

Bringing it Home For Sunday, October 5, 2025

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What do you think Faith smells like?

Faith isn't a flower, like a rose that has a special smell all its own. Faith isn't a clean towel that may smell like bleach. Or a wet dog that smells like, well, just like a wet dog. You can't follow your nose and find a fresh Faith cookie.

But imagine you could smell Faith. What do you think it smells like? Think about it.

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I think Faith smells like a hotdog with mustard on it.

In today's Bible story, Jesus said that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed -- just a tiny bit of faith -- we could order a tree to be uprooted and planted in the sea.

I've never seen a tree planted in the sea, and I bet Jesus never did either.

Jesus was telling his friends -- and us -- that faith will allow us to accomplish things we can't even imagine. When we trust God and follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and talents so that we can work for God's kingdom. Think of it! Maybe someday you can serve God's people in the Church or the world.

Let's pray. Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us faith in you, and for trusting us to do your work. Amen.

Today's Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Artwork: "The Mulberry Tree," Vincent van Gogh (1853–1890), Oil on canvas, painted in Saint-Rémy, October 1889, from the collection of the Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena, California.