

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

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THE MUSTARD SEED

A grain of mustard seed is the tiniest of seeds. But when a person sows it in his field he knows that one day he will have a tree.

The mustard tree shoots up and grows, and develops branches. The birds of the air come and dwell in its branches, and people seek shelter under them.

Jesus said that His Church is like a mustard seed. It grows very big from a small beginning.

The Church shelters people from the storms of life and feeds them with heavenly Food.

The Church holds Jesus' teachings sacred and preserves them for people of all times.

The Church gives us God's grace and God's life through the seven Sacraments and prayer. Jesus Himself gives life and growth to the Church through the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the Father and the Son.



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

A MAN was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he met with robbers who beat him, robbed him and left him half-dead.

While he lay on the road, a priest came along and passed him by. Then a Levite saw him and also passed by. But when a Samaritan came along, he was moved with pity and stopped to help him.



14 The rich man asks Lazarus for water.