But once it is sown,
it springs up
and becomes
the largest of plants.

Mark 4:31-32

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 13, 2021



Daily Mass:
Monday – Saturday: 8:00 AM


Vigil Mass Times
 4:00 PM Vietnamese/English
 6:00 PM English

Sunday Mass Times
 8:00 AM English
 10:00 AM English
 12:00 PM Spanish/English
 5:00 PM English

Morning Prayer: Wed & Fri 7:30am to 7:50am
Adoration: Every Friday 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday Confessions: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Mass will be available online for the sick and homebound on Sundays at 10:00am and Monday-Saturday at 8:00am

For spiritual advisement, please contact the priest to schedule an appointment.



A Personal note from Fr. Eugene:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Thomas More Parish,

As I prepare to transition into your beautiful community, I want to express my gratitude to God. I am all yours because I am all Christ's. Ready to learn, ready to lead, ready to rock for Jesus. Fr. John Janze has led this parish to be a loving, warm, and inviting place, and his gentle ways offer to me a living challenge to continue to provide for you steadfast, Christ-like leadership. We must continue to be a Pentecost people, on fire with the Holy Spirit, ready to do our part to set the world on fire with the Gospel. Let us remain united in reverent prayer and sacrificial service. Let us have fun and let's continue to build our corner of God's Kingdom!

See you soon! - Fr. Eugene



Fr. John is retiring on July 1st!



Join us on the patio for receptions after all Masses on **June 26th and 27th**

Cards and gifts can be dropped off at the parish office lobby. If you would like to send a brief video greeting or share photos for the special slideshow, email: Abraham@stmirvine.org

Come back for a larger reception at 6pm on Sunday, June 27th for food trucks, music and fellowship with the STM family!

MASS INTENTIONS		
<i>Please call the front desk to request a Mass Intention</i>		
Monday 6/14	8:00am	†Roisin Rodgers
Tuesday 6/15	8:00am	†Michael Brian Chu
Wednesday 6/16	8:00am	†Purificacion Jugueta
Thursday 6/17	8:00am	†Vina Villanueva
Friday 6/18	8:00am	†Michael Brian Chu
Saturday 6/19	8:00am	Howard & Mary Palter
	8:00am	†Federico Fernandez
	8:00am	†Jose M. San Juan
	8:00am	Baby Johanna Harris
	8:00am	†Liem Poo Sian
	8:00am	Robbie, Ellen, & Violet Kohler
	8:00am	†Michael Brian Chu
	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
	8:00am	†Thomas Donohue
	8:00am	Robert & Mary Claire Jensen
Sunday 6/20	4:00pm	Pro Populo
	6:00pm	†Maurice Mudlong
	8:00am	Father's Day Novena
	10:00am	†Mary Wagner Pabinquit
	12:00pm	Teresa Lemire
	5:00pm	Fr. John Janze

My Dear People,

Today's theme on the Readings: GOD'S TIME

We either pay attention to or ignore "clock time" as we play in the summer sun and note the earth's tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like supertime and summertime. God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of "saving time," that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called *kairos*, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

This Sunday's readings alert us to the reality and the import of God's time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the "harvest" time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God.

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In Christ,
Father John

Collections and Expenses

5-31-2021 to 6-6-21

	Collection	E-Giving	Total
Sunday Collection	\$15,360	\$11,430	\$26,790
Believe & Grow	\$0	\$1,672	1,672
BGT- Phase 2	\$3,460	\$1,773	\$5,233
Building Fund	\$400	\$716	\$1,116
Other income	\$5,910	\$134	\$6,045

Regular Expenses	\$27,884
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We appreciate your continued financial support of the parish during these challenging times. If you would like to give, please click on the e-giving link in the top corner of the STM website to set up or update your e-giving. If you have questions, please call the office. All donations to the *Believe & Grow Together Campaign* will be used exclusively to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church. Moreover, Building Fund donations can be used to pay for the construction costs to build the new Parish church and for the maintenance and repairs of the existing Parish buildings and property. ***Thank you for your generosity!***



Wedding Banns
Kim Than and Serena Dinh

Where the Church is,
there is the Spirit of God;
and where the Spirit of God is, there is the
Church and all grace, and the Spirit is truth.
—St. Irenaeus



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree
(Ezekiel 17:22-24).

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

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire
to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest
of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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Jim Danaher	Damian Ledesma	Tara Summers
Mark Daniel	Todd Leeds	Liz Thomas
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Marisela Gonzalez	Agnes Motley	Mike Winchester
Lois Gorman	Marie Moya	Jim Wood
Alice Green	Susan Navarrete	Linda Yipp

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Life Teen Bible Studies will continue to meet on Mondays at 7pm. If you would like to attend the bible studies, please go to www.stmirvine.org/live and click on bible study to join.

Thank You to the youth ministry core team and Confirmation Catechists for all your hard work during this pandemic year.

Virtual Live Nights will be on break for the time being. We hope to be back in person soon.



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Confirmation Masses will take place in the month of June.

Sunday, June 6 at 7pm

- Group 1: Tom & Michelle Tassinari's Class
- Group 2: Ken Rute's Class
- Group 3: Lex Coliflores' Class
- Group 4: Edgar Ariza's Class

Saturday, June 12 at 7:30pm

- Group 5: Pam & Bernie Ocampo's Class
- Group 6: Catherine Spear's Class
- Group 7: Anthony & Lisa's Class
- Group 8: Gerry Oridiano's Class

Sunday, June 13 at 7pm

- Group 9: Eric Rodriguez's Class
- Group 10: Hernan Wences' Class
- Group 11: Adam Montano's Class
- Group 12: Hanh Nguyen's Class

R.E.P. CORNER



We want to wish all of our families a fun, adventurous and faith-filled summer!



SUMMER VBS NEWS!!!

ROCKY RAILWAY Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!!



is scheduled for the week of
July 26—30, 2021!!

Lawrence Elk and all the rest of the VBS Bible Buddies are so excited to announce that registration will be open very soon! Please stay tuned for more information. Also, we really need some creative adults who can help us transform our parish into a giant train station! If you would like to volunteer, please contact the REP Office at (949) 551-8029.



The Library Corner

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The St Thomas More Parish Library staff would like to wish all our parishioners a Happy 11th Sunday in Ordinary time. The Library will be closed until further notice.

The gospel of Mark today tells us how Jesus compared the kingdom of God with the parable of the Mustard Seed. It is one of the smallest of seeds on earth, put into the ground, becomes one of the largest plants with large branches, to shade the birds of the sky. As Catholics, we know that Christ laid down His life for this world like a tiny mustard seed to create the divine origin of the Church. It is now our responsibility to gather and bring all into the tree of safety, His Church and His heavenly kingdom.



St. Joseph

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St. Thomas More will begin a brand new Saturday Bible Study on **June 5th at 9:00 AM**

Participants will view a video during the week and meet via Zoom every Saturday for a lively group discussion and fellowship.

To register, contact **Deacon Tony** at tpat7747@gmail.com



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VBS IS COMING BACK TO STM

July 26-30, 2021

CAMPER REGISTRATION COMING SOON!



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Flag Day
Saturday: St. Romuald; Blessed Virgin Mary



Flag Day

Young Ladies Institute



The Young Ladies Grand Institute's
Annual Baby Shower will be held the weekend of
Saturday and Sunday, June 12th and 13th.

The ladies from YLI Holy Angels #247 will be outside of
the Church after all of the Masses to collect baby items
for Casa Teresa in Orange.

Your donated baby items (new and gently used),
diapers, and/or monetary contributions
will be much appreciated.



saint snippets


Empty yourself
completely and sit
waiting, content with
the grace of God.

St. Romuald

11th-century Italian nobleman who left his
worldly life behind to live as a hermit. He
founded the Camaldolese monastic order.

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June 19



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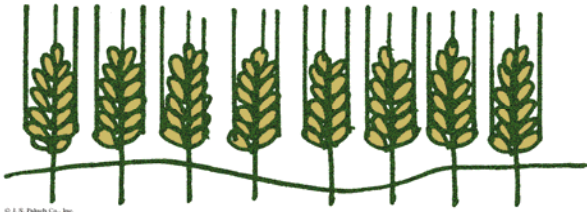
FEAST OF FAITH

The Preparation of the Altar

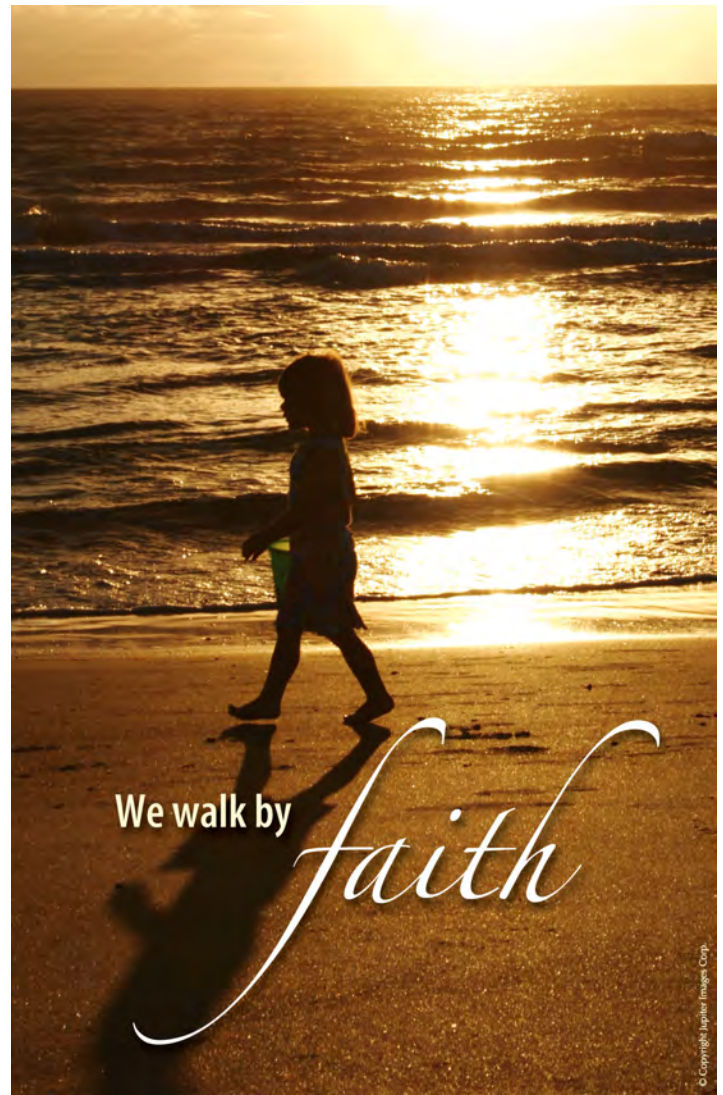
The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that “the altar is Christ” (Dedication of an Altar, 4). The altar is a table “on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes”; but it is also the place for a festive meal: “a table at which the Church’s children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ” (Dedication of an Altar, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for “body”) over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the Sacramentary or Roman Missal, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

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faith

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**"He will turn the
hearts of the
fathers to their
children, and
the hearts
of the children
to their fathers."**

Malachi 4:6

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Heart"*

From Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter dedicating
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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

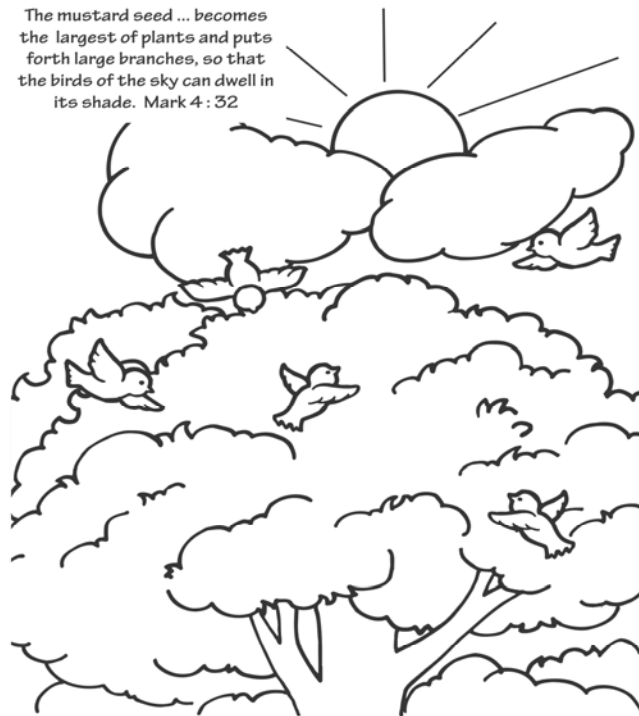


Thus says the Lord God, "I will also take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and set it out; I will pluck from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. And birds of every kind will nest under it; they will nest in the shade of its branches. Ez 17:22, 23

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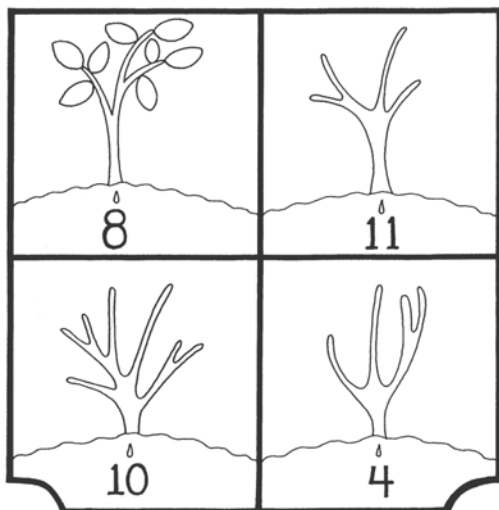
The mustard seed ... becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade. Mark 4:32



Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed (see Mark 4:30-34 in your Bible).

Even though it is the smallest seed, it grows to be the largest plant. Let's remember to be good "gardeners" and help God's kingdom grow. Read the number under each seed.

Then draw that many leaves on the plant stem above it. The first one is done for you.



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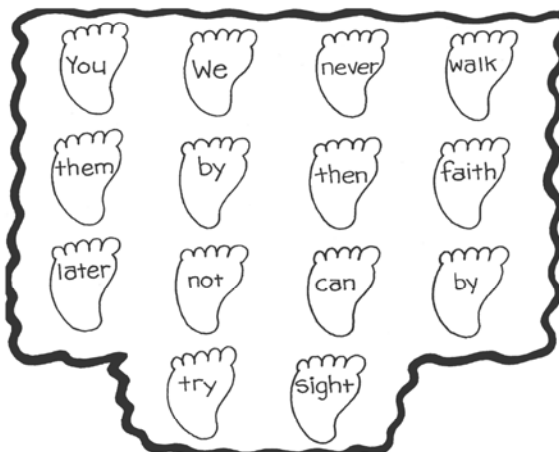
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In his Second Letter to the Corinthians (5:7).

Paul writes about walking in a certain way.

To find what that is, color the second footprint, then every other one after that.

The remaining footprints will tell how we should all walk.



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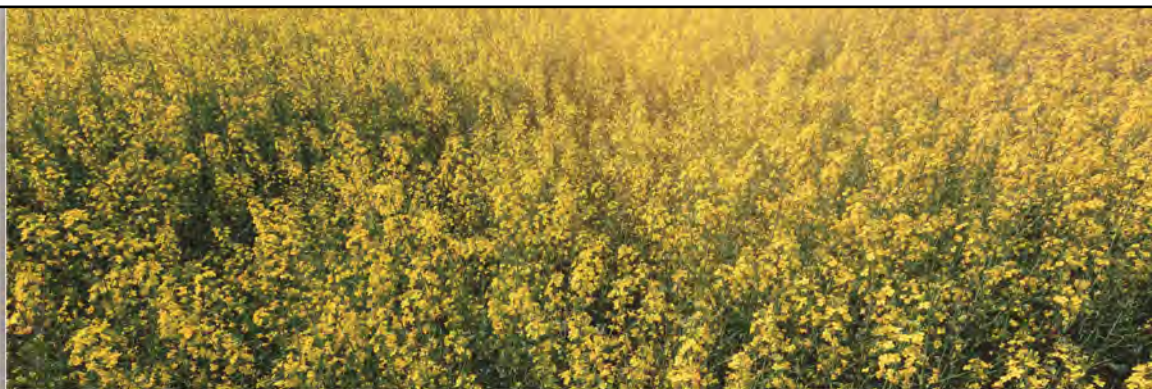



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The kingdom of
God is like
a mustard seed
that is the smallest
of all the seeds.
But once it is sown,
it springs up
and becomes the
largest of plants.

MARK 4:31-32



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THE CHURCH AND GOD'S KINGDOM

Today's scriptures connect the towering cedars of Lebanon from the prophet Ezekiel to the mustard plant of the famous parable of Jesus. Both plants represent the Kingdom of God. Both are also to be understood as symbols of the Church, where "birds of every kind shall dwell" (Ezekiel 17:23) and shelter in the cedar's branches, and the shade of the mustard plant's large branches provide dwelling for the "birds of the sky." Even today's psalm tells of the just one who is like a cedar flourishing in the house of the Lord.

Now, the Church is not the Kingdom, but rather a sacrament, a visible sign of it. They co-exist in the here-and-now but also in the "not yet." As Paul reminds us, we must constantly work to continue building and growing the Kingdom by everyday good works of "the just one." So we are all birds and just ones.

"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.

THY KINGDOM COME . . .

Ezekiel said that God would tear off "a tender shoot" (17:22) for this replanting. What does this sound like? Why, Advent, of course, and specifically the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (Isaiah 11:1); and again in Isaiah's Messianic texts we hear: "He grew up before us like a tender shoot" (53:2). Jesse was the father of the great king David and, as we know, Jesus came to be that tender shoot, that blossom, the new Davidic King whose throne, the cross, was once a tree.

God's incarnation in Jesus, born fully human, is the fulfillment of the promise to Ezekiel of the renewed and restored cedar, the new Kingdom. That new creation and covenant exists for us in the Church, through the Holy Spirit making the seed planted within us grow, flourish, and spread. Thus we have the faith and courage to be that visible sign of the Kingdom bringing hope and renewal to the world. We must live Kingdom lives before we can convince others to do so.

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34