

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

Johnny was a devout Catholic man in his sixties who desired to go and visit the holy places in Rome. But he was terrified of flying, but his desire was strong, so he summoned his courage and bought a ticket. When he walked onto the plane, he was wearing his largest cross as prevention against any disaster. As he took his seat, he felt better when he noticed four bishops also on the plane. The flight started uneventfully.

But after dinner there was a jolt, and Johnny looked out the window to see that one of the four engines had detached from the plane and was disappearing into the clouds. He yelled out: *"We're going to die!"* The captain came over the PA system and assured every one, that yes, they had lost an engine, but he was confident that they could complete the flight and safely land on three engines. This did not comfort Johnny. He continued to yell out: *"We're going to die!"* The stewardess came over to calm him. Noticing his cross, she took a religious approach. *"Sir,"* she said, *"Relax. God is with us. We do not need to fear. Besides we still have three engines and look, we have four bishops on the plane."* Johnny responded, *"I'd rather have four engines and three bishops."*

Given our choice, I think all of us would prefer certainty to faith. We would like to have something that we know for sure, that we can see and touch, rather than trusting that somehow God will provide. Faith is difficult. That is probably why the disciples in today's gospel ask Jesus, **"Increase our faith."** Jesus answers, *"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this Mulberry tree be uprooted and cast into the sea and it would obey you."*

Jesus' answer is not very clear or helpful. What does he mean by faith the size of a mustard seed? A little bit of faith? Well, the disciples had a little bit of faith. They wanted to increase their faith. So since they had faith the size of a mustard seed, why weren't these mulberry trees uprooted and planted in the sea? So what sense can we make of Jesus' response?

Usually, when we ask for something, things do not dramatically change. I think Jesus is directing us to a different kind of faith, a faith that is more practical and is every bit as real. What if you were looking for a job and didn't immediately find one, but somehow you received the grace to avoid discouragement and increase thankfulness for and enjoyment of your family? What if you did not receive a rapid cure for cancer, but you found the courage to endure the treatment, avoid the bitterness, and discover a sense of peace even in the face of death?

Now this kind of faith is not dramatic. It does not flip nature on its head. It does not send Mulberry trees flying into the sea. But it is a faith which is deep and mature. Dramatic miracles can happen. But this deeper faith must happen if we are going to live a full and rewarding life. That is why Jesus ties the little faith of the mustard seed to the dramatic and the unexpected. He wants to remind us that there is a greater kind of faith where what changes is not our circumstances but ourselves. Faith can move mountains, but it can also move our hearts.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mon. Oct. 7th - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, memorial

Jonah 1:1-2:1, 10; Luke 10:25-37

Tue. Oct. 8th - Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

Wed. Oct. 9th - Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

Thurs. Oct. 10th - Malachi 3:13-4:2; Luke 11:5-13

Fri. Oct. 11th - Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

Sat. Oct. 12th - Joel 3:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

Sun. Oct. 6th - 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

**PROJECT ADVANCE NEWS**

Thank you to all those who generously supported our Project Advance campaign. Our goal is to increase participation. If you haven't contributed, please consider doing so. You can give at the parish office, drop off your donation marked Project Advance in the Sunday collection or give online at: www.rca.org/giving

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Oct. 5 th	5 pm Mass for all the souls in purgatory
Sun. Oct. 6 th	9 am Mass for the int. of Tess Hombrebueno
	11 am Mass for the dcsd. Mem. of the Tseung Fmly.
	2 pm Mass for John Lui, R.I.P.
	5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. Oct. 7 th	8 am Mass for Carmela Giardullo, R.I.P.
Tue. Oct. 8 th	8 am Mass for the int. of Tomas Akoglu
Wed. Oct. 9 th	9 am Mass for Pasqualito Seminano, R.I.P.
	7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Oct. 10 th	8:00 am Mass for the int. of Arda Akoglu
Fri. Oct. 11 th	8:00 am Mass for Julieta & Leticia Marasigan, R.I.P.
Sat. Oct. 12 th	9:00 am Mass for Abilio Campos, R.I.P.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

- **Friendship Day:** Join us this Sunday Oct. 6th, after the 9 & 11 am Masses at the entrance of the church.

ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. Oct. 9th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Sat. Oct. 12nd - 5:00 PM - C & C Akol, A.Taban, C.Tsang.

Sun. Oct. 13th - 9:00 AM - D.Cheng, S & S Cho, E.Garrovillas, K & J Tuguinay. 11:00 AM - A.Bartolay, J.Casino, C.Paule, P.Que. 5:00 PM - J & A Arias, M.Breaker, P.Casanova, W. Del Rosario, T & F Le, J.Plara, E.Yen.



IN MEMORIAM

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Sarah Pugh, a long time parishioner, whose funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10th at 10:30 am in our church. May she rest in peace.

75th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Please be reminded that payment for the 75th Anniversary dinner are now due. Payment will be collected, this weekend, after all the Masses. During the week your payment may be dropped off at the Parish office.

ST. JUDE'S PARISH MISSION

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

This year Fr. Emil Lim will be coming to preach our Mission on "The Theological Virtues of Hope"

He will be promoting the Mission at all the Masses on the weekend of Oct. 19th/ 20th.

The Mission will begin on Mon., Oct. 21st and end on Friday, Oct. 25th. More info will follow.

PREP NEWS

Our Parish Religious Education Program for children in grades 1 through 7 attending public school has begun. Classes are held every Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in our school. Registrations are still being accepted prior to classes.

RCIA & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Interested? Know someone who might be? Come or invite them to join our parish program called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult). Every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the church hall. The program is suitable for anyone who is interested in learning more about our faith, for Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion and for those who would like to deepen their faith. For more info call (604) 434-6700.

SCHOOL NEWS

- **School Mass:** This Wed., Oct. 9th, at 9 am. Join us!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflections

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighbourhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

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Catechist Evening with Archbishop Miller

Join us Friday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. for an evening to celebrate catechists and the work that they do as they prepare for the new catechetical year. There will be Mass, a blessing, and reflection by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. A light meal will be provided at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Register online for \$15 at secure.rcav.org/catechist-evening

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attention Married Couples: wouldn't it be wonderful to be as joyful together as you were on your wedding day? Lack of time, distractions, work & family responsibilities make us forget that our marriage is a priority. Spend a weekend rediscovering and renewing your marriage. *"As the family goes, so does the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live"* - St John Paul II

Limited spots available: October 18-20, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Express, Langley, BC. Register online: <https://rcav.org/wwme/> Questions? Sharon & Glen Goh Tel: 604 723 5998.

An Evening with Archbishop Miller

The 8th Annual Archbishop's Dinner will take place Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, at the Hyatt Regency, Van. This year, in partnership with Providence Health Care and with St. Mark's College, Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds to help foster Catholic health-care ethics in the education of health-care providers and in the support of their day-to-day practice. Reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For more info or to reserve your table(s) please visit rcav.org/dinner2019.

Upper Room Conference

At the Upper Room Conference, you will hear from incredible speakers like Cardinal Dolan, Sr. Miriam James, and Archbishop J. Michael Miller, you'll be able to connect with other disciples, and gain insight and resources on how to live out your missional call in your homes and communities. We'll also have time of worship, prayer and community. This conference has been a long time coming. Led by the vision of Archbishop Michael to see the Gospel shared, the heart of Upper Room comes back to Pope Francis' declaration of the Extraordinary Missionary Month and the prodding of the Holy Spirit in our Archdiocese. The conference takes place at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Saturday, Oct. 26. Registration and conference info at upperroomvancouver.com We believe that God is beginning a new movement in Vancouver.

