

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "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.

"Who among you would say to your servant
who has just come in from plowing or
tending sheep in the field,
'Come here immediately and take your
place at table'?"
Would he not rather say to him,
'Prepare something for me to eat.
Put on your apron and wait on me while I
eat and drink.
You may eat and drink when I am
finished'?"



Is he grateful to that servant because he
did what was commanded?
So should it be with you.
When you have done all you have been
commanded,
say, 'We are unprofitable servants;
we have done what we were obliged to
do.'"

Readings for the week:

**27th Sunday
in Ord. Time**
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Tim 1:6-8,
13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Monday
Gal 1:6-12
Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8,
9 and 10c
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday
Gal 1:13-24
Ps 139:1b-3,
13-14ab, 14c-15
Luke 10:38-42

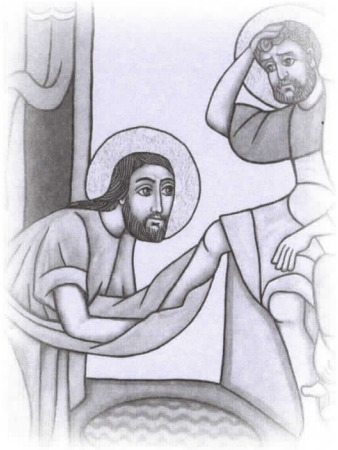
Wednesday
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday
Gal 3:1-5
Luke 1:69-70,
71-72, 73-75
Luke 11:5-13

Friday
Gal 3:7-14
Ps 111:1b-2,
3-4, 5-6
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday
Gal 3:22-29
Ps 105:2-3,
4-5, 6-7
Luke 11:27-28

**28th Sunday
in Ord. Time**
2 Kgs 5:14-17
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
2 Tim 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

This gospel comes immediately after Jesus speaks some hard words to his disciples: warnings about being a stumbling block for others on the journey of discipleship. What is needed is correction, repentance, and forgiveness that is generous and uncalculating, even in aggravating circumstances. It all seems a bit too much for the disciples, so they ask, "Increase our faith."

"Quality, not quantity" is a cliché that we often use, seriously or frivolously, with reference to many different situations. In this one, the apostles (not the larger group of disciples) are asking Jesus for "more" faith, but Jesus responds with a qualitative image of faith: faith that is like a tiny mustard seed that the sower God plants in our hearts. Buried deep, it germinates in darkness, but if we fail to tend the seed it will never break through its protective membrane and push into our lives. When disciples do live by faith, even "mustard seed faith," they can continue to do extraordinary things like persisting in the forgiveness about which Jesus has just spoken in the verse preceding the Lectionary text.

To impress us with this truth, Jesus uses another image: an uprooted mulberry tree. These trees can grow up to seventy feet high, and their root system is extraordinarily invasive. Those of us who have coped with root damage to plumbing systems would appreciate the first-century Palestinian law that prohibited the planting of mulberry trees near cisterns. Using exaggeration to make his point, Jesus says that the word of a disciple empowered with mustard seed faith would be able to lift up a mulberry tree and transplant it into the sea! Such is the metaphorical strength that God bestows on the person of faith, even in seemingly impossible situations.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. When we try to quantify grace, love, or faith, we quickly realize that our relationship with you is not about numbers or quotas. Open our hearts for relationship so that we might know you more deeply as we strive to remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- How would you describe your faith? Have you ever prayed to increase your faith?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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MASS TIMES:

Fr. Anastacio Postrano, Pastor

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Mondays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment (808) 244-3284 or (808) 385-3021 (please leave a message).

You can also reach us via email at stannwaihee@gmail.com.

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Financials: 09/19/22 – 09/25/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$3761.00 Over \$1361.00	
In Church	\$	3761.00
Online Giving	\$	0.00
Mail In	\$	0.00

This weekend, Second Collection for the Maintenance Fund. Mahalo for your generosity.

Ohana in Christ – Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii, Year 2 – Bishop Larry Silva is asking every faith community to actively support “Ohana in Christ” in an effort to raise awareness of our wider church mission and services, as well as to help raise the funds to sustain them. This year’s goal for St. Ann is to raise \$6,625 for this appeal. The official Ohana in Christ donation envelope will be distributed on the way out. It includes Bishop Silva’s letter and Donor card. The Donor card is printed with St. Ann Church Waiheee name so the donation will be credited to us; that’s important. The Annual Appeal is during the Fiscal Year July2022 to June2023. Mahalo for your Kokua!

Next Sunday, October 9 is Parish Council Meeting, 10 a.m. in Hall.

For weekend Masses, during Month of October, the Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before start of Mass.