



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We live a life of unwavering faith when we place our complete trust in Christ Jesus.

PROMISE:

"...the just one, because of his faith shall live." (Hab 1:4)

WORD:

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14/
Lk 17:5-10

ORDERS:

- *Have faith the size of the mustard seed.* (Lk 17:6)
- *Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.* (2 Tim 1:8)

DIRECTIONS:

- Increase our faith by becoming dutiful servants of God.
- Grow in faith by leading a well-disciplined spiritual life.

Faith And Service

REFLECTION:

We say we believe in God. This profession of faith becomes true, only when we put our faith unconditionally and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Scripture readings on the 27th Sunday of Ordinary time talk about Faith and how it works in our lives. In addition to these scriptures, Hebrews 11:1 tells us *"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen"*. Also, *"Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God"* (CCC150). Thus, Faith operates as a believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ.

First – Believing

"...the just one, because of his faith, shall live." (Hab 1:4). At times we find ourselves in the shoes of the prophet Habakkuk — feeling helpless, hopeless; life is just not what you want it to be. To Habakkuk, it seemed God was doing nothing about the injustice being committed by His



people's enemy. Everywhere, the Prophet sees violence, misery, and injustice.

God in his calm and reassuring response to Habakkuk, instructed him to record the vision of deliverance he has been shown. God told Habakkuk to believe in Him, to persevere

and to be patient, that help will come but it must be awaited with faith.

We should be steadfast in our belief and in faithfulness, that even in the midst of our suffering we'll see God's saving faith and He will not disappoint. Keeping our relationship with God is part of the process of Christian growth and maturity.

Second – Trusting

Like Habakkuk, the Letter to Timothy in the second Reading, endorses faith in the face of adversity.

"Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." (2 Tm 1:8). Timothy is enduring hardships in preaching the Gospel and the

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Tending the Flock

Increased Faith Is Divine Grace

They ask, *"Add faith to us."* They do not ask simply for faith, for perhaps you might imagine them to be without faith. They rather ask Christ for an addition to their faith and to be strengthened in faith.

Faith partly depends on us and partly is the gift of the divine grace. The beginning of faith depends on us and our maintaining confidence and faith in God with all our power. The confirmation and strength necessary for this comes from the divine grace. For that reason, since all things are possible with God, the Lord says that all things are possible for him who believes (Mk 9:23). The power that comes to us through faith is of God. Knowing this, blessed Paul also says in the first epistle to the Corinthians, *"For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit, and to another faith in the same Spirit"* (1 Cor 12:8). You see that he has placed faith also in the catalog of spiritual graces. The disciples requested that they might receive this from the Savior, contributing also what was of themselves. By the descent upon them of the Holy Spirit, he granted it to them after the fulfillment of the dispensation. Before the resurrection, their faith was so feeble that they were liable even to the charge of being *"little of faith"*.

~ Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD)

BLD TRENTON MARK 10 & JOHN 6

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6:30PM - 10:30 PM
ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT CHURCH
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- FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE WILL REFLECT ON THE LIFE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY
- WE WILL LEARN TO MAKE ROSARIES
- WE WILL LEARN AND BRING TOGETHER MARIAN SONGS
- WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

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God's Blessings

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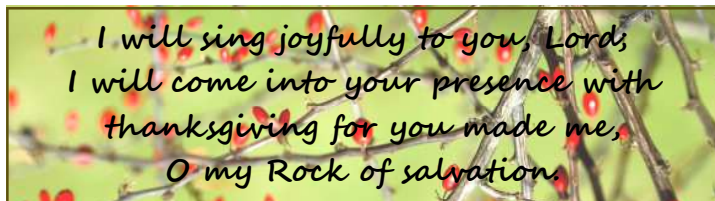
Kimberly Ciocon	9/30	Chito Ciocon	10/3
Mimi Caragay	10/1	Brooksie Brooks	10/4

Anniversary

Tony & Arlene Riggio	10/3
Tony & Lolit Manuel	10/5

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
 For Prayer Service - Bert & Cora Velez 732-688-1541



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Life in the Spirit Seminar

An invitation... to enter more fully into God's Unconditional Love, to Deepen your awareness of and Relationship with Jesus Christ and to allow the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to Reform, Renew and Enrich your life and your walk with the Lord...

"Gods Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children" (Romans 8:16)

Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend

NOVEMBER 4 - 6, 2022

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Shrewd

It happens that those who move in darkness, by certain worldly standards, know how to get by even when in trouble, they know how to be more shrewd than others... Jesus says we can also be clever in following the Gospel, awake and attentive to discern reality and be creative to find good solutions for us and others... To inherit eternal life then, there is no need to accumulate goods in this world, but what matters is the love we will have expressed in our fraternal relations. This is what Jesus asks of us: do not use the goods of this world only for yourselves and selfishly, but use them to create friendship, to create good relationships, to act with charity, to promote fraternity and to show care for the weakest.

~ Pope Francis

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zeal he previously showed may have waned. So, Paul offers a strong word of encouragement and challenges him to "stir into flame the gift God gave him when hands were imposed on him."

At one time or another in our BLD life, the zeal we once showed also had waned. Where are we to derive the strength we need to endure such trial and continue walking the path of faith? The answer is clear, trust God with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. Our help is from above; there is no other reliable source of strength.

Our Christian Faith is our bond with God. If we are serious about our Faith, we need to spend time with God in prayer, in reflection, in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and in the prayerful reading of Scriptures.

Third - Loving

The gospel of Luke begins with

the request of the apostles to Jesus: "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you". (Lk 17:6)

All the three synoptic gospels recount the parable of the mustard seed and in all three, it is told in a context where the disciples expressed a desire to be like Jesus. In Matthew and Mark, the disciples want to emulate Jesus' ability to work miracles and drive out demons. The request for increased faith in Luke's gospel seems genuinely motivated by a desire to better love and follow Jesus.

Christ's response to the apostles was, that faith is not something that can be measured by size but that the quality of their faith is more important. Jesus also teaches them, and us, that a genuine faith must be

linked with trust, loving obedience, and total commitment.

As we all know, Mother Theresa dedicated her life to the poor, sick, and dying in India. Similar to Habakkuk in the first reading, her "dark letters" revealed intense emotions casting doubt about her faith. Although Mother Theresa said she was deeply tormented about her faith and suffered periods of doubt about God, with genuine faith she kept her unwavering commitment to God.

Christian Faith is a trusting Faith in God, in action. The master-servant parable teaches us that Faith requires action; that we are God's servants. As we work for the Lord in Faith, He works in us, transforming us. There will be times of doubt in our faith, but with a believing, trusting, and loving relationship with Christ, our commitment to Him will not waver.