

Announcements

Chapel Community Dinner

The JBM-HH Religious Support Office invites you to an Inter-Congregational Fellowship Dinner: “Unity Through Community” Saturday, 22 October 1830 @ Patton Hall. This event will be a buffet dinner with guest speaker, Judge Advocate General, LTG Stuart Risch. Please use the following link or QR code to RSVP for this special event:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M8FJVLG> and fill out the form.



Puerto Rico Disaster Relief

For those who wish to donate to those in Puerto Rico devastated by the recent hurricane, please consider doing so thru Catholic Charities, <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org>.

Adult Religious Education Study

Beginning Sunday 2nd October there will be an opportunity to study Bishop Barron’s program “The Mass”. This will be immediately following the Sunday Mass in the Family Room in the Office section of the RSO here at Memorial Chapel.

Women's Bible Study

Bible Study is held 10AM to 11:30AM on Monday mornings at Memorial Chapel in the “old choir” room. Books are provided by the Chapel and are given to everyone when they join the group. POC is Nancy Jackson, and her email is jacksonjn@verizon.net. All women from the Chapel are welcome to join this non-denominational group.

Pope's October prayer intention:
A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Stewardship

24-25 September

	ATTENDANCE	COLLECTION
SATURDAY	48	\$570
SUNDAY	77	\$987
TOTALS	125	\$1,557

God Bless you all for your Stewardship

Mail-in Giving: Checks (no cash) can be mailed to the Funds Office. Make checks payable to: **CTOF** and write “**Catholic**” in the memo section. Mail checks to:

Fund manager
Memorial Chapel
101 McNair Rd. Building 480
Fort Myer, VA 222

Christian Joke

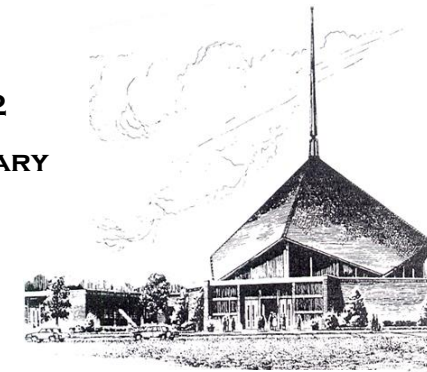
A priest and a pastor are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads “The end is near! Turn around now before it’s too late!” A passing driver yells, “You guys are nuts!” and speeds past them. From around the curve, they hear screeching tires—then a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and says, “Do you think we should just put up a sign that says, ‘Bridge Out’ instead?”



BULLETIN

1 – 2 OCTOBER 2022

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MEMORIAL CHAPEL, JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL, VA 22211

Who Are We

The St. Joseph Catholic Community is a Roman Catholic Community of Believers under the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). Its jurisdiction is territorial on military installations and personal to its subjects (members) who are members of the military and their dependents. Same applies for DoD personnel who resides on military installations. Retired military personnel are not subjects (members) of the AMS but are welcome to be part of our Catholic Community. They are highly regarded and are a vital part of our Catholic Community. We serve the pastoral and spiritual needs thru religious services and religious education and auxiliary programs.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 1700
Sunday: 0900
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 1200

Confessions

By appointment at
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Sacraments

Please email to Fr. Alan Irizarry if you have questions or need more information.

Baptism

Celebrated by appointment only. Baptismal classes will be offered once baptism has been scheduled.

Marriage

There are specific pre-marital requirements. Planning for marriage will require six months prior to address all requirements.

OCIA and Adult Confirmation

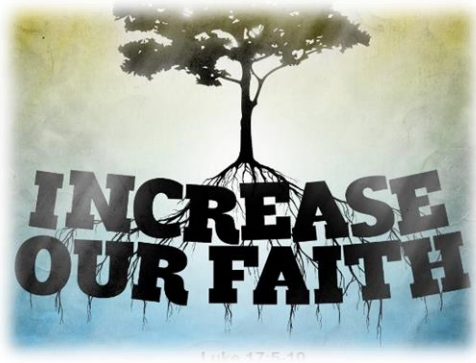
Please contact Fr Irizarry for more information.

Sacramental Records

Certificates of Sacraments received in a military installation, are available thru the AMS website:

<https://www.milarch.org/sacramental-records/>

“Supersize My Faith Please”



“If I just had more faith...” I think most of us have struggled with that at some point in our lives. If I just had more faith, I wouldn’t have so many questions or doubts. If I just had more faith, God would answer my prayers. If I just had more faith, he wouldn’t have died; she would have recovered. If I just had more faith, I would be more involved in the church. If I just had more faith, I would be a better person, a better parent, a better spouse. If I just had more faith, I would know what to do, I would handle things better. If I just had more faith, life would be different.

It is an approach to faith at least as old as the apostles’ own faith. It is the approach they have taken in today’s gospel. “Increase our faith,” they ask Jesus. Jesus has just warned them not to become stumbling blocks to others and enjoined them to forgive as often as an offender repents even if it is seven times in one day. That will be difficult. It will be a challenge to live that way. “Increase our faith,” is their response. It seems like a reasonable request. If a little is good a lot must be better. If McDonald’s can supersize our fries and drink surely Jesus can supersize our faith.

The request to increase our faith, the belief that if I had more faith things would be different, reveals, at best, a misunderstanding of faith itself and, at worst, demonstrates our own unfaithfulness. Jesus is very clear that faithfulness is not about size or quantity. “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed,” he says, “you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

Faith is not given to us in a packet to be spent as currency in our dealings with God. Faith is not measured out according to how difficult the task or work before us. Faith is not a thing we have or get. Faith is a relationship of trust and love. It means opening ourselves to receive another’s life and giving our life to another. That other one is Jesus the Christ. That one faith-relationship is determinative of who we are and how we live.

Faith is not about giving intellectual agreement to a particular doctrine or idea. Faith is not about how much or how strongly we believe Jesus’s words or actions. When we speak about a married couple’s faithfulness, we do not mean they believe or agree with each other’s ideas or even a particular understanding of marriage. They are faithful because they have committed themselves to each other in love and trust. They are faithful because they continually give their life to the other and receive the other’s life as their own. They are faithful because they carry with them that one relationship wherever they go, in all that they are and all that they do. So, it is in our faith-relationship with Jesus.

Faith will not, however, change the circumstances of our lives. Instead, it changes us. Living in faith does not shield us from the pain and difficulties of life, it does not undo the past, and it will not guarantee a

particular future. Rather, faith is the means by which we face and deal with the circumstances of life – the difficulties and losses, the joys and successes, the opportunities and possibilities.

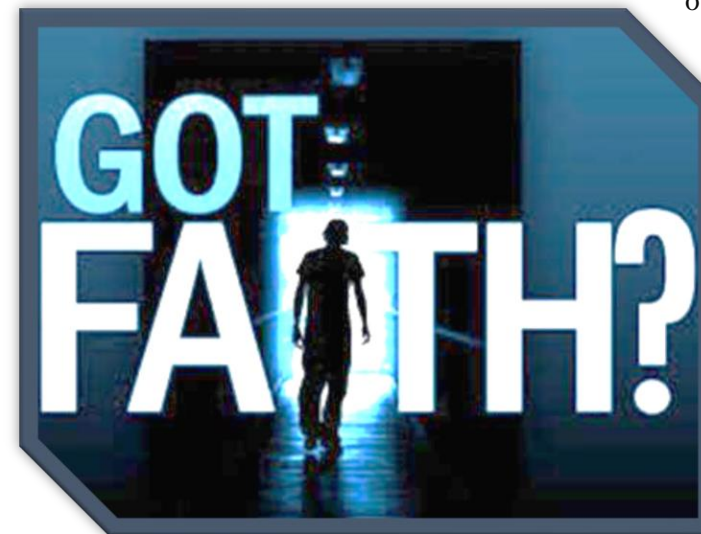
Faith does not get us a pat on the back, a reward, or a promotion in God’s eyes. It is simply the way in which we live and move and have our being so that, at the end of the day, the faithful ones can say, without pride or shame, “We have done only what we ought to have done!” Nothing more and nothing less. We have lived in openness to, trust in, and love for Christ. We have allowed him to guide our decisions, our words, and our actions. We have been sustained by him in both life and death.

Faith, however, is not lived out in the abstract. It is practiced day after day in the ordinary everyday circumstances. Some days when the pain and heaviness of life seem more than we can carry it is by faith, relationship with Jesus, that we get up each morning and face the reality of life. Other days present other circumstances. When we feel the pain of the world and respond with compassion by feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, speaking for justice; when we experience the brokenness of a relationship and offer forgiveness and mercy; when we see the downtrodden and offer our presence and prayers — in all those we have lived, seen, and acted by faith. Then there are days when we feel powerless, lost, and do not know the way forward. By faith we sit in silence and wait.

Faith, then, is how we live; the lens through which we see ourselves, others, and the world; the criterion by which we act and speak. Faithfulness means that no matter where we go, no matter what circumstances we face we do so in relationship with the One who created, loves, sustains, and redeems us, the One who “abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10).

Jesus does not supersize our faith. It is not necessary. We live by faith not because we have enough faith but because we have faith, any faith, even mustard seed sized faith. That is all we need. Jesus believes that. So should we.

The question is not how much faith we have but, rather, how are we living the faith we do have. How is our faith, our relationship with Jesus,



changing our lives, our relationships, the lives of others? If it is not, more of the same will surely make no difference. The mustard seed of faith is already planted within us. It is Christ himself. He has withheld from us nothing. We already have enough. We already are enough. We do not need more faith. We need more response to the faith, the Christ, the mustard seed, the relationship we already have.