

Tuesday 30th in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Lk 13,18-21): Jesus continued speaking, «What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? Imagine a person who has taken a mustard seed and planted it in the garden. The seed has grown and become like a small tree, so that the birds of the air shelter in its branches». And Jesus said again, «What is the kingdom of God like? Imagine a woman who has taken yeast and hidden it in three measures of flour until it is all leavened».

The "measure of God" (parable of the mustard seed)

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Today, we are, maybe, facing a new and different kind of epoch in the Church's history, where Christianity will again be characterized more by the mustard seed, where it will exist in small, insignificant groups that nonetheless live an intensive struggle against evil and bring the good into the world, that let God in.

God's ways never lead immediately to measurable successes and this can be seen by watching how Jesus Christ ended up on the Cross: statistics is not one of God's measurements. In spite of that, something essential and crucial happens with the mustard seeds and the yeast, even though the disciples could not see it then. Quantitative measures of successes must be completely disregarded.

—We are not a business operation that can look at the numbers to measure whether "we are selling more". O Lord, I would like to provide you with the service of my life and put it in your hands. And You shall add the "benefit", when and as you desire.