

### 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time B

- Today Jesus teaches us about mustard seed faith and how it can grow to be enormous
  - Well that is my story
  - My name is Frank Tremblay – Deacon from Norwood ordained in 2002 with Paul R. Right before Ordination – layoff and 1 year with no job
  - Decided to leverage my mgt in ministry – Admin of SHRC

**It was Mustard Seed faith – let me tell you how it has grown**

I worked there for six years

During that time I met SH Fathers in mission work worldwide

One of them invited me to come see his mission in Bahamas

We visited and discovered the Archdiocese of Nassau 20 parishes no clergy.

People we saw wanted to be in church – **but** no clergy to lead them

We met the Archbishop & decided to pray about if it was for us

**All we had was mustard seed faith** – but after praying and talking

We put the house on the market

On Andros – three parishes, no clergy – no resident clergy for 4 years

We have a priest visit once every 6-8 weeks, otherwise we are alone

**Mustard seed began to grow**

**Baptisms – started CCD – First Communion**

We met the people - desperate poverty in the family island

We've sat around a tire rim burning coconut husks

Attendance has tripled in 4 years & still growing

I've taught CCD, baptized babies & adults, funerals

I've done everything a Pastor here does:

Archdiocesan appeal, parish budgets, et.al.

Two years ago we decided to refurbish an old abandoned church

CCD – kids using pews as desks

**Mustard seed faith keeps growing – resulted in Parish Center**

A year ago people from North Andros began to call us

**All we had was mustard seed faith – but we went north**

Now, we have 4 parishes **our mustard tree has another branch**

Our Archbishop in Nassau has given permission to build

a chapel dedicated to OUR LADY OF HOPE – if we can fund it.

- We want to build a 30x30 four walls and a roof

**So once more we are putting mustard seed faith to work**

**This time you can help it grow**

**Locals have raised \$8K but we need help**

**Jesus compared the Mustard Seed to the KOG**

**If you're willing you can help grow KOG**

**There are baskets – There is mailing info**

**We want to continue to grow KOG**

**We want to set Andros afire with HS**

**How do you build a fire?**

**Little sticks (mustard seed faith)**

**Then bigger sticks (different kinds)**

**Your faith can help us set them afire**