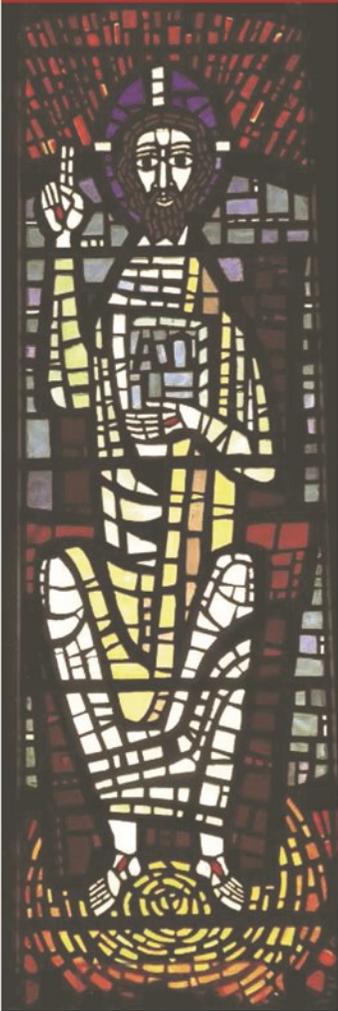


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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

October 2, 2022

Readings: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

In recent Sundays the liturgical texts, especially the Gospel of Luke, have been hammering away at the question of the place of money in the life of a disciple of Jesus. Last Sunday we heard that money is an obstacle to faith, to faithful trust in the care and power of our God. Today we pick up this theme of faith. Today's readings tell us what trust is all about, what faith in God means for us.

Habakkuk is lamenting the state of the world in which he lives. The cry of the prophet is so contemporary: "I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene." How many of us are crying out in the face of the violence that surrounds us --locally, nationally, internationally! How many of us are questioning, as Habakkuk did, why God does not intervene to do something about the disastrous conditions of the world and the continuing decline of our civilization.

October is "Respect for Life" month, and we cannot help but mourn for all who are killed, from the womb to elder abuse, from drive-by shootings to the death penalty. We destroy the earth and its atmosphere, we uproot and abandon its peoples. The scope of iniquity, even within ourselves, dwarfs goodness. Habakkuk could be writing today: "Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me, there is strife, and clamorous discord."

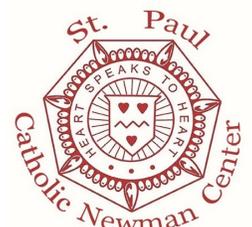
How does God answer Habakkuk? He tells him to watch and be patient, to wait for the vision of God to be realized, to trust God: "The just one, because of his faith, shall live." Faith, in the context of the covenant relationship, means steadfastness, fidelity, and trustworthiness. Stick with me, God tells Habakkuk, and do not give up. In the Gospel we hear the disciples coming to Jesus to ask that he increase their faith. Here is the original Christian community, the small band that Jesus had gathered around himself, coming to him at a time of struggles and uncertainty, to ask Jesus for more faith because they find the going so hard. Jesus answers them: "You are asking for the wrong thing. You do not need more of what you already have. You do not need just a bigger, newer, better product. You need a different kind of faith. If you had the right faith, all you would need would be as much faith as the size of a mustard seed." It is the quality, not the quantity, that matters.

If we had the right kind of faith, as a Christian community, perhaps we could make a difference in solving the problems that surround us. We might be willing to take more risks, to become more involved, and the Lord would work through us to find some answers to the tragic challenges of our world. I believe that Jesus is suggesting to us what the right kind of faith might be. I think Jesus is telling us to do everything in our power, and when we have done everything that is in our power to do, we put it all into the hands of God, because it is only God who can bring forth good fruit, successful ministries, service that makes a difference in the world. We cannot do it ourselves.

- Excerpt from a homily given on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 8, 1995, by Fr. Sergio P. Negro.

Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



Peace and Social Justice Update

For the week of October 2 - October 8, 2022

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
National Bullying Awareness Month

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C
Habakkuk: "The just one will live by faith."
How is our faith leading to justice?
To injustice?

Luke 17: 5-10 "If you had faith..."
What is your "faith" calling you to do?
— Personally, at home, at the parish,
in our city, in the world?

Sunday, October 2
October 2, 1869 Mahatma Gandhi born
International Day for Non-Violence
6:00pm to 6:30pm St. John Henry Newman Novena

Monday, October 3
6:00pm to 6:30pm Novena continues
6:30pm to 7:30pm Creation Care Meeting in Library
and on Zoom

Tuesday, October 4: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
6:00pm to 7:00pm Intergenerational Faith, Family &
Friends in Cardinal Newman Hall. It begins with the
St. John Henry Newman Novena and includes
Reflections on Creation Care and St. Francis of Assisi

October 4, 2020: Pope Francis' Encyclical
Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship:
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

October 4-5: Yom Kippur
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQN9ym9DfDs>

To learn more about Temple Beth Israel Fresno
Visit <https://tbifresno.shulcloud.com>

Wednesday, October 5: Feast of St. Faustina

Visit csufnewman.com/ministries and scroll down
to "Peace and Social Justice" for so much more!

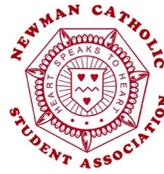
Friday, October 7
5:30pm to 6:30pm Food Recovery Program in the
Cafeteria. 50 guests have joined us so far.
Contact Jim Grant for more information.

October 7-9, 2022
Healing After Abortion Retreat
Rachel's Vineyard: Call Jennifer 833-776-0023

Saturday, October 8
Fresno Diocesan Congress in Visalia!

For so much more, visit csufnewman.com/ministries
and scroll down to "Peace and Social Justice"

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Campus Ministry News!

Week of October 2 - October 9

Study Night

We could all use more productive study times so let's make it happen together! You're invited to join other students for a Study Night where we can help one another focus and who knows, actually get stuff done! Thursday, October 6 at 6:30pm in the Student Lounge.

Mini Golf

It's PAR-tee Time! Join us for some mini golf fun! Friday, October 14 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at Mini Ghost Golf.

Young Adult Bible Study:

Every Monday at 6:00pm, join other young adults to reflect and share how the word of God challenges us and is present in our lives. Come join us in the Student Lounge.

Wednesday Student Night

Looking for a community to grow in your faith and meet other college students? Join us this week for Mass and a dinner inside Cardinal Newman Hall beginning at 6:00pm. Afterwards, we will have our Student Lounge open to provide a space for studying or to pick up school materials!

Picture of the Week



Fr. Byron & Edgar speak at Fresno Pacific University

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 2 Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

7:30am Mass for Todd Anderson Chapel
 9:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Teresa Espinosa and RCIA Dismissal Chapel
 6:00pm St. John Henry Newman Novena Chapel
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

Monday, October 3

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

8:00am Mass Int. of Alejandro Ramirez Chapel
 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Library
 6:00pm Young Adult Confirmation Class Cafeteria
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Student Lounge
 6:00pm St. John Henry Newman Novena Chapel
 6:30pm Creation Care Team Meeting Library and Zoom
 7:00pm Assisteens Meeting CNH 101-102

Tuesday, October 4

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

7:30am Blessing of the Animals Barstow Lawn
 8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room
 12:00pm Blessing of the Animals Barstow Lawn
 6:00pm FF&F, St. John Henry Newman Novena, Blessing of the Animals (Photos of animals) Chapel

Wednesday, October 5

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

8:00am Mass Chapel
 12:00pm Universal Christ Book Study Cafeteria
 5:30pm Ignatian Retreat for Busy People Community Room
 6:00pm College Night CNH 101
 6:00pm St. John Henry Newman Novena Chapel
 6:30pm Prayer and Life Workshop CNH 105
 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Library

Thursday, October 6

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 5:30pm Spirituality of the 12 Steps CNH 103
 6:00pm Mass Chapel
 6:00pm St. John Henry Newman Novena Chapel

Friday, October 7

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11: 15-26

8:00am Mass Int. of the Lucido Family Chapel
 8:30am Sacred Heart Devotion for Families Chapel
 5:30pm Food Recovery Network Cafeteria
 6:00pm St. John Henry Newman Novena Chapel

Saturday, October 8

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

CP&BC Membership Drive
 10:00am Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Meeting Library
 5:00pm Mass for Deborah Bone and Ben Beltramo Chapel
 6:00pm St. John Henry Newman Novena Chapel

Sunday, October 9

2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

CP&BC Membership Drive
 7:30am Mass for Ildefonso Oida Chapel
 9:30am Mass for August Short Chapel
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class CNH 102-103
 11:30am Mass for Carlito Manalili and Jason Patrick Vitug and RCIA Dismissal Chapel
 6:00pm St. John Henry Newman Novena Chapel
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

September Contributions

2021		2022	
Sept. 5 ACH	\$26,023.55	Sept. 4	\$23,266.18
Sept. 12	\$15,563.44	Sept. 11 ACH	\$18,343.85
Sept. 19 ACH	\$36,372.30	Sept. 18 ACH	\$23,403.77
Sept. 26	\$10,517.01	Sept. 25	\$11,137.47
Sept. Total	\$88,476.30	Sept. Total	\$76,151.27

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who died this week:** Ida Spargo
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Linda Alvarez, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Dick and Jan White, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Jan Fusselman, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), David Toll, Susan Olson, Mary Yoakum, Maria Coronel, Clara Marrone, Penny Mull, Judy Marchi, Raymond Ram, Nacho Flores, William Rogal, Donna Garcia, Kim Bach, John Cook, John Morgenroth, Walt Whelan, Martin Zapata, Carl Britto, Hannah York, Lisa Pinedo, Lexi Leon, Frances' Parents, Toni Schneider, Zenaida Billena, Ani Lara, Sally Caglia, Maria Sanchez, Camila Carouso, Ramona Egan, Maryjane Abella, Michelle Coyle, Nancy Georgio, Efrain Garza, Jessie Joseph Ruelas, Randy Avila, Jorge Martinez, Dr. Jim Davis, Amy Davis, Barbara Barrows, Carlos Garcia, Marian Martin, Fr. Kevin Bray, Sam Scialabba, Diane Decker, Tommy Estep, Jeri Maxwell, Magdalena Lovejoy

To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. **Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month then removed from the list unless otherwise notified.** If deceased, names are only published the week they died. If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Intentions" tab.

Parish Information

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm
Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am
 First Tuesday 6:00pm, Thursday at 6:00pm
Communion Services: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am
Reconciliation: Thursday 4:00pm to 5:45pm or call the office for an appointment.
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm
 CLOSED FRIDAY

Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends, our parish religious education and faith formation program for everyone of all ages, meets this Tuesday evening, October 4 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall for an Intergenerational Gathering to celebrate Creation Care, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, bless the photos of our pets, and to pray the Novena of St. John Henry Newman.

Individuals and families are invited to gather in the Grassy Courtyard from 5:00pm to 5:45pm to bring and share a meal together. All are encouraged to gather by 5:45pm to pray before attending our Intergenerational Session.

Family Life Ministries

Joy of Love Moms

The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group

This ministry meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am in the Library after our 8:00am morning Mass.

Prayer Ministry

Christian Meditation

This ministry meets Tuesday from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in the Community Room. Sessions include 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford. For information email contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Grief Support Ministry

The Grief Support Ministry offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. There are support group sessions in the fall and spring.

The next series of Grief Support meetings begin on October 17 through November 28, 2022. The meetings are held from 5:30pm to 7:00pm on Monday evenings in the Newman Center Community Room. Advanced registration is required.

To Register: Email John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com or call through the front desk at 436-3434, ext. 107.

What is a Novena?

In Latin, "Novem" means "nine." A Novena is a form of prayer that normally takes place over nine days, with devotions usually focused on a specific intention. There is no prescribed form of prayer for a novena, but many include rosary prayers. Although Novenas can be prayed as a means of mourning the dead or petitioning God's help in a specific situation, we are praying a Novena of Preparation, in anticipation of St. John Henry Newman's feast day on October 9. Therefore beginning on Saturday, October 1, we'll pray a special Novena every evening at 6:00pm, led by one of our clergy or staff. Each day's prayers are focused on a particular aspect of St. John Henry Newman's spiritual guidance. We know this will be an enriching experience for our parish, and we hope to see you there!

Creation Care Tips

We celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi this week. Francis is without a doubt one of the most well-known and beloved saints in our tradition. He is particularly known for his love of creation so he is the patron saint of ecology. In honor of Francis, choose one thing, anything, you can do this week to protect our earth. It might be drinking tap water instead of bottled water, or recycling if you aren't already doing so, or walking or riding bikes instead of taking the car somewhere close. Then, at the end of the week, challenge yourselves as a family to continue the practice on a regular basis.

Liturgical Ministries

Anyone with questions about serving as an extraordinary minister of communion, lector, usher, or greeter, please contact our Liturgy Director Karl Gurney for more information.

Knights of Columbus Burrito Breakfast

Thank You

Thank you for all who came out and supported the Knights of Columbus Council 9445 and the Claretian Youth Group. Without your support we could not have sold 151 breakfast burritos to help send the youth to World Youth Day in July. We really appreciate the parishioners of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. We look forward to seeing you at our next breakfast on October 23, 2022, for Able Advocates. We have placed the rest of the Burrito Breakfast dates on our bulletin board.

Catholic Life Magazine

The Fall edition of our Catholic Life magazine is now available for you and for our parishioners diocesan wide. Please visit dioceseoffresno.org/magazine or click the link: here to view this edition of the Central California Catholic Life magazine.

From Fr. Byron Macias, CMF

As the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith, Jesus tells them that the faith is already there; yet they need to nurture it by being good people. "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" Luke 17:5-10.

Perhaps faith is not a goal but the actual journey. Perhaps faith is the flavor that we can add to our lives. Perhaps faith is the life that we can add to our lives!

One thing is for sure: the seeds of faith have been given to us, freely, lovingly and without asking anything in return. These seeds are the ticket to our salvation in this life and the next. Yet, gifts have not only to be received but opened and used.

Let us, then, try our best in making our ordinary lives an extraordinary testimony of peace, kindness and love.

CLARETIAN YOUTH: HELP!

Our Claretian Youth can use your help:
-Assorted Snacks (Frito lays, chips, jalapeno chips)
-Water, pop
-Gift cards to 99cent or Dollar Tree stores
-Door prizes

If you can help, please email me: frbyron@csufnewman.com

CAR WASH: THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of our Claretian Youth raising funds for their World Youth Day trip, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for supporting our carwash last weekend. May the Lord reward you for investing in the Catholic faith of our youth! You will be in my Mass intention, that's for sure!

We also thank our KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for their hard work and their successful Burrito Breakfast last week; our Knights have kindly agreed to share half of their profits with our youth group. Thanks brother Knights!

MARIAN CONGRESS

Our 28th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference will take place on October 28 - 30, 2022. Please attend this conference if you are able. Also, please spread the word around the college students. There are scholarships that can cover a good chunk (if not all) the entrance fee. All they have to do is to let me know so I can make the proper connections! Please pray for the success of the conference!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Deacon Bill and I will be looking forward to praying and blessing your animals this Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:30am and 12:00pm. You can also bring pictures of your animals to Faith, Family & Friends at 6:00pm this Tuesday.

FIRST FRIDAY

Join us this Friday for our First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Soon we will be having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for a half-day. Please contact me if you would like more information or would like to become more involved with the Adoration Group in the making.

SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL SERVICES!

Our own Susan Bechara, who is the director of Comprehensive Behavioral Services (CBS), is inviting us to support her efforts by attending their 1st Annual Parlier Fall Car Show on October 9, 2022 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Please call 559-349-6125 if you would like to help or if you would like more information.

I have the privilege to accompany CBS and they render amazing mental health services to underprivileged youth.

FRESNO PACIFIC

Edgar and I attended "College Hour" last Tuesday at Fresno Pacific. Let me tell you, Edgar's reflection was incredible! He delivered a powerful reflection that inspired even non Catholic students to come to the Newman Center. Please pray for him and affirm him in his amazing efforts to minister to our college students and young adults.

SAINTLY QUOTE

"At all times and seasons, in every country and place, every day and all day, we must have a true and humble faith."
- St. Francis of Assisi (His feast is this Tuesday)

HAVE A LAUGH

Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?
"Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Adult Confirmation

Have you been confirmed (received the Sacrament of Confirmation)? If not, then now is the perfect time. The Sacrament of Confirmation is necessary to be a Sponsor or Godparent so if you are planning for Confirmation or a Baptism in the Spring, you can still meet the criteria. **Our Adult Confirmation formation program begins October 3.** If you are 20 years old or older and haven't been confirmed, please sign up now. Registration forms are available on our website or at our front desk. If you have any questions contact Karl.

Catholic Professional & Business Club Membership Sunday

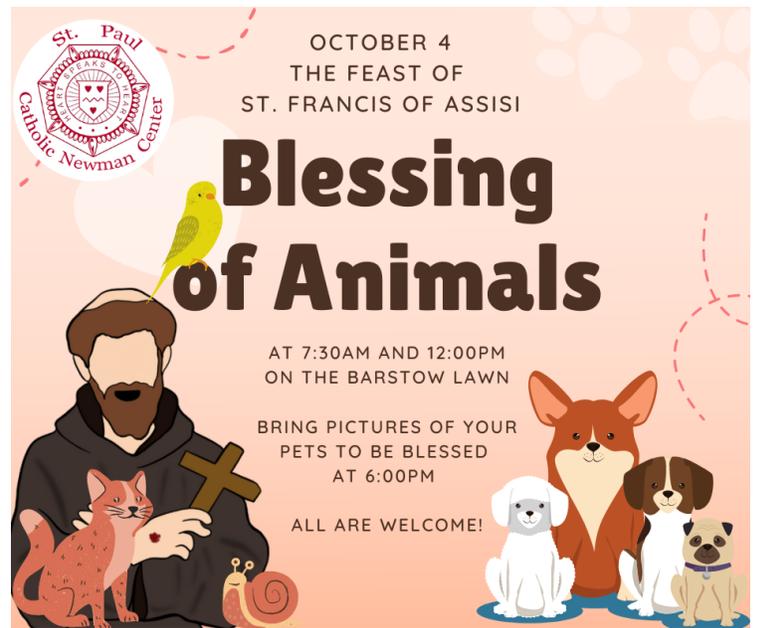
The Catholic Professional & Business Club of the Diocese of Fresno will conduct its annual membership drive on Oct. 8 - 9. Our club is an opportunity to share our faith, network with other Catholics, and deepen our relationship with God. Each month we gather to network and listen to awe-inspiring speakers in person and from around the country that will motivate and encourage us to live an exemplary Catholic lifestyle. Membership is only \$55 a year. For more information or to join please look for our table outside or contact RosaMaria Henry at 288-6640. Also visit our website at www.cpbcfresno.org.

Policy for All Parish Communication

The Newman Center's Communication's Committee is in the process of reviewing policy and procedure for all communications (i.e. print, web, social media, etc.) within the Newman Center community. In order to ensure continuity of our mission, Catholic identity, Newman Center brand, grammar, content, standard of quality, etc. it is important to establish some guidelines and best practices. Therefore, once the Committee has determined and organized these protocols, the final draft will be publicized and available for all ministries, organizations and groups to utilize. At this time our most essential requirement of these policies is that all information associated with St. Paul Catholic Newman Center be reviewed by a member of the Communications team prior to being printed, posted, or distributed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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RCIA Sponsors Needed

God has blessed us with many people wanting to become Catholic. We made a call for sponsors and many responded and are already working but we now have more inquirers. So we need more sponsors. If you are a practicing Catholic and have received baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist, you qualify. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor and share your faith with these new candidates and catechumens, or if you have questions about sponsoring, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at rcia@csufnewman.com or 559-286-6372. Or leave your contact information at the front office and we will follow up with you.

It is a lot of fun being a sponsor and you will find yourself learning many things you did not know about your own faith.

Newman Center Women's Guild

All women of the parish are invited to the October 13, 2022 meeting of the Guild. We will start with a salad dinner at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Linda Ram, our Parish Life Coordinator, will be our guest speaker. Come and meet some new friends!

Live Streaming

We will be live streaming our 9:30am Mass on Sundays. Use the QR Code below to tune in.



A Little Goes a Long Way

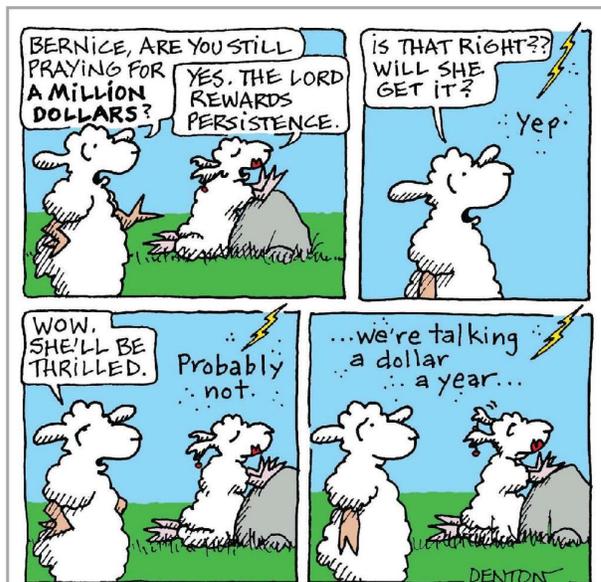
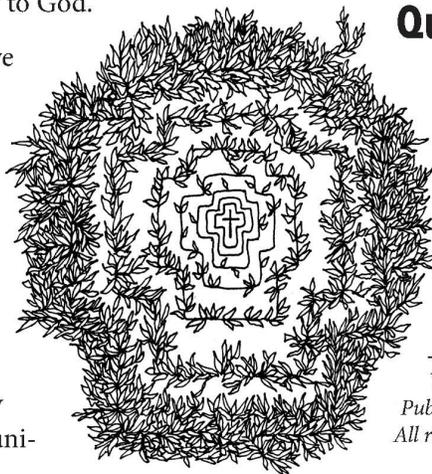
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 - Habakkuk's complaint
- ▶ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 - Exhortation to faithfulness
- ▶ Luke 17:5-10 - Sayings on the requirements of faith

Although all three readings today seem only superficially related, each implores the readers to persevere with confidence through times of trial. The prophet Habakkuk cries out to God for deliverance in a time of crisis. God responds, not with an immediate rescue, but with a promise that he will ultimately save “the just one.” Likewise, St. Paul encourages Timothy to live from the spirit of power, love, and self-control rather than falling back into cowardice. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds the apostles that even a little faith will suffice to do great things. Taken together, the scriptures for the day offer consolation and strength for everyone struggling with the challenges of daily discipleship in an imperfect world.

As they travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, the apostles acknowledge to Jesus that they don't think they have enough faith. Instead of berating them for this, Jesus surprises them with the assurance that even a tiny amount of faith is enough to work miracles. If faith the size of a mustard seed is enough to uproot a mulberry tree, Jesus' followers won't have any excuses for why they can't do great things in his name. In the meantime, while they are praying for greater faith, the disciples can do what they can with what they have. With faith the size of a mustard seed a person can plow, tend sheep, or serve at table and all of those actions can give glory to God.

As St. Teresa of Calcutta wrote, we all have “the opportunity to become holy through the works of love that we do because holiness is not the luxury of the few. It is a very simple duty for you, for me—you in your position, in your work, and I and others, each one of us in the work” (*Where There Is Love, There Is God*). How many times do Christians miss opportuni-



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“For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint.”

Sheepish Question:

How would I describe the scale of my faith?

ties to serve God because the opportunities seem so trivial or commonplace? Or how many times do we not even attempt to do amazing things because we assume we don't have what it takes to make a difference? Jesus doesn't want excuses for not trying.

The second half of the reading changes the subject to the expectations of faithful disciples. We are called to be like servants, going diligently about our work without the expectation of reward (although Jesus promises a reward in other parts of the Gospels). He wants his disciples' motives to be pure—do the work of God because it is right and good, not because it will profit us personally.

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you felt like your faith wasn't enough? When did you find that a small amount of faith went a long way?
- 2 Describe someone you know or have heard of who was able to do great things because of their faith.

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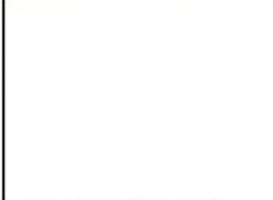
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