



Have Faith

That is so easy to say and so hard to do. This might be because we misunderstand what faith is and what it might do. Today's readings offer us three glimpses into what the Bible means by faith.

The reading from Habakkuk and the Gospel passage seem to contradict each other. The Gospel suggests that one can do wondrous things if one's faith is strong enough. Many people understand this literally and then are confused and terribly disappointed when things do not turn out as they wanted. Habakkuk is in a dire situation. He had turned to God, but it seems to no avail: "You do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). What response did he get? "Don't give up. Don't lose faith."

Paul's letter was written to Timothy, one of Paul's own converts to faith in the risen Lord. Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in that faith. It's clear that faith is not solely a set of beliefs and doctrines; it is a way of life—one that follows and is

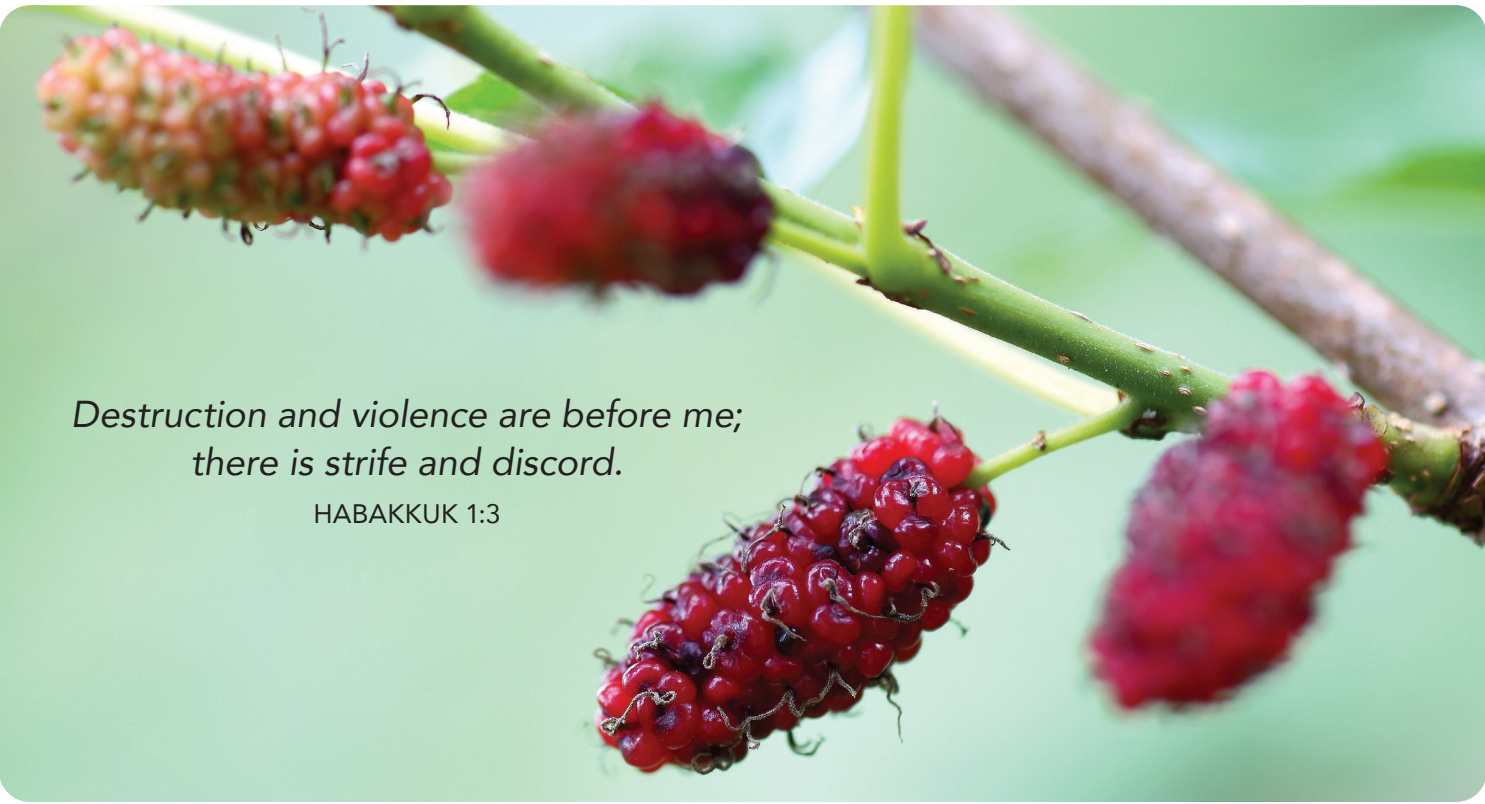
inspired by the example Jesus' life provides. It is also clear that living such a life might be dangerous, as evidenced by Paul's own imprisonment.

Reading the Gospel passage again after considering these reflections, one might understand the power of faith in a new way. Perhaps the mulberry tree stands for the struggles that had to be endured by Habakkuk, the danger that Timothy faced in a hostile world, and the hurdles that challenge our own faith. It assures us that if we don't lose faith, we also can do wondrous things.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *For you, what is the difference between faith as what you believe and faith as how you live?*
- ★ *How might your faith help you get beyond life's hurdles?*



*Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife and discord.*

HABAKKUK 1:3

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Neocatechumenal Community (NCW):
Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:00 PM in the Hall

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat	Oct 1	6:00 pm	
		8:00 pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word (Hall)
Sun	Oct 2	11:15 am	
		3:00 pm	Spanish Mass
Tues	Oct 4	8:15 am	George Reynolds+
		8:00 pm	NCW Eucharistic Celeb. (Hall)
Wed	Oct 5	8:15 am	
Thu	Oct 6	8:15 am	
Fri.	Oct 7	8:15 am	
Sat.	Oct 8	6:00 pm	
		8 :00 pm	NCW Eucharistic Celeb. (Hall)
Sun	Oct 9	11:15 am	

Liturgical Ministries – The books for the lectors for the new liturgical year are available and can be picked up at the sacristy anytime. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.

BULLETIN for October 1 and October 2, 2022

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Sept 17/Sept 18 \$ 2,024.00
Sept 24/Sept 25 \$3,486.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank – BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c – 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank.

Pastor's Note

Dear friends,

Often people think that to serve the Lord (Going to mass, for example, or being active in some group or activity in the parish) is a little (or great) sacrifice that we need to do to acquire salvation. In the parable of the unprofitable servant, Jesus instead tells us that to love and serve the Lord (and the neighbor) is the actual true purpose of life. It is the real reason why we came into this world. However, the Lord is not a boss and a slave holder. This parable is coming to look for us and free us from the slavery to seeking our life where it cannot be found. If we perceive the service of the Lord as a burden, as a sacrifice that we do for the Lord, we are still enslaved. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Lord. It is a grace that the Lord grants to us because He loves us. This parable is telling us in a veiled way (and maybe even in a not so veiled way) that the Lord does not think as we do. On one side, we are called to recognize ourselves as unprofitable servants, who do what they are supposed to and do not need a special award or recognition. On the other side, it shows us that despite everything else, the Lord is doing what we do not do: He is preparing for us a banquet where He serves us with the best food, the food of eternal life. This is what the Eucharistic celebration is. It is not our duty and our job, but the banquet that the Lord, at variance with what a human master would do, prepares for his servants who have carried off their duties diligently and also to those who have not done it diligently, who maybe feel guilty because they have failed their Lord. The world is about awards and recognition, but the Church is about grace and free gift!!!!

This week we will install in St. Joseph's Church a few new altar servers who have been trained in the past few weeks. We will also bless a girl who will be serving at the mass in Spanish that we have on the first and third week of every

month. These children are taking their steps to learn to serve the Lord. If they consider themselves unprofitable servants, they will find joy in serving. We hope that soon we will also have children in St. Anthony's ready to serve at mass. We are also inviting people to step in to help these two communities to grow. Do not be afraid to step in and offer yourselves as ushers, altar servers, lectors, readers, acolytes, cantors, or helping the Church in many other ways. In the next few months, we will promote more ways to help the Church!

Peace be with you.
Fr. Attilio

Extra short note: This coming week I need to spend a few days in the States for some visits at Johns Hopkins and possibly a little procedure with my thyroid. The priest, who was supposed to cover for me, will be unable to come due to some health problems. So the Sunday mass will be replaced by a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of communion presided by Deacon Matthew Arnold. This will fulfill the Sunday obligation, while daily masses will be officiated for a few days by Bishop Wes.

Altar Servers Needed: Training for new altar servers has been completed. Moreover, we encourage children, who have already received their first Holy Communion, to participate and learn how to serve God at the altar.

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

On the 1st of October the liturgical calendar marks the feast day of Saint Theresa of Lisieux, who is the Patroness of our Diocese and of our Cathedral Church. As she is one of my favourite saints, I must dedicate this Bishop's Corner to her, especially as the 150th anniversary of her birth will be observed and celebrated in 2023, as well as the 90th anniversary of her Beatification. I decided to share with you this excerpt from the "Story of A Soul", her autobiography, which she wrote out of obedience to her religious superior.

"Sometimes, when I read spiritual articles in which perfection is shown with a thousand obstacles, surrounded by a crowd of illusions, my poor little mind quickly tires. I close the learned book which is breaking my head and drying up my heart, and I take up Holy Scripture. Then all seems luminous to me; a single word uncovers for my soul infinite horizons; perfection seems simple; I see that it is enough to recognize one's nothingness and to abandon oneself, like a child, into God's arms. Leaving to great souls, to great minds, the

beautiful books I cannot understand, I rejoice to be little because only children, and those who are like them, will be admitted to the heavenly banquet. I am a child. It is not riches or glory (not even the glory of heaven) that this child asks for. No, she asks for love. She knows but one desire: to love you, Jesus. Glorious deeds are forbidden her; she cannot preach the Gospel or shed her blood. But how shall she show her love, since love proves itself by deeds? Well! The little child will strew flowers, she will embalm the royal throne with their fragrance, she will sing with a silver voice the canticle of love. Yes, I wish to spend my life thus. I have no other means of proving my love except by strewing flowers, that is to say, letting no little sacrifice pass, no look, no word, profiting by the littlest actions, and doing them out of love. I wish to suffer out of love and to rejoice out of love; thus I shall strew flowers before your throne. I shall not find one without scattering its petals before you and in strewing my flowers I will sing (can one weep in doing so joyous an action?) I will sing, even if my roses must be gathered from among thorns; and the longer and sharper the thorns, the sweeter shall be my song.

Saint Theresa, the Little Flower, pray for us!
Bishop Wes

Bingo for Seniors: Once again we will resume bingo for seniors in the church hall on Friday October 14 from 1 pm to 4 pm. Sign-up sheets for donations have been placed in the back of the church. Kindly submit your donations in the box provided on or before October 7. Those who attend are asked to bring a tray of sandwiches or dessert. Thank you for your generosity. Hope to see you for an afternoon of fun and games.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR IS BACK!!! We are excited to announce that we have set the date for our Christmas Fair! Please mark **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd** in your calendars! We welcome all help and any ideas to make this fundraiser a success. Any raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted and can be handed in at the church office, with Father Attilio or left in the choir loft, clearly marked as **RAFFLE PRIZES!** Please contact Debbie 7370107 or Trish 5050702 with any questions.

CCD PROGRAM: On Friday October 21 at 6:30 pm we will restart the full CCD program. For CCD registration please email Anna Daniel at stanthonycdd@yahoo.com or call her at 236-2438 and leave a message.

Dear Padre,

Why should we be married in the Church?

At baptism, every Christian is called to be not just Jesus' disciple, but an apostle. While it's easy to see how priests and religious sisters and brothers serve as missionaries, a man and woman joined in the sacrament of matrimony are also missionaries. Saint Paul noted the way a husband and wife love each other reflects how Christ loves his bride, the Church: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church" (Ephesians 5:25).

The first beneficiaries of the missionary vocation of marriage are the husband and wife. Through their exclusive love, they support each other.



Their relationship is open to sexual expression, allowing the body and soul of two to become one. And, if God wills, children will benefit from the Christian bond of their parents. They bring their children to baptism, then teach them about their faith at home through example and instruction.

Those who encounter a couple throughout their lives—relatives, friends, coworkers, parishioners, and even strangers—benefit from their Christian marriage. How often have we been touched by the sight of an older couple walking hand in hand?

God will reveal to them only in eternity how many lives have been impacted by their love.

Jesus praised matrimony as part of the initial vocation given to humanity (see Mark 10:6–9). Without reproduction, there would have been no human race. But humans, created in God's image, lead lives reflecting God's love. In the couple who says, "I do," God's love shines brightly as a light to the world.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Marriage isn't just a social act. It's a vocation that's born from the heart, a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation....God has a dream for us, love, and he asks us to make it our own. Let us make our own the love which is God's dream for us.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION, JUNE 1, 2021

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 3

Weekday

Gal 1:6–12

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Gal 1:13–24

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Gal 2:1–2, 7–14

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Gal 3:1–5

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady
of the Rosary

Gal 3:7–14

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Gal 3:22–29

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

OCTOBER 9

Twenty-eighth
Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14–17

2 Tm 2:8–13

Lk 17:11–19

DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent.

Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser,
Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley,
Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul
Turner, and more at Liguori.org.