

27th Sunday of the Year C 10/6/19

I trusted even when I said I am sorely afflicted...

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Second Reading: 2Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you wished you had a bigger faith like the disciples of old? Have you ever wondered for a moment if your prayers reach the ears of God at all? I remember someone telling me in the midst of her troubles that she thought God has so many things to do so he does not want to bother him. Today's first reading says a similar thing. The Prophet Habakkuk raises a prayer to God: "How long Oh Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen! I cry out to you "violence" but you do not intervene. In the end, the word of God assures him that the promise of the Lord will be fulfilled; if even it seems to delay, it must be expected.

The prophet Habakkuk speaks to us today; in our various needs and difficulties and problems. It is for farmers, young families, teachers and students. In our personal and individual cries: brokenness, sickness, suffering, pain, tragedy and death let us continue to believe in the promise of our God. In all circumstances of life, let us trust that his promises are true. Our God will deliver us! We are assured of the certainty of God's promise and are invited to trust in his word (Habakkuk 2:2-4). I want you to trust these three words-He will deliver us/you/me. Say that to yourself over and over again and learn to hand over the keys of the problem to him. The longtime of waiting for his promise is only making you a person of faith.

The apostles asked Jesus, in our gospel reading, to augment their faith, but Jesus told them to just put their little faith to use'. He tells them about what even the smallest amount of faith could do, he said 'if your faith were the

size of a mustard seed you could say to the mulberry tree to be uprooted and be planted in the sea and it would obey you'. Faith is powerful no matter how small. It isn't the size that matters but what you do with what you've got.

Thinking of putting our little faith to use, let us remember that today is the feast of our Lady of the Holy Rosary. It is a feast that reminds us of how the Holy Father Pope Pius V mobilized prayer and human effort (the league) to the defeat the Ottoman forces that was advancing on Catholic states. Let us rediscover the rosary for the battle before us. Please pray the Rosary!