

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B - 16 June 2024

MASS TIMES

- Monday:** Closed
- Tuesday:** 9:15am
- Wednesday:** 9:15am
- Thursday:** 9.15am
- Friday:** 12noon
- Saturday:** 9.15am & Vigil 5pm
- Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday: 11am -12noon

Rosary : 8:45am, Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday

Reconciliation : Saturday after 9.15am mass.

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd

Sunday of each month. (Please call Parish Office)

Weddings: By Appointment (Please call Parish Office)



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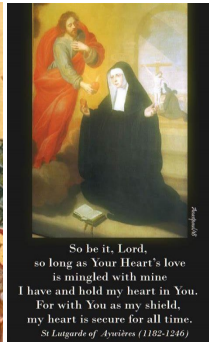
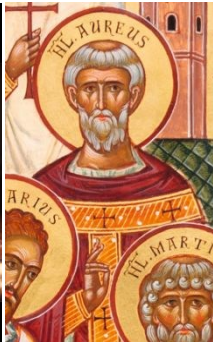
Today's Gospel contains the great parable of the mustard seed.

The use of parables was a masterly teaching technique of Jesus to convey truths and insights about the reign of God.

Jesus used everyday realities and familiar occurrences to communicate His teaching to them. Narrative technology is a branch of study that considers how stories in the Bible employ different genres and literally features to communicate the author's intent (albeit inspired by Holy Spirit) and how the historical and social factors of the time may have shaped these stories.

This parable of the mustard seed is a timeless little narrative that speaks to us in our days of how important it is to care for our creation. How can we plant seeds of hope in all the situations we will encounter this day? What stands out for you as you read this Gospel parable? How does it relate to your experiences at this very moment?

God's Word 2024



PLEASE HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID AND FLU



1. Be aware of ourselves and those around us.
2. Sanitize you hands.
3. Stay up to date with vaccinations.
4. Stay home if you have colds, flu or Covid symptoms.

Planned Giving Envelopes Financial Year 2024/2025

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection in the foyer. **Please ensure that you check your name with corresponding address and you pick the correct one.**

If you are not a member of the Planned Giving, please call Parish Office to join. The tax deduction is 30%.

Alternatively, instead of envelopes, you could opt for periodic deduction using your credit card or do direct deposit to our **CBA bank account 100000143; BSB: 062 784.**

Receipts for your contributions for this financial year will be available on the 3rd week of July. We would like to thank you for your ongoing generous support to our Parish.

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta
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Secretary: Monik Setyaningsih – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; **Accounts:** Imelda Dela Cruz – Thursday, Friday

Youth Coordinator: TBA

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GROWING IN FAITH

*Scriptural readings and Saints
for this week*

JUNE 2024 - YEAR B - Eleventh week in Ordinary Time

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

17 Mon

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42 (365)

18 Tue

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48 (366)

19 Wed

Saint Romuald, Abbot

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (367)

20 Thu

Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15 (368)

21 Fri

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Memorial

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23 (369)

22 Sat

**Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop,
and Thomas More, Martyrs; BVM**

2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34 (370)

23 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41 (95) Pss IV

Please Note

Starting 1 May 2024,

Our office will be open on

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,
8:30am to 2:30pm.

Office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday.
For enquiries: please send email to:

kingsgroveolf@gmail.com

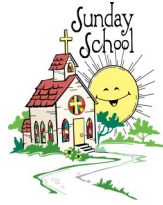


SACRAMENTAL NEWS

On Sunday 30th June at the 10am Mass, our parish will celebrate the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion with our 36 new candidates**. We would like to advise the community that the Holy Mass will go longer than usual. Please pray for the candidates and their families for this joyous occasion.

OLF PARISH PILGRIM STATUE

The home visits of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue have resumed. Please contact the Parish Office on 9150 9665 if you wish to be included in the weekly roster. Name of host family will be published in the bulletin. Host family from **Saturday, 15 June 2024 : Pauline & Terry Fenech.**



Sunday School & Parent Fellowship

June's lesson will be an in-person gathering

Jun Lesson Theme:

God's Wonderful Gift

If you missed the in-person lesson on 2 June 2024, you may use this QR code to access the Sunday school Google Drive to view the learning materials.

Feel free to spend some time to go through the lesson with your children to learn more about our faith and be closer to Jesus.

Here is the list of documents for the June lesson in the Google Drive:

1. Lesson Plan for June.pdf
2. Corpus Christi Feast.pdf
3. Wonderful gift of God.mp4
4. God's Spirit Lives in Me.Mp4
5. My God is so big.mp4
- 6a. Pentecost Gospel Activity.pdf
- 6b. Pentecost Crossword.pdf
- 6c. Pentecost Find a word.png
- 6d. Pentecost_quiz_ppt_show.pps.pptx
- 6e. Pentecost Drawing Activity.pdf
7. (For Adult) Finding God in All Things Day 9 to day 12.



For enquiry, please send email to sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com
or send text message to 0413 096 960

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The **First Holy Communion Mass** will be held at the **10 am mass on Sunday 30th June 2024.**

The mass will need 5 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for this occasion.

It would be appreciated if Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who can assist with Communion at this Mass, could register their availability on the form provided in the foyer of the Church.

Thank you for your assistance.

Parish Liturgy Committee

Living Water - Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Join us to pray and praise Him, 6.30pm Monday, in the Cronin Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre. (Entry via the stairs near to the right of the toilets).

For details, contact John Deacon 0418 778 856.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT



Wednesday, 3rd July @8:00 pm

RSVP by 28th June 2024

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai.
Mp. 0410 583 808



WE INVITE YOU TO Our Lady of Fatima Youth Group

When: Last Sunday of each month. Directly after 5pm Youth Mass

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall

Who: Year 6 to High School

Duration: 6:10- 8pm

There will be food provided, games, fellowship, talks, outings and many more exciting plans installed for this year!



THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & HOLY ROSARY ZOOM

Zoom Host - Katherina – Please join me in Prayer

Wednesday Weekly - 7 pm (AEDT)

The Holy Rosary, Litany to St Joseph and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Meeting ID: 872 9929 7896

Passcode: 908680

The Holy Rosary with Prayers

Our Lady of Fatima

13th Monthly - 7pm (AEDT)

Meeting ID: 861 8463 9187

Passcode: 459184

(For more Information - www.fatima.org.au)



Jesus I trust in You

*Our Lady of Fatima,
Pray for us*



PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

We had collected \$ **10,183**



MASS INTENTIONS

For mass Intentions please put the mass intentions in the envelope provided in the petition box located in front of Presbytery by Wednesday .

Alternatively you can also drop it during office hours.

Please note, things that need to be included:

- 1. The date and time of mass.**
- 2. Please write the name in capital letter for clarity.**



God bless and thank you.

"By encouraging devotion to the Heart of Jesus, we encourage believers to open themselves up to the mystery of God and of His love, and to allow themselves to be transformed by it. It is a fitting task for Christians to continue to deepen their relationship with the Heart of Jesus, in such a way as to revive their faith in the saving love of God and to welcome Him into their lives." *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*



Women's Social Support Group GUEST SPEAKER & LUNCH



- Topic : **Identity Misuse** – Kate Bates from Customer Service NSW will be our presenter.
- Location : The Lone Pine Room - Upstairs - Kingsgrove RSL.
- Date : Tuesday 23rd July, 2024
- Time : 10.30 am
- Lunch : 12 noon at Fireside Brasserie Kingsgrove RSL following the presentation.
- RSVP : **Monday 15th July, 2024**
- Transport : If you should need a lift, please let me know.

I think this is a very important topic, as there are so many scams happening out there, either on computers or phones. We will be taking a \$2.00 collection to give the presenter a gift of either flowers or monetary donation.

If you wish to attend please contact Veronica on mob 0412216166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

John & Jenny Fulton, Maureen Dowd, Mavis Armour, Bambina Canosa, Noelene Bennett, Frances English, Patricia North, Enid Taylor; Nancy Dawson; Anne Sheerin, Caterina Ancona, Justina De Bellis, Patricia Gray, Antonietta Roberto, Netta Donnelly, Mary Melville, Elizabeth Perusich.

(Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes, please call Parish Office 9150 9665).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Baby Isaac Charles Lembryk Taylor, Marie Mary Brennan, Maria (Thi-Quyen), Agnes (Sonju) Lee Wong, Mary Ravallion, John Ivers, Selwyn Ward, Henry Fernandez, Teresita Rublico, Carol Thomson, Jill Preston, Marlene Fistar, Lana Hraiki, Helen Donnelly, Anne Taranto, Maureen Narayan, Anna Kevic, Michael Buckley, Ashok Naidu, Ronald Singh, Aboud Sarkis, Kenny Leung, Shiela Kovacs, Frank Brown, Geoff Buckley, Fernando Nucum Jr, Violet Bozic, Antoninette McGahan, Guy Cassar, Merci Valix, Antoinette Taza, Marie Toutounji, , Nicholas Reed, Swastika Hawach, Michael Talbot, Frank Crimi, Chris Banks, Am Gonzales, Justin Bautista, Laura Smith, John Aleixo, Annalisa Castagnone, Anna Glinatsis, Jeanette Affara, Luisa Maria Karin, Peter & Patricia Matt, Alvin Ureta, Jasmin Ghasan, George Chayeb, Pat McGuirk, Thelma Gribocck, Jun Letran, Diane Salem, Philip Maguire, Kamala Reddy, Maximino Ilaya, Carlos Munoz, Aileen Munoz, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Crito, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Grazia Passeretti, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, James Genco.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Denise Braggett, Samar Munoz, Bishop Peter Ingham, Yvonne Toatoo, Anna Maria, Fiapai To'oto'o, Athos Calzolari, May Seto, Catherine Yim, Michael Addicoat, Aaron Feliciano, Bryan Posgate, Silvio Talotta, Colin Elliott, Denis Young, Ian Neale, Robert (Bob) Ascoli, Emily Grantham, John Martlew, Beverley Byers, Frank Lazzaro, Bill Taylor, William (Bill) Dunkley, Damien Wong, Maria Briscas, Dominic Lam, Cesare Tasselli.

Anniversaries:

Pietro Stendardo, Martin, Betty & Frances Nugent, Ross Scanlan, Leon Ung, Willie Joe Ryan, Frances Bottaro, Jesus Cadiz, Felicidad Cadiz, John Henderson, Antonio De Fina, Judy Weekes, Giancarlo Bottene, Nazzareno Vozzoler, Lucia Zandona, Laurence Enright, Winnifred & Ralph Mc Creanor, Catania & John Vella, John Mc Creanor, Anthony Pun, Joan & Kevin Mc Creanor, Robert Vella, Juanito & Apolonia Gener, Luigi Giannoccolo, Robin Weeks, Giuseppe Di Lucchio, Peter Fang, Domenico La Spada, Ada Leung, Luisa Veran, Ivan Bozic, Chiara Azara, Maria Rosa Livolsi, Raymond & Naomi Chakty, Caterina Giannoccolo, Samuel Donato, Kevin McGreal.

Also For:

Thanksgiving and intentions of Malou/Marlon Agbuya & family, Pinkie Jasmin and family, deceased Maria Corazon Diego, and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory. Prayer Group, and all the Holy

ROSTERS 22/23 June 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	J.Handerson	T. Spata
Commentator:	M.Millen	Rana.NM
Acolyte:	Emily	Pak

	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers:	T.A-King	Youth
Commentator:	M.Nigem	
Acolyte:	Anthony	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	: P. Brunnet, A.Shen
Sun 8.30am	: T & S Bassil
Sun 10.00am	: B.Setiadji, W.Jayaputra
Sun 5:00pm	: J.Brown, C.Tan

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE UPDATE & RETURNING ALBS

Please inform the office if you are planning not to or no longer serving, please return the albs, so other people can use it.

Pls email to kingsgroveolf@gmail.com or phone 9150 9665. Thank you



“As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Rosebank Ave and St. Albans Street.**

We pray for their needs and Intentions”.



Safeguarding in our Parish It is my responsibility and your responsibility!

Most of the members of our Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Sacramental Programme educators, Youth Ministry, Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Servers undertook Safeguarding training in 2021. If you are new to these Ministries and have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9> or via Zoom by sending an email to: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org.

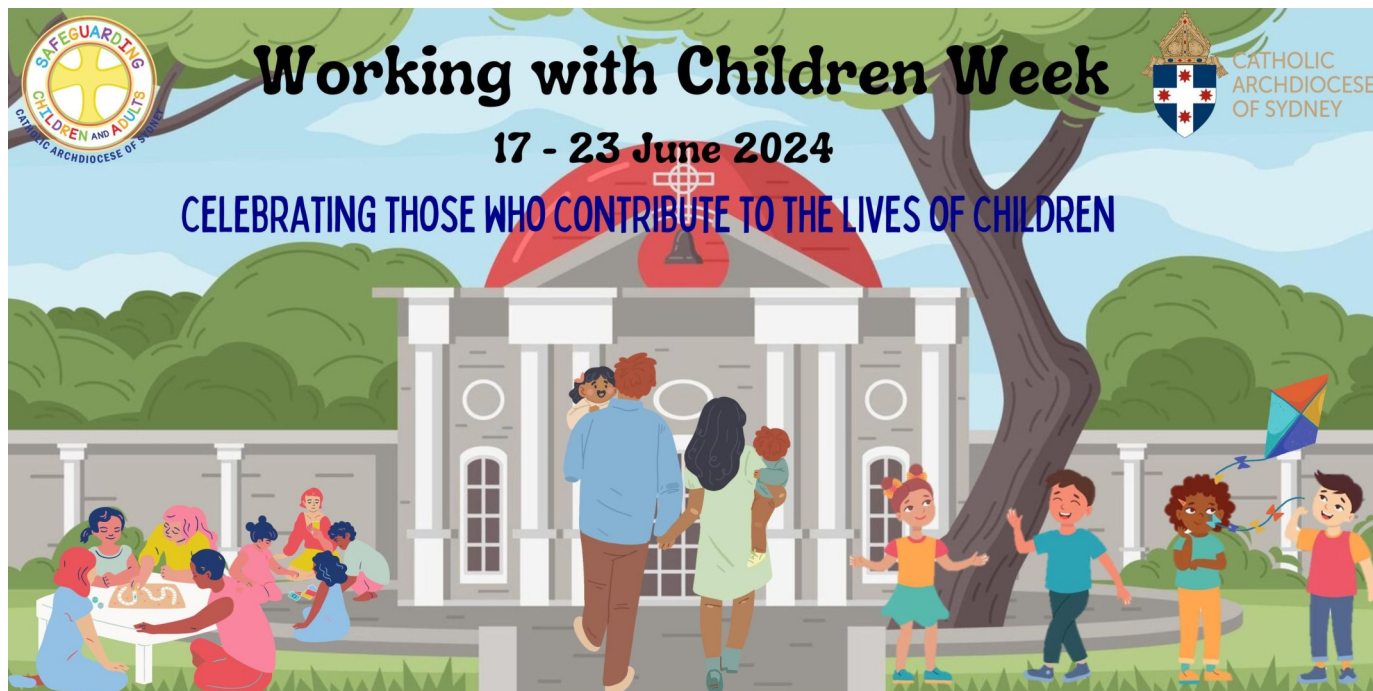
The Safeguarding Office of our Archdiocese has decided that a 3 yearly **Refresher Training** is required for members of these ministries, i.e. those trained in 2021 or earlier. Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training **on line** via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> or via Zoom by sending an email to: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

Just a reminder that volunteers only need to complete the Refresher Training if they have completed the Induction Training prior to 2020.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the **Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5813** or safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Working With Children Week : 17 June - 23 June

This year, NSW will celebrate its fourth Working with Children Week in recognition of over 1.9 million people who contribute to the lives of the state’s children.

The theme for this is ***"Families and communities are informed and involved"***.

The Safeguarding Office would like to thank everyone for all that they do every day to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children within the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Working with Children Week is a chance to celebrate all those who put children first.

The Safeguarding Office is committed to providing safe environments for our children by maintaining an open and inclusive culture.

To celebrate this week, the Office of Children’s Guardian will be hosting a **"Check the Check WWCC" webinar** for organisations on Tuesday, 18 June 2024 from 10am to 11am.

To register pls go to <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/events/check-check-wwcc-webinar-organisations-10am-11am>

PSSO & CSSO Safeguarding Annual Development Training

The Safeguarding Office is pleased to announce the launch of our 2024 Annual Development Training for PSSO’s and CSSO’s. We warmly invite you to register for the Development Day Training package.

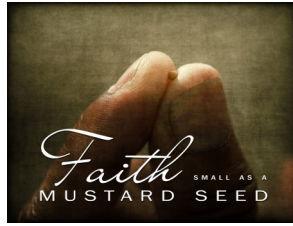
Dates and times as follow:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, 11 July 2024	5 pm - 7.30pm	zoom
Thursday, 6 August 2024	5 pm - 7.30 pm	zoom
Thursday, 22 August 2024	10 am - 1.15pm	St. Martha’s Leichhardt
Wednesday, 11 December 2024	10am - 1.15pm	St. Martha’s Leichhardt

To register please email safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

What It Looks Like to Have the Faith of a Mustard Seed

By Bethany Verrett



When looking at the cornerstones of the Christian life, some tenets include prayer and worship, but the key one is faith. Putting our trust in God, that He will take care of the future, provide for needs, and provide for salvation. Jesus spoke about the power of faith several times in His teachings and used multiple metaphors to explain what faith is and how important it is.

One of the most powerful is that faith can be like a mustard seed. Jesus said to those struggling with belief, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you" (Matthew 17:20).

God wants to work with His people, but will not force them to become instruments of His will like puppets; instead He works through them based on their faith, challenging believers to a deeper relationship with Him.

What Does It Mean to Have Faith of a Mustard Seed?

The mustard seed would have been a common enough plant in that culture; they would be able to picture it without reference. Classified as an evergreen, the *Salvadora perisica* can grow to twenty feet wide and tall. They can thrive in environments typically hostile to plants. Their seeds are very small, but they grow large.

The mustard seed in Jesus' example symbolizes the potential in faith. When a believer begins their journey, they have just begun to learn about how much God loves them, how much He wants to do for them, and all that He has for them. God wants to work with these believers to bring others to Himself, and to build His kingdom; "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12). By following God's plan, Christians will do great things for Him, even with the small faith they have at the beginning of their walk.

Of course, the truth about a seed is that it does not remain a seed. It eventually germinates, where the seedling breaks out of the shell, and grows into a full-sized plant. Mustard trees are huge, despite the size of their seeds. Faith cannot remain static or the same in order to have a deeper relationship with the Lord. The things people will do for God, and their courage they do it with, is correlated with the amount of faith present. If someone has faith that God saved their sins, but that God cannot heal an illness, they have a smaller amount of faith than someone who does. The courage to share faith in dangerous settings, or to be martyred for it takes a lot of faith. James even wrote, "faith without works is dead" (James 2:26b). Faith must grow, and be tested, and be acted upon with good deeds and evangelism.

What Is the Context of Matthew 17:20?

The mustard seed comparison appears several times in the Gospels, usually as a metaphor for the Kingdom of God. In this instance in Matthew 17, however, the Lord uses it to discuss faith with his disciples.

A man had a son possessed by a demon that gave the child seizures, forcing him to often fall into water and fire. Jesus' disciples tried and failed to exorcise the demon, but He succeeded with one rebuke.

When the disciples asked why they failed, Jesus uses the mustard seed analogy to explain: "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed ... nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20). Jesus wanted to highlight that it does not take much faith for God to work in a person, but the disciples needed to believe.

It can be inferred they were trying to exorcise the demon because the father asked, and because they saw Jesus do it, but lacked the faith in God to actually expel it. This trait in believers is not just true of the disciples back then, but through the centuries. It is easy to believe that Jesus could do great things, but difficult to believe He can use us to do even small things.

Does It Matter How Much or Little Faith We Have?

If Jesus is saying faith as small as a mustard seed is all it takes, then is that all that's needed?

Can one have just a little faith?

Putting one's faith in Jesus Christ is an important step. In the same chapter where Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed, the people in his hometown reject Him, and lacked faith. The Bible says, "And [Jesus] did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief" (Matthew 13:58). It was not just in Nazareth where Jesus would not work great miracles because of a lack of faith.

He declared, "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works one in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes" (Matthew 11:21).

In Mark 8:22-26, an account of Jesus healing a blind man in Bethsaida recounts that Jesus took the blind man out of the town before He healed him, and ordered the man, "Do not even enter the village" (Mark 8:26b).

The people of Nazareth, Chorazin, and Bethsaida had so little faith that nothing Jesus could have done would have led them to repent. There are still people like that today.

The level of faith one has can also impact how God can bless individual Christians.

In the Book of James, the writer stated, "You desire and do not have, so you murder. You cover and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2). Believers in James' time were fighting amongst one another because they lacked, but they did not have the faith to go to God and ask. This statement does not mean that one can have anything, or that 'name it and claim it' philosophy is true, but that it is important to rely on God, and ask Him for the things needed. Without faith, the Christian life is inhibited, and lacking the fullness that God wants to bestow upon those who love Him.

What Does This Verse Mean for Us Today?

The importance of faith is as crucial today as it was when Christ walked the earth 2,000 years ago. Jesus gave a commission to His followers as He ascended into Heaven, a command to follow until He returns, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Once the seed of faith has been planted in someone's heart and they are saved, the next steps of faith are to learn more about this new relationship, and obey this commission.

Faith can be difficult, which is why it seems that in some moments in life it can be easy to have great faith, but at others, almost none. When pursuing a relationship with God, growing that faith regularly can empower the believer to know their Savior better, and obey Him fully.

A Mustard Seed Faith Prayer

Father, thank You for loving us in spite of how messed up we are – for the grace of mustard seed faith and for the promise of answered prayer. Help us understand that every answer to our prayers is filtered from Your heart of love, even when it doesn't look like what we think it should. Fill those pockets of unbelief in our prayer lives with mustard seed faith. And Lord, when we struggle to believe You, please help our unbelief.

Amen - *Stephanie Shott*

A Prayer to Increase Faith

Dear Lord,

Thank you that nothing is impossible in my life as I trust you in every area. Give me wisdom in all these difficult things facing me today. Give me the faith to be able to trust again, to forgive, to care, to love all those who have caused me pain. Give me the faith that I need to keep doing the right thing at work and at home. Give me the faith to be able to keep on trusting You for all the hard spots in my heart, home and work. I'm giving You all the worries and concerns facing me today and trusting You to do the impossible Lord. Increase my faith, today Lord, I pray. Amen. - *Tiffany Thibault*

Bethany Verrett is a freelance writer who uses her passion for God, reading, and writing to glorify God. She and her husband have lived all over the country serving their Lord and Savior in ministry. She has a blog on graceandgrowing.com.

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