

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 2, 2022

The Apostles said to the Lord,
“Increase our faith!” (Luke 17: 5)

This request addressed to Jesus springs from an awareness of knowing the distance they felt in their spiritual journey vis-a-vis their friend Jesus. They had responded individually to the call to follow Him. Each in their own way left their previous life to begin the journey of a life guided by the Spirit. Thus began an apprenticeship of a lifetime placing their faith in Christ. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is resolutely facing the journey to Jerusalem where their discipleship will be greatly tested. Jesus’ passion death and resurrection changes everything transforming them into witnesses to the world.

Jesus calls them to faithfulness in that journey. They are to be so resolute in their journey that it is the fundamental thing of their lives.

“...when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say,
‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done.’
(Luke 7: 10)

Though somewhat shocking at first glance, being filled with the energy of witnessing becomes the norm and the motor of our lives. The vision of Jesus for our lives is the prism through which we live out our lives.

St. Paul in today’s excerpt from the 2nd letter to Timothy:

“Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. (2 Timothy 1: 13, 14)

Yesterday, October 1st was the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus who wrote:
“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant ones, count as nothing.”

Blessings of peace! Fr. Don

We pray for peace in all war-torn areas of our planet.