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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (SEPTEMBER 24TH – 25TH)

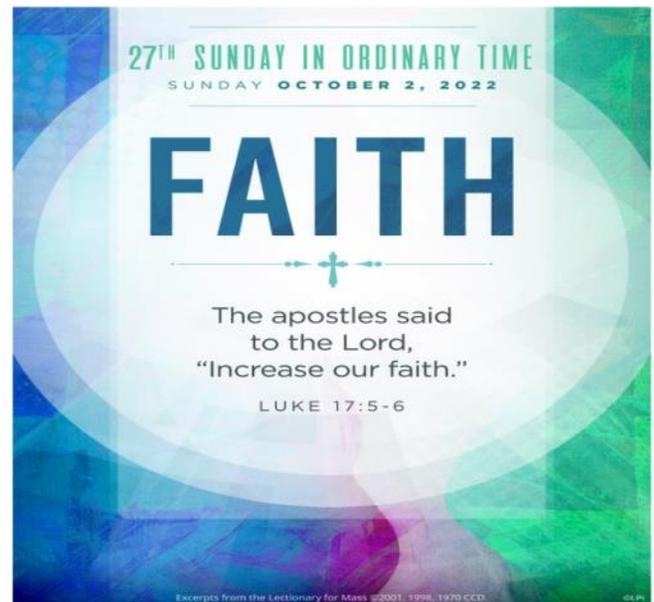
Donation	\$3,511.00
Donation Online	\$1,637.00
Maintenance Fund	\$35.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,183.00

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL \$24,876

GIFTS RECEIVED \$39,695.00

 **Annual Catholic Appeal**

**TOGETHER WE CAN
be Christ to Others**



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Why does God allow evil and suffering to occur? Looking around at what is happening in the world, it is tempting to get angry with God for not actively intervening. Jesus walked among the suffering and evil of his day. While he healed some things, he simply sat with the sinner, challenged the leaders, and spoke against injustice. Jesus spoke of God's kingdom and his vision for humanity. But he made it very clear that it is our responsibility to realize this vision. The disciples saw how Jesus lived and dealt with the day's circumstances. They wanted that same faith and determination. They wanted his fortitude and courage. Mostly, they wanted Jesus' confidence and patience that God's vision would someday be fulfilled. In the meantime, waiting in joyful hope, we become servants who do what is necessary: love, repent of our sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. Willingly giving witness to our faith, we expect nothing in return.

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - C

Homily by Father Peter Doan

Given our choice, I think all of us would prefer certainty over faith. We would like to have something that we know for sure, something we can see and touch, rather than trusting that somehow God will provide. Faith is difficult. That is 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."

Do you think more people would believe in Jesus if we could move mulberry trees? Now if we could do that do you think more people would become Christian? If we could say to people, "I know you don't have any religious faith but watch this. . ." and immediately a tree would go flying into the sea. Would they believe then? They might.

But they would certainly believe if we were able to say, "My spouse has cancer, and it's killing both of us. But I have faith. So I say, 'Be healed.'" And the cancer would disappear." Or if we could say, "My son always struggles with self-confidence and it hurts me. But I have faith. So I'm going to say, 'Change.'" And suddenly he becomes a confident and happy person." Or if we could say, "Our country is divided because of racial differences, and it's not good for us. But I have faith. So I say, 'Unite!'" And suddenly racism disappears from our shores. If we could make those kinds of commands and see them immediately followed, who wouldn't believe? That's dramatic and we all prefer the dramatic. I think that there are times when faith does operate in this way, when people's circumstances are dramatically changed. I have seen such marvels and I know they are real.

But you and I know that faith does not always work that way. Faith does not give us some magical formula by which we can bring about the good things we want in our lives. So why does Jesus talk to us about mulberry trees? Jesus uses vivid language to seize our attention and to make a point. The point he's trying to make with the flying mulberry tree is that faith is real—faith can make a difference in our lives. The image is not meant to convert people to faith in Jesus. It is intended for us who already believe to assure us that our faith in him is not wasted. If we have faith, even faith the size of a mustard seed, it can change things.

Now, faith of course is surrender. It is handing over to God our entire lives and all of our needs. It is a surrender that acknowledges that when we give our lives to God, God will not in some magical way give us all that we want. But when we do hand over the people that we love to God's care, when we do surrender the needs of our lives, that action of faith is real, as real as uprooting a mulberry tree from the ground.

Once we surrender ourselves to God in faith, then the gospel tells us to do our job. That is why after the saying about the mulberry tree in today's gospel we hear a series of sayings about being servants. Because, once we have placed the people we love in God's care, once we have surrendered ourselves to God's love, then we should do what we are expected to do.

The pattern then that comes from today's gospel is faith and duty. Once we have handed over our spouse and the cancer to the Lord, then we do our duty and live as a spouse who is encouraging, supporting, and loving. Once we surrender our son and his poor self-confidence to God, then we do our duty to be the best parent we can be. Once we tell God how much the racial divisions of our country disturb us and need to change, then we do our duty as a citizen. We try to elect officials and support programs that promote unity, and understanding, and peace.

Now this kind of faith is not dramatic. It does not send Mulberry trees flying into the sea. But it is the necessary faith on which we survive from day to day. Dramatic miracles can happen. But this deeper faith must happen if we are going to live a full and rewarding life. It asks us to surrender the people we love and all of our needs to God's care, and then do our job. This gospel assures us that our faith in God's power can make a difference. We cannot move mulberry trees. But God can. There is another kind of faith where what changes is not our circumstances but ourselves. Faith can move mountains, but it can also move our hearts.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hab 2:4)

PSALM:

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

SECOND READING:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.
So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord.
(2 Tm 1:7-8)

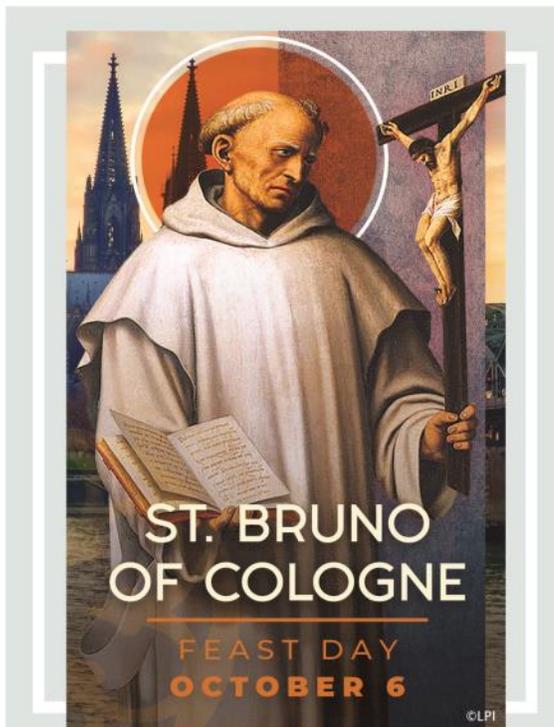
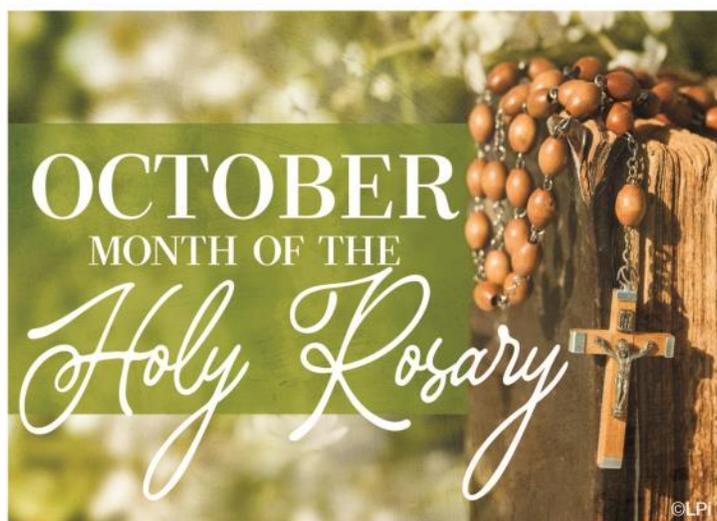
GOSPEL:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey
you." (Lk 17: 6)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2022

- Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday;
The Holy Guardian Angels
- Tuesday: St. Francis of Assisi
- Wednesday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- Thursday: St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
- Friday: Our Lady of the Rosary
- Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Denis, Bishop, and
Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest



Saint of the Week

Bruno, born in 1030, is also known as Saint Bruno the Carthusian for the monastic order he founded. He studied in Reims and was ordained in Cologne in 1055. In 1057 he went back to Reims to lead the school, a post he kept for almost 20 years. He was made chancellor of the church of Reims in 1075 but left soon after in protest of the behavior of new bishop Manasses de Gournai who was finally deposed in 1080. Bruno refused the nomination to replace de Gournai as it was his intention to retire to live in solitude and prayer. He had a vision in a dream to go with Bishop (later Saint) Hugh of Grenoble. Bruno, Hugh, and five other religious settled at Chartreuse and founded the Carthusian order in 1084.

This first period of monastic life was not to last long. Bruno was called to help Urban II, a former student of his, against the antipope Guibert of Ravenna and the hostile Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV. While working with Urban II, he rejected another offer to become bishop, this time of Calabria. Eventually Bruno was allowed to return to monastic life. Count Roger of Sicily and Calabria befriended Bruno and the monks of his order, granting them the land where they founded St. Mary's at La Torre. The order was known for its strict asceticism, poverty, and prayer and its unique organization combining the life of the hermit with that of the collective life of traditional monks.

Saint Bruno wrote several commentaries on the psalms and on St. Paul's epistles. He died on October 6, 1101, and was never formally canonized because his order renounces all public honors. However, Pope Leo X gave permission for Carthusians to celebrate his feast in 1514 and his name was added to the Roman calendar in 1623.