



October 2, 2022 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: The prophet Habakkuk lived seven centuries before Christ, yet his words could well be ours today: **“I cry to you, ‘Violence!’ and you will not save?”** Do we sometimes feel as though strife in our communities, and even within our own families, is more than we can handle? Like the prophet, we may ask, **“O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?”** Indeed, we may feel our prayers are not being answered. Perhaps it is simply that they are not “answered” in the manner and timeframe in which we wish they would be. Although “God’s time” and his plan for our lives may seem mysterious or discouraging, it is by continuing to bring our concerns to God in prayer that we can actually help our faith grow and mature. We see countless examples of people who remain faithful in spite of hardship, misfortune and loss. Let us take time today, as the disciples did, to pray and ask Jesus to **“increase our faith.”** In simply turning to the Lord, we exhibit faith that, like a tiny mustard seed, has great power and can be a source of strength to ourselves and those around us. It is in faith in Christ that we find hope.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: I find today’s Gospel reading so reassuring. Even just a tiny speck of faith can move mountains. Or, in this case, uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea! Working for a Catholic magazine, I’m privileged to write about people with a deep and abiding faith, one they freely share with others through their example and by sharing their stories. I bet we can all point to a friend or family member who exhibits the kind of faith so strong that it rubs off on others they encounter. Jesus reminds us that even a little faith can have a huge impact – not only on our lives but on others. We can share it by offering to pray for those facing a challenge, talking to God when we feel overwhelmed, and opening our hearts to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in the faces of the people we encounter each day.

PRAYER: Even the prophet Habakkuk and the disciples experienced "off" days where faith eluded them. But the psalmist reminds us to keep showing up in prayer: **“O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord, Do not harden your hearts!”** Especially in moments of despair, bring your concerns to God in prayer.

Mass Intentions | Oct 2 - 8, 2022

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| Mon, Oct 3 - Adelaida Santos (+) | Thu, Oct 6 - Betty Welsh (+) |
| Tue, Oct 4 - Mary Lundie | Fri, Oct 7 - Cesar & Edith Lopez (INT) |
| Wed, Oct 5 - Iluminado Manalo (+) | Sat, Oct 8 - Luisa Carsula (INT) |



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm



MASS SCHEDULES
WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**
SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**
SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

CONFESSION SCHEDULES
SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm—4:55 pm**
10 minutes before Daily Mass

**BAPTISM, WEDDING, FUNERAL,
HOUSE BLESSING, SICK CALL**
Please call the Parish Office

October 2, 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word

Christ helps us grow in faith and in the ability to act in his name.

In the first reading, Habakkuk cries out to the Lord, and the Lord answers. Saint Paul encourages Timothy to never lack courage or be ashamed of his faith in Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, the Apostles ask Jesus to *increase [their] faith*, and Jesus gives them instruction using a mustard seed as a metaphor.

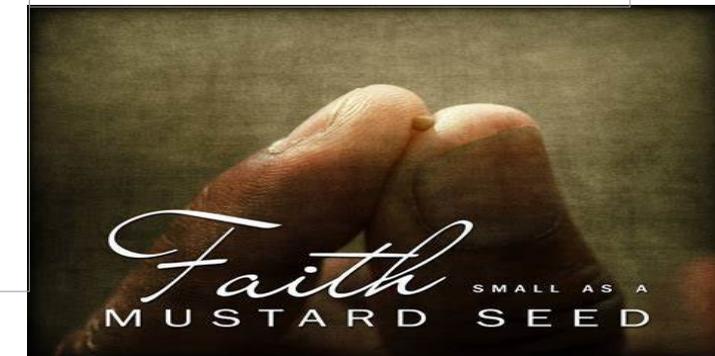
Today’s Readings:

1st: Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4

Psalm: 95

2nd: 2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17.5-10



Stewardship Ministries Fair

Your support in our parish ministries is much cherished. Please give some of your time to speak with our parishioners in their ministries after Mass this weekend in the Parish Centre. Hopefully you will learn and get involved in one of the ministries, sharing your time and talents in praise to the Lord.

Project Advance - Gather Us, Lord

Thank you for your gifts to this year's appeal. The office of PA has created the donation QR code, which you can scan and make your pledge. It is available on the poster in the foyer. May the Lord bless us for our efforts!

PROJECT ADVANCE as of 26 September 2022

Parish Goal: \$75,000.00 | Donations: \$36,725.00 (49%)

Participation: 90 of 374 families (24%)

Rosary Rally

Join St. Monica CWL members as we pray to Our Lady of Fatima for the much-needed conversion of our country. Sat, Oct. 15 at 12 p.m. at the Parking Lot of our parish. For more info, check out the postal in the church foyer and visit canadaneedsourlady.org

RCIA at St. Monica Parish

This journey in faith is open to non-Catholics and Catholics who see to know the faith or deepen our appreciation of our faith. The new sessions have begun Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Upper Room of the Parish Centre. All welcome. Email parish.smon@rcav.org for more info.

Upper Room Conference 2022

We're back... in-person! Upper Room is a conference that inspires Catholics to live joyfully on mission and equips them to share their faith in their homes and communities. This year's Upper Room will help us to grow in confidence in God our loving Father and to reflect on the amazing gifts He has given to us through Jesus. After two years of online and hybrid conferences, we are back in person at an exciting downtown location! Oct. 21 - 22 at Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre. Learn more and register at upperroomvancouver.com.

The Alpha Marriage Course

The Alpha Marriage Course is for couples who are seeking to strengthen their relationship. Some couples do the course to intentionally invest in their relationship, others are looking to address more specific challenges. Either way, the course offers essential tools and practical ideas to help you build a relationship that lasts a lifetime. The Alpha Marriage Course is based on Christian principles but designed for all couples with or without a church background. Saturdays starting Oct. 15 to Nov. 26 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Participants have the option of attending fully online for all 7 sessions or signing up for in-person options at one of our host site parishes:

- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Vancouver
- Sacred Heart Parish, Delta

Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

A Stewardship Moment

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."

2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

MONDAY	<i>Legion of Mary</i>	9:30am—12pm
TUESDAY	<i>Parish Religious Education Program—PREP</i>	6:30pm—7:45pm
THURSDAY	<i>Cenacle Prayer Group</i>	9:30am—12pm
	<i>Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—RCIA</i>	7pm-9pm
SATURDAY	<i>Couples, Youth, Kids for Christ—CFC, YFC, KFC</i> (1st & 3rd wk)	12pm—10pm
	<i>Catholic Women's League—CWL</i> (2nd wk)	10am—12pm
	<i>Knights of Columbus</i> (3rd & 4th wk)	10am—12pm
	<i>5pm Choir</i>	3:45pm-4:45pm
SUNDAY	<i>Legion of Mary Junior</i>	10am—11am
	<i>9am Choir</i>	10:15am-12pm
	<i>11am Choir</i>	9am –10:45am

PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers—Jun Lastica & Sonny Magno

Bereavement Ministry—Fe Arias & Elsa Ong | **CWL**—Aimee Inocencio

Legion of Mary—Elizabeth Taboada | **Legion of Mary Junior**—Fe Arias

Cenacle Prayer Group—Elisaveta Tanase | **Counters Ministry**—Rebecca & Ed Talusan

Choir—Vic Festejo Jr (5pm), Kevin Garcia & Chris Mok (9am), Michael Goco (11am)

CFC, SFC, KFC—Erick & Rhona Cadlaon | **YFC**—CV & Karen San Pedro

Custodians—Rizal Garcia, Mario Parayno, Nilo Pagcaliwagan

Development & Peace—Evelyn Victoria | **Grounds & Facilities**—Willy Paez

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist—Teresa Santos & Michelle Irineo

PREP—Teresa Santos | **Project Advance**—Baby & Ed San Jose

Interfaith Alliance—Pete Capitulo | **Knights of Columbus**—Bingo Barrera

Lectors—Marlytel Decena | **Outreach Ministry**—Edith Perez

Sacristy—Marlytel Decena | **Safe Environment**—Kit Rubio

Religious Goods—Linda Zamora | **RCIA**—Sam & Charlayne Mallare

Ushers—LoM, CWL, CFC, KoC, CFC Youth