



# Daily Reflections

**October 31, 2017**

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## **Scripture**

### **Luke 13: 18-21**

Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like?

To what can I compare it?

It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden.

When it was fully grown, it became a large bush  
and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches."

Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God?

It is like yeast that a woman took  
and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour  
until the whole batch of dough was leavened."

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

Jesus never gives precise descriptions of the Kingdom of God. Why? Because His Kingdom is beyond anything the mind could ever comprehend. He does, however, use metaphors to describe it. In today's Gospel text, Jesus uses the images of the very tiny mustard seed and a small amount of leaven. Both are small but produce big results. And so it is with the Kingdom of God. It starts out in small ways and evolves into something beyond our wildest imaginings. The message for us? Never discount any seemingly small thing you do in faith and in the name of Jesus. With His Grace, big results will come.

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## **Food for your Journey**

During the Great Depression, a Christian man lost his job, his fortune, his wife and his home. As he wandered through his city one day, wondering why all these things had happened to him, he saw masons working on the stonework of a large church.

Observing one man carefully chiseling away a triangular piece of stone, this Christian asked, "What are you doing with that?"

The mason stopped and pointed to a tiny opening near the top of the nearly completed spire. He said, "See that little opening up there? I am shaping this down here so that it will fit in up there."

The poor man's eyes suddenly filled with tears as he realized that through his troubles here, God was shaping him for heaven.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Reveal Your Sacred Heart to me and show me Its attractions. Unite me to It forever. Grant that all my desires and every beat of my heart, which does not cease even while I sleep, may be a witness to You of my love for You and tell You: Yes Lord, I am Yours! Amen.