

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER REFLECTION

A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-10 (NIV).



Mustard Seed Faith

H G T P M P W O K U Y P T U B
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DRINK	SEA	DUTY	OBEY	APOSTLES
FAITH	EAT	INCREASE	PLANTED	SMALL
SERVANT	LORD	UPROOTED	MUSTARD	PREPARE
SEED	REPLIED	TREE	MULBERRY	SUPPER

Pope's prayer intention for October:

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Limo Grant, Ann Bishop, Thelma Joseph, Michael Philbert, Dean Andrew, Clarissa Bain, Arnold Joseph, Ambrose Noel, Andrea Jessica, Veronica Thomas, Emma Joseph, Joseph Ross, Finley Gill.

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 17:5-10) presents the theme of faith, introduced by the disciples' request: "increase our faith!" (v. 5). A beautiful prayer, which we should pray often throughout the day: "Lord, increase my faith!" Jesus responds with two images: the grain of mustard and the willing servant. "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree: 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" (v. 6). The mulberry is a robust tree, deeply rooted in the ground and resistant to the winds. Thus, Jesus wishes to make it understood that faith, even if small, can have the power to uproot so much as a mulberry. And then to transplant it into the sea, which is something even more improbable: but nothing is impossible for those who have faith, because they do not rely on their own strengths but in God, who can do everything.

The faith comparable to the grain of mustard is a faith that is not proud and self-assured: it does not pretend to be that of a great believer at times making gaffes! It is a faith that, in its humility, feels a great need of God and in its smallness surrenders itself, trusting fully in Him. It is a faith that gives us the ability to look with hope at the alternate events of life, which helps us to accept even defeat, suffering, with the awareness that evil never has, never will have, the last word.

How can we understand if we truly have faith, that is, if our faith, while miniscule, is genuine, pure, sincere? Jesus explains this by indicating what the measure of faith is: service. And he does so with a parable which at first glance is somewhat disconcerting, because it presents the figure of an overbearing and indifferent master. But this master's very way of doing things highlights what is the true core of the parable, which is the servant's attitude of willingness. Jesus wishes to say that this is how people of faith are with regard to God: they completely give themselves over to his will, without calculations or pretexts.

This attitude toward God is also reflected in the manner of behaviour in the community: it is reflected in the joy of being at the service of one another, finding one's reward already therein, and not in the recognition and gains that may derive from it. This is what Jesus teaches at the end of this narrative: "when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty'" (v. 10).

Unworthy servants, that is, without expecting to be thanked, without pretexts. "We are unworthy servants" is an expression of humility and willingness, which does much good for the Church and

recalls the right attitude for working within her: humble service, of which Jesus gave the example, by washing the feet of the disciples (cf. Jn 13:3-17).

May the Virgin Mary, woman of faith, help us to go along this path.

Pope Francis

NOTICES

Remember the month of **October** is specially dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This month, with the prayers of the Holy Rosary, we entreat peace in our families and in our world.

Our **Final Battle Hill Pilgrimage** for the year takes place next Sunday 12th October, 2025 at 3pm at the Battle Hill Shrine. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend.

Are you an engaged couple or a couple who are seriously thinking about marriage? There will be a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend Retreat at the St. Martin's Retreat Center from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th November, 2025. Interested persons can contact the parish office for further details.

WEEKDAY READINGS (PSALTER WEEK 3)

06 Monday - Weekday in Ordinary

Jonah 1: 1 - 2: 1-2, 11; Luke 10: 25-37

07 Tuesday - Our Lady of the Rosary

Jonah 3: 1-10; Luke 10: 38-42

08 Wednesday - Weekday in Ordinary

Jonah 4: 1-11; Luke 11: 1-4

09 Thursday - Weekday in Ordinary

Malachi 3: 13-18, 4: 1-2b; Luke 11: 5-13

10 Friday - Weekday in Ordinary

Joel 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2; Luke 11: 15-26

11 Saturday - Weekday in Ordinary

Joel 4: 12-21; Luke 11: 27-28

Nutrition Tip for the week

Using turmeric can be paired with a pinch of black pepper to help your body absorb most of the great properties of the turmeric.

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THE PRESENTATION BROTHERS

Catechesis Corner

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CONT...
THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT CONT...

II. The Vocation to Chastity- Offenses against chastity

Rape is the forcible violation of the sexual intimacy of another person. It does injury to justice and charity. Rape deeply wounds the respect, freedom, and physical and moral integrity to which every person has a right. It causes grave damage that can mark the victim for life. It is always an intrinsically evil act. Graver still is the rape of children committed by parents (incest) or those responsible for the education of the children entrusted to them.

Chastity and homosexuality

Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, (cf. Gen 19:1-29; Rom 12:4-27; 1 Cor 6:10; 1 Tim 1:10), tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." (CDF, Persona humana 8). They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.

Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection.

To be cont'd...

COLLECTIONS:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time /C - 28th September, 2025

Cathedral 6.00 p.m.	\$ 728.90	Belmont	\$ 601.25
Cathedral 8.00 a.m.	\$ 783.80	Mt. Moritz	\$ 236.00
Happy Hill	\$ 635.50	Brizan	\$ 117.75
Tempe	\$ 457.45	Fontenoy	\$ 129.75

Total: \$ 3,690.40

May God continue to bless you!

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST NATURAL DISASTERS

Loving Father, maker of heaven and earth, Lord of all creation. All elements of nature obey your command. With faith in your love and mercy, we pray that you may protect us, your people from storms, hurricanes and all other natural disasters. We place all our trust and hope in you, calm our fears and help us to be thankful to you for your goodness. Lord hear our prayer and answer us in your wisdom, love and mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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We wish everyone celebrating their birthdays
today and this week



We wish everyone celebrating an
anniversary today and this week



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Our Lady Queen of Peace, **BELMONT/SPRINGS**
Saints Joachim & Anne, **BRIZAN**;
Blessed Trinity, **FONTENOY**;
Church of the Uganda Martyrs, **HAPPY HILL**;
Our Lady Queen of the Universe, **MT. MORITZ**;
St. Benedict the Moor, **RIVER ROAD/DARBEAU**
Our Lady Lily of the Valley, **TEMPE**.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time /C - October 05th, 2025

Sunday Mass Schedules:

Cathedral Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Brizan Sunday: 6:30 a.m.
Cathedral Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Happy Hill Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Tempe Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Fontenoy Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Mt. Moritz Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Cathedral: 6:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Happy Hill - Wednesday - 6 pm

CONFESSION:

Cathedral: Saturdays: 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m.
(Priests available at request)

Welcome!

To serve God is not only a duty but also a great privilege. The most important quality to bring to that service is love. What sort of spirit do we bring to our worship and service of God?

First Reading: From the prophet Habbakuk chapter 1 verses 2 to 3, and chapter 2 verses 2 to 4. The prophet complains to God about the prevalence of injustice and God responds by promising to save those who trust in him.

Second Reading: Paul encourages Timothy in his second letter, chapter 1 verses 6 to 8 and 13 to 14, to be faithful to his ministry and to witnessing to Christ.

Gospel: According to Luke chapter 17 verses 5 to 10. A little faith, provided it is authentic, can do great things. The disciples are urged to serve God without any claim on a reward.