Homily
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A), 2017
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Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, Conn.: 20 6- and 7-year-olds
six teachers
Dec. 14, 2012
I keep the clipping of those photos on my bedroom door as a reminder

Meeting yesterday in the public library in Maumee, Ohio: Moms Demand Action- grassroots, non-partisan group advocating for stronger gun laws and policies
Every town for Gun Safety

About 12,000 gun homicides in the United States every year;
94 deaths by gun every day

Bill coming before the Ohio Senate
HB 233
Allow hidden loaded handguns into elementary, middle and high schools
onto college and university campuses in bars while drinking
Many like it all over the country

All this, and much more, calls for "the AUDACITY of hope."

Audacity synonyms:
to be bold, courageous, adventurous, unafraid, valiant, determined and confident.
Also includes being: compassionate, humble and meek.

First Reading:
"My word shall not return to me empty,
it will do my will, and succeed in the end for which I sent it."

Next verse after today's second reading:
"Now hope that is seen is not hope.
But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

Gospel:
"Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit."

Eucharist invites us to live in, act with, the audacity of hope.