



June 17, 2018 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 92 Gospel MK 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. but once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



Spiritual Reflection:

The Lord lays down very easy the conditions for our faith to accomplish great things: "If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed you'll say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there!' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you" (Mt 17:21). Why? Because it is God who performs the action and not ourselves. -Cardinal Thuan

Spiritual Questions:

1. What is your part in faith? What is God's part?
2. How can you grow in trust with a co-worker? Can you apply anything with your relationship with God?
3. Why does God preach in parable?
4. Write a parable helping others understand what God means to you?
5. How can you improve your patience with God?