

# TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020

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TUESDAY OF 30TH WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME

1. EPHESIANS 5:21-33

2. LUKE 13:18-21

GOSPEL RELATED:  
CCC 2660

**FOCUS:** LOVE IS THE LEAVENING  
AGENT THAT GROWS OUR  
RELATIONSHIPS AND, ULTIMATELY,  
THE KINGDOM OF GOD.



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Watching homemade dough rise is a beautiful thing. Though imperceptible to the eye when watched constantly, the rising of the dough is startling when one steps away from it and returns at a later time. A small amount of yeast, mixed with water and flour, produces an explosion of dough in the bowl. Step away for an hour or two and “voila!” – the dough has quadrupled in size.

What an apropos image for the kingdom of God. Though we are prone to reducing the Kingdom to eternal life in heaven, Jesus ushered in something much larger – a new way of living, beginning right here and now, that makes real God’s presence to all. From the person of Jesus, with his individual ministry and preaching, will grow a full and robust kingdom on earth, the fullness of which will be reached at an appointed time. Jesus yearned for the abundance of life for all in both this life and the next. He desires for each of us to help build God’s kingdom on earth.

Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians specifically addresses

married couples, but his point is applicable to all who are invested in the kingdom: love one another *even as Christ loved the Church*. This is a sacrificial love, one that loves another as one loves himself; one that sanctifies the other through the gift of oneself.

Authentic acts of self-gift are a love that leavens, and allows for flourishing in, relationships. And as the bonds of love are built between us, the kingdom of God grows. God’s presence is made real on this very earth, through the hands that serve, the words that encourage, the feet that carry the Good News, and the hearts that are touched by the giving and receiving of one another’s love.

The next time we see a loaf of bread baking, let us take a moment to admire the smallness of the yeast and the grandeur of its result. So, too, are our acts of self-gift – even the smallest ones – even when we cannot see the results in the immediate moment. We are an agent of yeast, building the kingdom of God through love.



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