



Christ in the House of Martha and Mary
Johannes Vermeer (ca. 1654-1656)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The "one thing," or "the one thing necessary," or "the one needful thing," depending on the translation of Sacred Scriptures that you use, is at the end of the day a very "difficult" thing.

In the Gospel reading of this Sunday's selection of readings, we are presented with that episode that is all too familiar to us, the episode of Martha and Mary; Martha the anxious worker and Mary her serene and contemplative sister. For centuries there have been numerous attempts to reconcile these two sisters with the words of Jesus Christ, "only one thing is necessary; Mary has chosen the better part and it shall not be taken from her." The attempt to reconcile Martha and Mary really has only placed them in opposition to one another as if these two sisters represented the only two choices available to us. But is that the case?

Certainly it is the case that Christ does call some men and women into religious life in order to draw them into a very intimate friendship with Him, but does that mean that the "one thing necessary" is only a grace given to these few? Not at all.

In the spiritual tradition of the Church there is a form of prayer called "the practice of the presence of God," and it is pretty much exactly what the name implies, and I would emphasize the word "practice" because it requires an awful lot of it.

Like all graces this is one that you have to persevere in asking for; day after day with no limit to your patience and hope of obtaining what you ask for. And it all begins with an occasional glance toward Christ using a movement of the heart (though some folks find a prayer of two or three words to work best for them). At the beginning of the day one asks for the grace to be aware of the presence of God (especially dwelling in our soul) and to acknowledge that presence with a small act of adoration and love throughout the day and in the midst of our daily work and activities. The act itself need only be a second or two, or if so moved a more prolonged moment. There really are no right or wrongs because this is *your* friendship with Christ, the point is to cultivate the habit with a view to coming to know and love the Lord more and more.

This practice will also help you in your regular times of prayer and meditation because you will be continually habituating yourself to choosing this "the better part," and when it is time to pray you will find yourself much more easily and readily disposed. But, as I said, we must ask for this grace and make our feeble attempts to lay hold of it keeping in mind the one who went in search of fine pearls until he found the one of great price. Yes, there is a sense in which Christ must be pursued and he invites to the pursuit.

Peace,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 July 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Wednesday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm
Confessions are heard on Wednesdays at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.



Msgr. Joseph Harrington

Msgr. Harrington passed away at the age of 91 this past week. A funeral Mass for his repose will be offered at the Cathedral of St. Helena on Monday, July 18th at 11 am.

May he rest in peace!



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am



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Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception

\$ of \$170,000 (%)

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph

\$ of \$44,500 (%)

Thank you for your generosity!

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

Collect:

*Show favor, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

First Reading: Gn 18:1-10a

Responsorial: Ps. 15:(1)2-3,3-4,5

R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28

Alleluia Verse: Cf. Lk 8:15: *Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.*

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us "partakers of the divine nature" and of eternal life.²¹ With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ²² and into the joy of the Trinitarian life. (CCC 1721)

Food Pantry Necessities



Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Fresh produce, including garden produce, are accepted. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Traven & Marisa Hoyt, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Bill Posivio, Mauri Morin, Zane & Carol Kelly.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for July

Elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



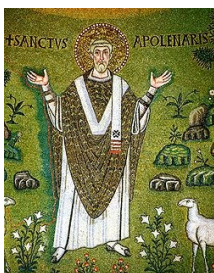
Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Kyle Tannehill, Kaleb Michell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney, Jamie Severson, Hayden Petterson, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, Alex Ramirez, and James Semling.

Parish Breakfast

Next Sunday, July 24th, the Ronan Council of the Knights of Columbus will be preparing breakfast to be served immediately after the 8:30 am Mass. If at all possible it is important to attend this breakfast, not just for the opportunity for fellowship, but in order to look over and review a list of necessities for parish volunteers and ministries in our parish. Sign up sheets will be available during the breakfast and then afterwards in the entrance of the church for those who could not attend the breakfast.

St. Apollinaris (d. 79) July 20th



St. Apollinaris was one of the first great martyrs of the church. He was made Bishop of Ravenna by St. Peter. The miracles he conducted in Ravenna soon attracted official attention, for they and his preaching won many converts to the faith. However, at the same time, his words and works brought upon the fury of the pagan people who beat Apollinaris cruelly on several occasions. During one beating, Apollinaris was cut with knives, and scalding hot water poured over his wounds, then put on a ship to be sent to Greece. In Greece the same course of preachings, and miracles, and sufferings continued. In fact, after a cruel beating by Greek pagans, he was sent back to Italy. When Emperor Vespasian issued a decree of banishment against the Christians, Apollinaris was kept hidden for some time, but as he was leaving, passing through the gates of the city, he was attacked and savagely beaten. He lived for seven days, foretelling that the persecutions would increase, but that the Church would ultimately triumph.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 16th

Vigil of the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jim & Shirely McDivitt rb the Radtke's

Sunday, July 17th

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sick & Shut-Ins of the Parish/

The Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, July 20th

St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Jim & Shirley McDivitt rb the Morin's