October 27, 2026, Tuesday

Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 13:18–21

My dear brothers and sisters,

A teacher once planted a tiny seed in a flowerpot and showed it to her students.

One child looked at it and said, “That seed is too small to become anything important.”

The teacher smiled and replied, “Do not judge the future of the seed by its present size.”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says:

“The Kingdom of God…is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden.”

To understand this comparison, we must remember what Jesus means by the **Kingdom of God**.

He is not speaking primarily about a geographical kingdom or a political empire. The Kingdom of God means **God’s loving rule becoming active in human hearts and in the world.**

The mustard seed was commonly used as an image of something extremely small. Yet, once planted, it grows into a large bush where birds can find shelter.

Jesus is teaching His disciples not to judge God’s work by appearances.

At that time, Jesus had only a small group of followers. There were no magnificent churches, powerful institutions, or worldwide Christian communities. Everything appeared small and fragile.

Yet within that small beginning, God was already preparing something that would reach the whole world.

The same is true in our lives.

A short prayer may seem small—but it opens our hearts to God.

A quiet act of forgiveness may seem unnoticed—but it can begin healing a family.

A gentle word may appear insignificant—but it can give hope to someone who is ready to give up.

The important thing is that the seed must be **planted**.

A seed kept safely in our hand will never grow. Faith becomes fruitful only when it is put into action.

Today's challenge for us is…

Choose one small Gospel action and plant it today.

Offer encouragement, forgive an offense, help someone quietly, or spend a few sincere minutes with Jesus.

Do not worry if your action seems small or if you cannot see immediate results.

When something small is placed faithfully in God's hands, He can make it a shelter and blessing for many.

Have a blessed Tuesday.

Until tomorrow, keep encountering Jesus. Amen.