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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2019

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.— Psalm 95:6

A LITTLE FAITH

Today our readings are about faith, frustration, and how much is enough. Habakkuk is a complainer having an argument with God. Timothy is encouraging a community challenged by cowardice and the apostles want more faith than they have. Things aren't happening fast enough for any of them or for us. All of them and we want God to do something sooner rather than later and we want God to give us a reason to believe that it will all work out. What does God do? God puts it back on them—and us—telling Habakkuk to describe the world he wants; telling the apostles to do more than the expected. Doing more with less is a familiar phrase today and a reminder that a little faith may be enough even for the most difficult times.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the community's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

LIVING A FAITH

'Tis not the dying for a faith that's so hard—every man of every nation has done that—'tis the living up to it that's difficult.

Don't forget to bring your baked goodies for the spaghetti dinner on the 17th .

Please turn in your ticket stubs and money

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

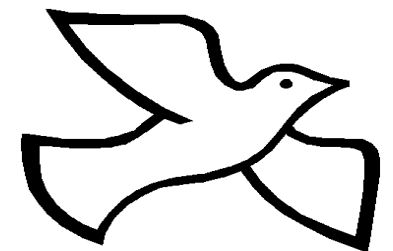
- Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Tuesday: Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) begins at sundown
- Wednesday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
- Friday: St. John XXIII
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass for Charley Therrell will be Oct 9th with a rosary at 4:30 prior to Mass

OPTIMISM

A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.

**Mass Intention
Repose of the
soul of
Jayne Wallace**



**Oct 13th
Lector Peggy
E/M Maurisio /Florenia
USHERS Sal/Diane
Server Jesus**

Remember In Prayer

Michaëlle Box, Fr Robert Ponticello ,
Emanuel Milligan, Charley Therrell,
Leonard Humble , Louis Humble Sr. ,
Martha Jo Neuenschwander , Paul Jelonek,
Ann Christensen,

**Offertory 9/29/2019
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