11th Sunday Ordinary Time B

A few weeks ago we had squash with supper – cleaned it – muck Well I took that <u>garbage</u> and planted a few seeds, <u>watered them AND</u> (PLANT)

Now then, when we were baptized <u>we received the seed of faith planted in us</u> If God can do THIS, with garbage – imagine what he can do with the seed of faith in you!

- When we were little our parents taught us our prayers
 - What they were doing was watering the seed
- We come to Church, we hear scripture, homilies, we are fed with Euch
 - What we are doing is watering the seed
- I once had an old man come to me because he wanted to join the Catholic Church
 - o He said he wanted to become Catholic because we are a bible-based church
 - o Every week we hear OT, PS, Paul's Letters, Gospel AND PREACH on THEM
 - What we are doing is watering the seed
- What's amazing is that Jesus says the KOG is like small tiny seed
 - Once the seed of faith is planted in us then the KOG can grow!
 - Imagine, WE can grow the KOG because of the faith God plants in us!
- I planted squash seeds, I have sprouts, hopefully, eventually more squash
 - Because of the nature of those seeds, I have opportunity to get squash
 - o God planted seed of faith in us, & because of the nature of that seed,
 - God expects to see our faith bloom and the KOG to grow
 - o Jesus says *this* is what the KOG is like
 - o Gospels also quote JC saying "The KOG is at hand"
 - The KOG **IS** at hand right here in Norwood
 - You and I have received the seed of faith
 - You and I grow in our faith because
 - o watered by baptism, fed with WOG and the Eucharist
 - o Nurtured & encouraged by lives of other Christians
 - o AND other Christians are nurtured & encouraged by us!
 - We have the potential to fulfill our destiny
 - We can grow the KOG as Christian men and women
 - O Just like my squash seeds <u>have potential to grow squash</u>
 - Our faith gives us the potential to grow KOG
 - If a tiny mustard seed can become a tree
 - Our seed of faith can grow the KOG
 - Right here in NWD