

JANUARY 29, 2021
Friday of the 3rd Week in OT
Mark 4: 26-34

“BE PATIENT IN EVERYTHING.”

There’s a lot of things in this world that we do not know how it grows, produces, or develops. We just know that things here on earth grows according to its nature and most of the time we do not have any control. This is what the parables are teaching us today. “The seed growing secretly draws our attention to the mystery of growth. The farmer works hard to sow the seed, but then has to wait for it to sprout. In ways he does not fully understand, seeds grow of their own accord. It is only when the seed is fully grown, and the crop is ripe that the farmer can set to work again. The wise farmer knows when it is time to reap, and when it is time to wait and let nature to take its course.”¹ Most of the time, we are not in control of things around us, and we need to be patient, understanding and wait for the right time in a right place. We must learn from the farmers’ attitude of waiting patiently for the crop to grow, have an open mind and heart to things that are beyond their control, and trust the Absolute Being, the One who makes their seeds grow and fruitful.

“Most of us are not farmers, but like the one in the parable we need to get the right balance between making something happen and then letting it happen. The balance between initiative and patience is important for all development, including our own and that of others. The mystery of growth is not something we can fully control. There are certain things we can do to bring it about, but other things only the Lord can do. While cooperating as best we can, we must let the Lord bring the work of his grace to its full flowering in us. Like the wise farmer we are grateful for the mystery of growth.”² Brothers and sisters, do we allow the seed of God's word to take deep root in our lives and transform us into a fruit-bearing disciple of Jesus Christ? Are we patient to the things that are beyond our control? Do we trust the Lord in all things even those that are impossible? Let us put our trust and confidence in Him as He takes care of everything.

¹ www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie

² *ibid*