# Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

**Gospel text (*Lk* 13:18-21):** Jesus said, “What is the Kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.” Again he said, “To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was 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 are not one of God’s measurements. In spite of that, something essential and crucial happens with the mustard seed 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.