

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 17:5-10

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'



The time will come for us to sit at the table with God when our lives are over! In the meantime we must service God by building God's kingdom of love every day of our lives.

What have you done to build God's kingdom of love today?

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"?'



Jesus is comparing a Christian disciple with a servant.

As it is a servants job to serve the master, it is the disciples task to do God's will – to love one another and to use ones gifts and talents well! Faithful servants cannot waste their masters time and a faithful follower of Jesus cannot waste the gift of faith in God.

Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”?



Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

The servant (in ancient times) should be glad that he has work and not expect to be thanked for doing it.

The disciples of Jesus must be glad to be given the gift of faith in God who loves us completely instead of being negative, bitter, lazy or ungrateful!



So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!” ’

If we have faith, we should not use it just to get what we want from God.

Faith is a gift we must share joyfully with others through prayer, kindness, friendship, love, doing the right thing, etc



Bible Search

Read **Luke 17:5-10** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Activity

- Write down what you feel and think as you read or hear the story.



- Draw a picture to show the message that you got from today's Gospel!



Consider



**Do I really do my best every day?
Do I really use my gifts as well as I can?**

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to really believe is God's great love for me!

