



“A mustard seed is tiny, yet Jesus says that faith this size, small but true and sincere, suffices to achieve what is humanly impossible, unthinkable.”

Pope Francis

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9

2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we are to know that our part in God's plans is His grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we cooperate with God, what we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. **And our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can produce fruits a hundredfold.** (Paraphrased from Loyola Press website)

It is with this disposition that all leaders in Church are called to serve. As in Matthew 20:25-26, Jesus said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...”

Today also marks World Migration and Refugee Sunday. Pope Leo XIV in his recent message on 25 July laments the current global situation marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere. “In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes.”

Let us pray that as we journey through life, we may continue to be faithful stewards in our service to God and to one another bringing hope to the world. Even when injustice come our way, let us hold on to the Lord's promise in the 1st reading that all things will be fulfilled, “...if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.” ❖

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(World Day of Migrants and Refugees)

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS
& RATIONALE:
SOCIETY (PROPHETIC)
CALLED TO REINFORCING
GOSPEL VALUES

A Faith That Serves

In the Gospel today, we hear the apostles cry out for an increase in faith. This prompts Jesus to teach about faith and service to God. It is a dialogue about what it means to be His disciple. Jesus assures us that faith, no matter how small, will enable us, as followers of Jesus, to do amazing things. But Jesus also caution that we should know our place in God's plans. We are to understand ourselves as servants to God and His plans.