

# Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

## St. Peter Catholic Church

Sunday  
October 5, 2025  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



409 E. Main St. / P.O. Box 429  
Fayette, OH 43521  
419-237-2441  
Office Hours – Tues. & Thurs.  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
(Reconciliation 30 minutes  
before Mass or by appointment)  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel – President  
Pat Eisel  
Ray Hollstein  
Mike Burkholder  
Traci Maginn  
Barbara Roby

## FINANCE COUNCIL

Terry Kovar  
Barb Bruggeman  
Joanna Marry

Council meetings are generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month  
5:45 p.m. – Finance  
6:15 p.m. – Pastoral



Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information

**OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
**WEBSITE** (bulletin online)  
Stpeterarchbold.com/  
our-lady-of-mercy

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that the bulletin deadline is *Tuesday by noon*. Please either call, email or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following weeks bulletin.

## Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy

### Parish Mission Statement

*Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.*

### New Parishioners

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to be made *six months* prior of your planned wedding date. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements.

### Anointing of the sick

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for a visit.

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults(OCIA)

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by contacting the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 for the process.

### Prayer Chain

Anyone wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office.

Email: [olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)

### Privacy issues for Parish Office:

**IMMEDIATE FAMILY** - must contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon or email to [olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com) with the exact verbiage requested. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals

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ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 8 A.M.

**OCTOBER COUNT**

Ushers, please take count of all peoples at Mass for the month of October. The count sheet is on the podium in the back.

**BFF'S**

BFF's resume on October 19, 2025 after Mass. We will be doing BFF's differently this year and need the Parish family's help. We will be having donuts & beverages at the beginning of the month (this is where we will need help for families to donate donuts) and a BIG breakfast towards the end of the month. There is a sign-up sheet at the back table.

**OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND RIGHT FOR LIFE**

Our Lady of Mercy will be praying the Rosary for the Right for Life on Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. Please see the window to the cry room for all events in the Diocese for Right for Life.

**OCTOBER FAYETTE COMMUNITY MEAL**

Our Lady of Mercy's Altar Rosary will be hosting the Fayette Community Meal on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Altar Rosary is asking Our Lady of Mercy's parishioners for their help. We are in need of desserts and help to set-up/serve/clean-up. If you would like to supply a dessert or would like to help, please contact Sherry Renner.

**FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education)**

Our 2025-2026 year of Faith Formation began this past Sunday, September 28. We ask that you keep our students and their families in your prayers as we begin this new year. Also please keep our teachers in your prayers as they prepare their lessons and work with the students. Keep in mind that we are all catechists, some formally and some informally. Your prayerfulness at Mass is a model for our students along with your involvement and the sharing of your time and talents here at Our Lady of Mercy, at home and in our community. Thank you, Mary Bird, Barb Bruggeman and Ron Eisel  
Next class will be October 12 after Mass

**ST. PETER NEWS**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

**ORDINARY LIVES**

**EXTRAORDINARY MISSION**

October 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Topic - Eucharistic Revival:

Renewing the church by igniting our relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist – Flyer on the back tables (OLOM)

**NOVEMBER 1, 2025**

First Saturday 8:30 a.m. Rosary

*Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.*

**FAYETTE/SURROUNDING  
AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS**

---Oct. 15 – Fayette Community Meal provide by Our Lady of Mercy Altar Rosary

## *THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Oct. 5	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Marcel Bonin Living & Deceased Sarnac Family
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Cathy Warner, Carolyn Bigger, Lenny, Andy & Cari Breidenbach
Mon., Oct. 6	NO MASS		
Tues., Oct. 7	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Oct. 8	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Oct. 9	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Oct. 10	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Oct. 11	4:30 p.m.	SP	Lowell & Barbara Merillat
Sun., Oct. 12	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Jeannette Tidwell Rosemary Pontious
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Grace New Dick & Susan Saaf

### PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

Please keep the following person(s) / intention(s) in your prayers this week.

Shirley Taylor

33 Days Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Denise Miller

Right to Life

Faith Formation (students, families & teachers)

If you have someone or an intention you would like the Parish to pray for, please contact the office at 419-237-2441 or email [olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com](mailto:olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com) before noon on Tuesday.

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – OCTOBER 12, 2025**

<b>Greeters / Gifts</b>	Joyce Bonin & Marge Crowell
<b>Proclaimer</b>	Ron Baker
<b>Servers</b>	Kennedy Kunkle
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Baker & Angie Beauregard
<b>Money Counters</b>	Ron Baker / Eli Eberly / Cindi Siegel

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT**

Reported for September 28, 2025

Sunday Offertory (12 envelopes)	\$ 581.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 150.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,747.00</u></b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 1,016.00)

**OTHER COLLECTIONS**

CPC Jar & Votives	\$ 7.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Feast Day Celebration donation	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,248.00</b>
(Sunday Offertory & Other)	

	<b>FEAST DAY CELEBRATION</b>	
September 20, 2025	Donation's	\$2,936.00
	Auction	\$ 600.00
	Extra Food	\$ 330.00
	9/14 & 9/20 Donations	\$3,870.00
	Donated food & supplies	<u>\$ 238.39</u>
		<b>\$7,974.39</b>
Expenses	Chicken	<u>\$ 354.00</u>
	<b>FEAST DAY TOTAL TO DATE</b>	<b>\$7,620.39</b>

## SAINTS OF THE DAY ([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of October 5 – October 11

**St. Maria Faustina Kowalska** (1905-1938), baptized with the name Helena, was one of ten children born to a devout, peasant farming family in Poland. She grew up during the tough years leading up to and following the first World War, and received little formal education. She worked as a poor housekeeper before following her religious vocation at the age of 20, entering the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow. There she was given simple, humble jobs which hid her deep interior life. St. Faustina was graced with mystical visions and revelations from Jesus, as well as her Guardian Angel and certain saints. Jesus gave her the mission to proclaim his infinite, powerful, loving mercy to the whole world, especially to hardened sinners and those facing the hour of their death. St. Faustina, as Jesus' "secretary and apostle of Divine Mercy", faithfully recorded these messages in great detail in a nearly 700-page diary. In it she promoted devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ as instructed by Our Lord himself, now famous throughout the Church, and a great consolation for many souls who would otherwise fear to approach God because of their burden of sin. She died at the age of 33 from tuberculosis. Pope St. John Paul II made St. Faustina the first saint of the new millennium. Her feast day is October 5th.

**St. Bruno** (1030-1101) was born to a noble and prominent family in Cologne, Germany. He was well educated and excelled in his studies, and became a priest around the year 1055. He went on to direct and teach at the episcopal school at Reims for many years, earning a reputation as a learned scholar. After also serving as the chancellor of his archdiocese, he and a few companions left their positions in the diocese in order to follow a path of greater religious observance. In 1084 Bruno settled in the Chartreuse Mountains in France with a small group of scholars who, like himself, desired to become contemplative monks. This was the beginning of the Carthusian order founded by St. Bruno, combining the solitary life of hermits with the conventual life of religious observance. These alpine monks embraced a strictly disciplined life of poverty, labor, prayer, and fasting. After living six years of strict asceticism, St. Bruno was called to Rome by the Pope, who was his former student, to assist with the troubles and controversies rocking the Church. Bruno became a close advisor to the Pope and was allowed to return to monastic life only if he remained nearby within Italy, leading Bruno to establish a second Carthusian monastery there in 1095. St. Bruno wrote many manuscripts and commentaries during his life. His feast day is celebrated on October 6th.

**St. Justina of Padua** (d. 304 A.D.) was a young and pious Christian woman who dedicated her virginity to Christ. She received baptism at the hands of St. Prosdocimus, the first Bishop of Padua in Italy. At the age of sixteen she was arrested for being a Christian under the persecutions of Roman Emperor Maximian, and was ordered to make sacrifice to the pagan gods. When she refused, she was stabbed with a sword and left to die. Overlooking the field where she was martyred is a basilica named in her honor which holds her relics, as well as those of St. Luke the Evangelist, St. Matthias the Apostle, St. Prosdocimus, and other patron saints of Padua. Her feast was the day the Catholic naval forces won victory over the Turks in the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, which increased her popularity among the faithful. St. Justina of Padua's feast day is October 7th.

**Blessed Ambrose** (1220-1286) was born in Siena, Italy, the son of a book illuminator. He was born so severely deformed that his parents could not bear the sight of him. They put their son in the care of a nurse who took the child with her to daily Mass at the Dominican church. The child, often fussy, would become calm when he was placed near the altar of relics, and would cry when he was removed. While praying at the altar, the nurse would conceal the child's hideous face with a scarf. This practice continued for a year. One day a pilgrim told the nurse to remove the baby's scarf and prophesied that the child would one day become a great man. A few days later, before the same altar, the child Ambrose stretched out his deformed limbs and pronounced the name of Jesus; from that moment he was miraculously healed into a beautiful and perfectly formed child. Blessed Ambrose grew in piety and was determined to become a Dominican friar. His family and friends opposed his plan and attempted to dissuade such a handsome and talented youth from becoming a poor friar. Ambrose overcame these obstacles and joined the Dominicans at the age of 17. He studied under St. Albert the Great along with St. Thomas Aquinas, and went on to become a preacher, teacher, missionary, diplomat, and peacebroker. His skills with diplomacy earned him the respect of kings and popes alike. His feast day is October 8th.

**Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman** (1801–1890) was the eldest of six children born to a nominal Protestant family in London, England. As a child he loved reading the Scriptures and experienced a conversion to Christianity at the age of fifteen. He became a brilliant academic, an extremely influential Oxford scholar, and an Anglican priest. He was a leader in what was called the "Oxford Movement," which argued for a revival of traditional religious practice in the Church of England. Once anti-Catholic in his religious sentiments, sentiments that were common in England, Newman was increasingly impacted by the Church Fathers and other Catholic writers. His theological views gradually aligned with the Catholic Church in opposition to Anglican doctrine. Through his continued study of Church history he became unable to remain a Protestant in good faith. He made the decision to convert to Catholicism in 1845, which exposed him to much ridicule in his academic and religious circles. Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome. He was made Cardinal in 1879. John Henry Newman is remembered for his influential writings on theology and philosophy as well as his founding of the famous London Oratory. Newman wrote forty books and 21,000 letters, some of which had profound influence on the Second Vatican Council, making him one of the most important theologians of his day. His most famous work is his *Apologia* in which he defends his conversion to the truths of the Catholic Church. His feast day is October 9th.

**St. Francis Borgia** (1510-1572) was born in Spain to a noble family, the son of a Duke. On his father's side of the family he was the great-grandson of Pope Alexander VI, one of the notorious "Borgia Popes," and on his mother's side he was the great-grandson of King Ferdinand of Aragon. Francis joined the Spanish court of King Charles V at the age of 18, married, and had 8 children. In 1539 he experienced a profound religious conversion which caused him to renounce the pomp of the royal court, yet he continued his life of public service as the Viceroy of Catalonia. He made great progress in the spiritual life, and after his father's death he became the Duke of Gandia. He built a university and invited the newly-founded Society of Jesus to work in his duchy. After the death of his wife, and after providing for his children, he joined the Jesuits in Rome and was given a prominent position in the order by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Under Francis' leadership and reforms, the Jesuits advanced to such a great extent that he is considered to be their second founder. In the years following Ignatius' death, Francis became head of the order and established Jesuit missions in multiple countries. He also counseled his missionaries in both practical strategies as well as spiritual discipline. St. Francis of Borgia was a celebrated preacher and a key figure in the Counter-Reformation movement. His feast day is October 10th.

**Pope St. John XXIII** (1881–1963) was the third of thirteen children born to a poor sharecropping family living in Lombardy, Italy. Desiring to serve God with his life, he entered seminary at the age of 12, and, after serving a short stint in the Italian Army, was ordained a priest in 1904. He taught apologetics and church history before being called to service as a military chaplain during the first World War. He later served in Rome on various diplomatic assignments, rising in ecclesiastical rank as bishop and then cardinal-patriarch of Venice. An obscure pick for the Supreme Pontiff, he was unexpectedly elected the 261st Pope at the age of 76. He took the name John which had not been used in over 500 years. The papacy of this presumed "caretaker pope" was expected to be an uneventful one, however, to the surprise of all, shortly into his reign he called the Second Vatican Council. He presided over its first session but did not live to see its completion. He reigned as pope for less than five years before dying of stomach cancer. As Holy Father he had a special concern for the equal dignity of humanity, the unity of all Christians, and world peace. He broke with many of the formalities of the papacy and was affectionately called the "Good Pope", in Italian, "il Papa buono." He was canonized by Pope Francis together with Pope John Paul II in 2014. His feast day is October 11th.

**ASK HER – SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART  
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY**

*By Jane Tufant Harvey*

“Ask Her...if she would help instill in you a deep and profound acceptance of all that makes you, you!”

**DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**

Notebook 4

1234 All for You, Jesus. I desire to adore Your mercy with every beat of my heart and, to the extent that I am able, to encourage souls to trust in that mercy, as You Yourself have commanded me, O Lord.

**MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE**

*On the 25<sup>th</sup> of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.*

*Up-to-date messages may be obtained at <http://www.medjugorje.org>*

May 10, 1984 - “Many of the faithful felt shaken by the last message of Our Lady. Some had the feeling that Our Lady would not give any more messages to parish, but this evening she said “I am speaking to you, and I wish to speak further. You just listen to my instructions!”

**RECENT MESSAGE**

**September 25, 2025 Message to Marija**

“Dear children! May this time for you be a time of prayer for peace. Thank you for having responded to my call.” (With Ecclesiastical approval)

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

---October – 7 p.m. Thursday’s Rosary

---Faith Formation after Mass  
Oct. 12 & Oct. 26

---Oct. 15 – Fayette  
Community Meal 5 – 6 p.m.  
Altar Rosary hosting

---Oct. 16 Council meetings  
Finance 5:45 p.m.  
Pastoral 6:15 p.m

---Oct. 19 – BFF after Mass  
“BIG” breakfast

---Oct. 22 –7 p.m. St. Peter –  
Mission with John Wood

**Word(s) of the week** (from the  
America College Dictionary)

**HOPE** – to have an expectation of  
something desired

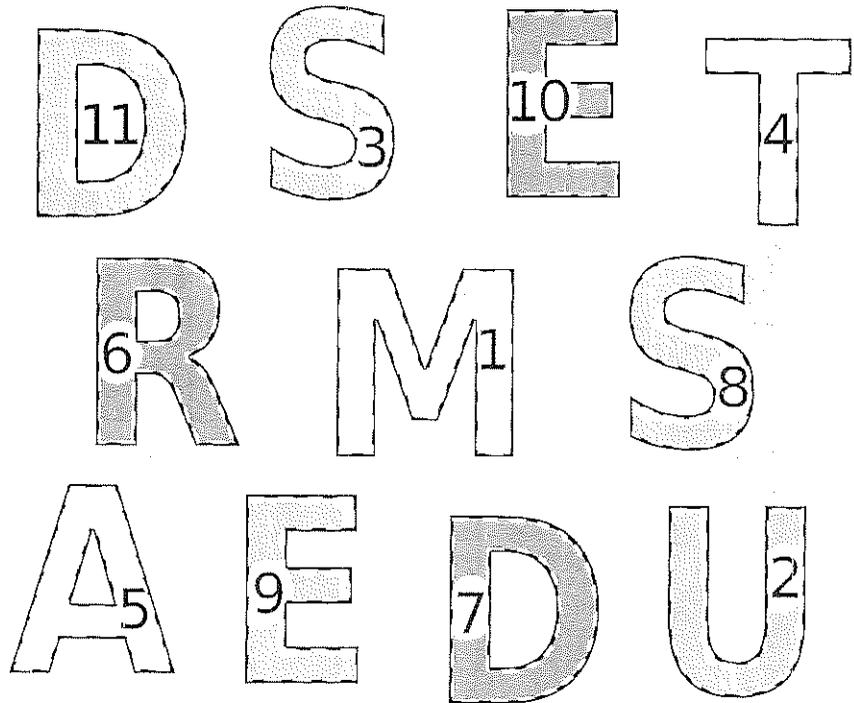
For the vision still has time,  
Presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;  
if it delays, wait for it,  
it will surely come, it will not be late.  
**Habakkuk 2:3**

# The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 5th, 2025

*What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading when the apostles asked Him to give them more faith?*

*Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below.*



"If you have faith the size of a

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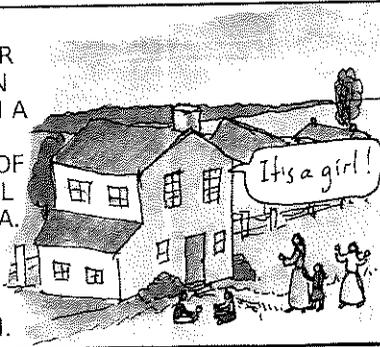
you would say to this mulberry tree,  
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'  
and it would obey you.

Luke 17:5-10

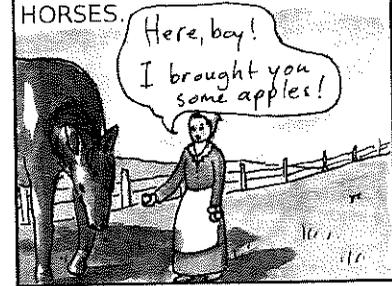
# Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

October 6

EULALIE DUROCHER WAS BORN IN 1811 IN A VILLAGE OUTSIDE OF MONTREAL IN CANADA. SHE WAS THE 10TH OF 11 CHILDREN.



AS A GIRL EULALIE GOT A GOOD EDUCATION AND LIKED HORSES.

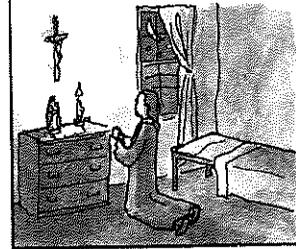


SHE FELT CALLED TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE BUT WAS TOO SICKLY TO JOIN THE CONVENT.

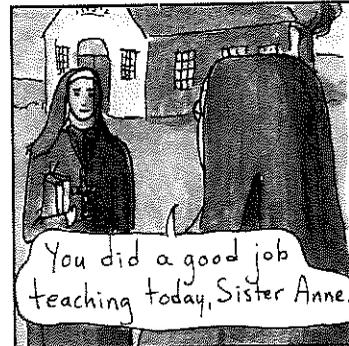


FOR 13 YEARS SHE WAS THE HOUSE-KEEPER FOR HER BROTHER, A PRIEST.

SHE WAS KIND TO EVERYONE BUT VERY STRICT WITH HERSELF.



THE BISHOP ASKED HER TO START AN ORDER OF TEACHING NUNS, AND AT FIRST SHE DIDN'T THINK SHE COULD.



BUT SHE DID WHAT SHE WAS ASKED ANYWAY. SHE TOOK THE NAME MARIE-ROSE AND WORKED VERY HARD TO TEACH AND RUN THE ORDER.

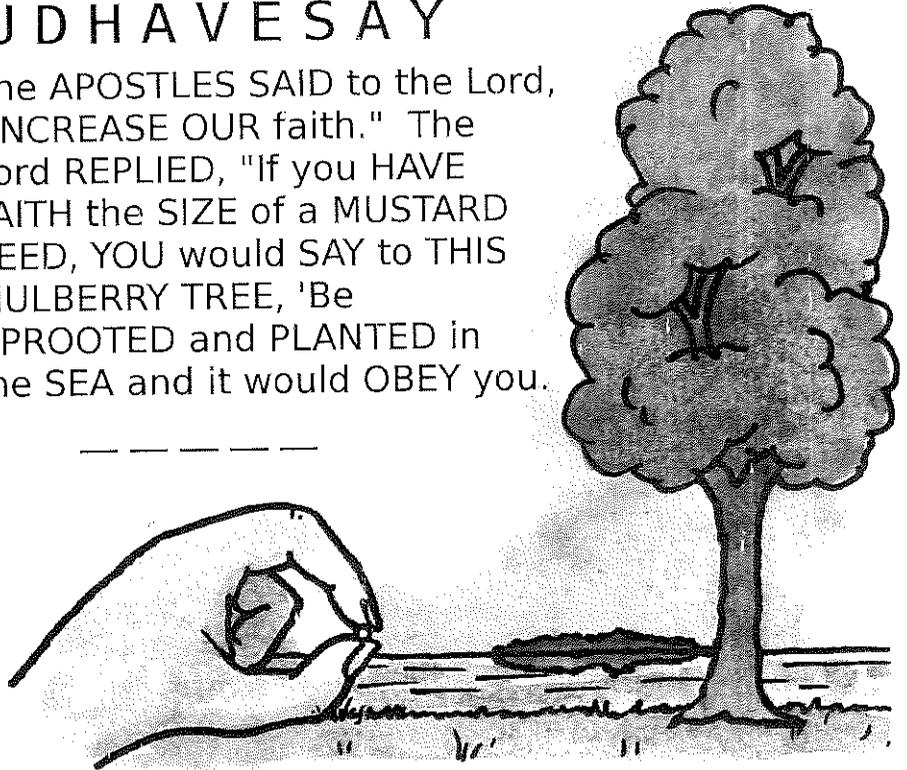
BLESSED MARIE-ROSE LIVED ONLY SIX MORE YEARS. SHE DID MUCH PENANCE AND WAS QUITE STRICT WITH THE OTHER SISTERS. THEY WERE POOR AND OFTEN PEOPLE SPOKE BADLY ABOUT THEM BUT SHE WOULD NOT GIVE UP HER WORK TO BRING CHILDREN TO GOD. SISTER MARIE-ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS 38.

# Mustard Seed Word-Find

M U S T A R D F A  
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B P S E E D P A P  
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R A T H I S S D I  
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Y T O U R Z L S D  
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U D H A V E S A Y

*Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.*

The APOSTLES SAID to the Lord, "INCREASE OUR faith." The Lord REPLIED, "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.

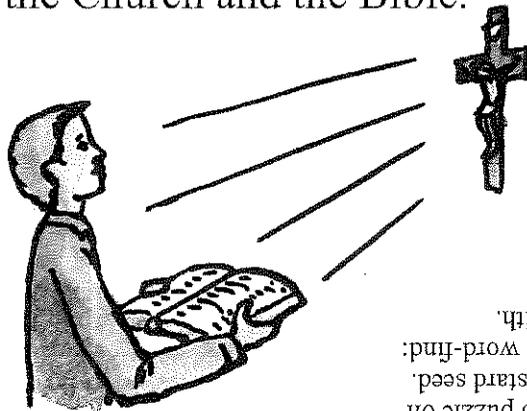


# faith...

In today's Gospel we learn a little bit about faith. In fact, Jesus says we only need a tiny bit of faith to do amazing things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you can tell a tree to throw itself into the sea and it will!

But what is faith? Faith is believing. We have faith in our parents and teachers. That means that we believe what they tell us and we trust them. We have faith in our friends too. Faith in God is a little bit different, though. It is a gift He gives us so that we can believe in Him.

When we are baptized God gives us the gift of faith. Then it's up to us to use it. We use that gift when we decide to believe in God and what He tells us in the Church and the Bible.



Answer to puzzle on  
front: mustard seed.  
Answer to word-find:  
faith.