

October 6, 2019

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adult Faith-Sharing Groups

Questions

- ◆ How many times have we cried out, “How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen”? What words have you used to express yourself in dire circumstances? Why do you think God allows injustice to rain down between nations and peoples? How does Habakkuk instruct us on this?
- ◆ What evidence do you find in the Second Reading, from Paul’s Letter to Timothy, for the ritual gesture by which Paul commissioned Timothy? What did the gesture seem to do or mean, according to Paul? In what ways is the Holy Spirit stirring up the gifts you have received?
- ◆ How do you interpret the Lord’s response to the Apostles’ request for more faith? Is it the quantity of their faith that is the problem? If, in the parable about the servants, we think of the servants as disciples, what might this part of the reading be teaching us?

Activities

- ◆ On October 7, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. How has praying the Rosary impacted your spiritual life? Consider adding the beautiful prayer the Angelus to your daily prayer patterns. (Find it at www.ourcatholicprayers.com/the-angelus.html.)
- ◆ Look for the beloved song “Hail Mary, Gentle Woman,” by Carey Landry. You can find numerous renditions performed on YouTube; lyrics can be found at www.mljmusic.com/Portals/0/Lyrics/Hail%20Mary%20Gentle%20Woman.pdf. Reflect on the text, and offer a prayer for all the women who are significant in your life.
- ◆ Today’s First Reading poses the sorrowful question, “How long, O Lord?” Is your prayer always one of praise and thanksgiving (such as today’s Responsorial Psalm [95]), or do you also avail yourself of the psalms of lament (such as Psalms 12, 44, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, 85, 90, 94, 123, 126, and 129)?