

October 2, 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

Whether we know it or not, many of us ascribe to the notion that big is always better. We want to make our homes, cars, and yes, even our soft drink containers bigger, and thus better. We are in constant pursuit for *more* because what we already have, to our minds, is not enough. This search might be true, also, when it comes to our faith life. We want to be better Catholics without really understanding that what we have, in God's eyes, is enough for us to do the most incredible things. Jesus tells us, through his conversation with his apostles in today's Gospel, that even faith the size of a "mustard seed" can symbolically uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea—a true earthly miracle. The grace God has instilled in us can work through us, beyond our wildest dreams, to change us and change lives.

It is the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, and today we consider a couple of aspects of our faith. But what is faith? In the book of Hebrews, St. Paul describes it as "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (11: 1). We might think faith is a core set of beliefs such as in the Apostles' Creed, yet faith is really something much more. It is the essence of how we live, as God guides our way through our steadfast devotion to Him. Our sense of compassion, justice, and love for others are all rooted in faith.

And with this thought in mind, as true Christians, we do not need be elevated to a higher position or rank, because our humility allows us to do what we do without needing more, more, more. Our relationship with our Lord, and our daily doings in His name, need no acknowledgement or kudos from us or others. He is the mustard seed essential to our lives.

Christ Himself is the grain of mustard seed, who, planted in the garden of the sepulcher, grew up a great tree; He was a grain of seed when He died, and a tree when He rose again; a grain of seed in the humiliation of the flesh, a tree in the power of His majesty. --St. Gregory the Great

Yours in Christ, Father Rudy

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You can **read Fr. Rudy's letter** at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromthePastor'sDesk

If you are having items shipped to Saint Leo's please have them shipped to Saint Boniface. We are having a lot of issues at Saint Leo's with deliveries. Please send any deliveries to: St. Boniface - Attn: Saint Leo -1750 Chase Avenue-Cincinnati, OH 45223

Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

October 2nd- Meeting after Mass

October 9th – Parish Family Potluck and games

October 23rd- Youth Group Meeting

October 29th- Saturday Service: Rock the Block Habitat for Humanity in Lower Price Hill

ITEMS NEEDED: The food Pantry has an urgent need for plastic bags. We are beginning to prepare for the Toy and Clothing drive by needing clothing/coat racks and storage bins. Don't forget the Food Pantry is in dire need of items we hope you can help! You can see our latest request on our Amazon Wish List
Link:https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**



PARISH FAMILY NEWS NEXT WEEK: Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 9th, for a get-acquainted party with other members of our parish family. Little Flower will be hosting us beginning at 1:00 p.m. We are asking people to bring a dish to share. Bring your own beverage. If the weather is nice, we will be outside on their beautiful grounds. There will be soccer and volleyball for the kids and adults. Or we can enjoy the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other. If the weather isn't nice, we will be in the parish undercroft.

SAVE THE DATE!!! All parishioners are invited to a special celebration event where a banner will be awarded for the Archdiocesan Laudato Si' Recognition Award. This will take place at Earth Connection located at 370 Neeb Road Cincinnati, Oh 45233 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Comboni Missionaries 13th Annual Taste of Mission- Join on Saturday October 8th from 3:00 -7:00 pm. Fr this one day festival which includes international food booths, wine, and beer tastings from Country Fresh Farm Market, Children's area, Mission Museum Tour live entertainment, and More! This event is held at the Cincinnati Mission Center located at 1318 Nagel road, Cincinnati, OH 45255.

St. Gerard Morning of Reflection – The second annual St. Gerard Morning of Reflection is a free event featuring a morning of prayer, reflection and community for married couples experiencing a season of infertility. The event will include Holy Mass with opportunity to venerate a first class relic of St. Gerard, the patron saint of mothers, followed by presentations and fellowship; RSVP online by October 10 at <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/st-gerard-morning-of-reflection>.

Congratulations- 4 Grand Winners for Week 4 and 5-

Week 4- 34- Kenneth and Janet Schneider, 101- Rolf Oberct, 515- Jamie and Tom Breitenbach

Week 5- 46-Skip and Mary Jo Danzinger, 194-Karen Werling, 403- Ann Gott

“ The lamp of faith will always be lit as long as there is the oil of prayer”~~~ Pope Francis