



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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For those who have started new college courses or new jobs - that they may make friends and settle in well.



This week, try to be conscious of the little things: the little things you say and do: choose to love, choose to pray, choose to speak kindly and truthfully, choose to be trustworthy in the little things.



- Why was the rich man angry with his steward initially?
- How did the steward win back his master's favour?
- The Steward wrote off the extra levy that would have lined his pocket - what did this show about his desire to win favour again?
- Explain the following in your own words: "The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great."
- Why cannot you be a slave of both God & money?

# Sunday Gospel Luke 16:1-13

don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to the Mass readings for this Sunday!





Jesus, help me to be conscious of the effects of my actions, both little and great. May I always choose good, choose prayer, choose love, choose faithfulness. And may I always see Your presence and Your love for me in the little things too! Amen







30 Random Acts of Kindness that will make you cry (Novella)

PIUS OF PIETRELCINA / PADRE PIO 23rd September



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# To the Heights

### HIS WORD & MY LIFE:



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## PUZZLE

#### FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S Gospel in the Wordsearch Below

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Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!

trustworthy



"The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great..."



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Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.

"BE FAITHFUL IN SMALL THINGS BECAUSE IT IS IN THEM THAT YOUR STRENGTH LIES." MOTHER TERESA

# FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS



- What reactions annoy you the most from people?
- What reactions encourage you the most?
- Are you an eye-roller???

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ (THE "LITTLE THINGS" ARE ACTUALLY MOST THINGS) AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:







What small act of kindness touched Fr Mike's heart at Mass?

Α	l of life is made up o	of	;	
•	small gestures of _	, of	and of	
•	or a small	an eve	 a	of frustration!

#### It's very rare that we have big, heroic moments. We just have small moments, added up to become a life.



Jesus said, <b>"Those who</b>	are trustworthy in		will
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When things are a certain size, Fr Mike suggests we tend to excuse ourselves and say it's not a big deal.

Can you think of any examples you've seen of this attitude?

What do you think of Tony's advice to the unmarried man in the group?
What do you think Tony's wife's reaction was?

What does Fr Mike suggest is a very powerful way to undercut a man?

Do you agree? Do you think it's the same for a woman as well?



Pause

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST POWERFUL WAY TO AFFIRM A MAN / WOMAN?

#### FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS

What invitation does Fr Mike issue in this video?

What practical things could you do to respond to that invite this week?

What would Fr Mike like to hear Jesus say to him (or to any of us?)



IN TIMES WHEN WE CAN BE DISILLUSIONED THAT GREATER, MORE EXCITING THINGS ARE NOT HAPPENING IN OUR DAY, WHEN WE HAVE A DAY OF "LITTLE THINGS" REMEMBER THE WORDS FROM THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH:
"DO NOT DESPISE THESE SMALL BEGINNINGS, FOR THE LORD REJOICES TO SEE THE WORK BEGIN" ZECHARIAH 4:10



EAD: LUKE 16:1-1

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#### CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON THE LITTLE THINGS



- Jim and Melissa Brady: The Little Things
- Brian Doerksen: Today I Choose
- Point of Grace: A Thousand Little Things
- Tim Hughes: Everything
- Chris Tomlin: I will follow
- Matt Redman: When all is said and done



# "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin"

- Zechariah 4:10 -

to do list:		
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