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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ July 21, 2019

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SPEAK UP FOR YOURSELF

Rabbinic teaching notes that it is the characters who "stood up" to the Almighty who were most admired in scripture: Moses, who protested his tongue-tied inability to lead the Exodus; Job, who questioned the very will and wisdom of God; Abraham, who bartered for the saving of Sodom and Gomorrah; Sarah, who, just beyond the final verse of today's first reading from Genesis, will chuckle at God's fruitful covenant in the womb she believed barren. On the cross, Jesus himself would echo one of the most heaven-defying questions of the psalmist: "Why have you abandoned me?" And, while it may be easy to think of these defiant characters as being short on faith, the scriptures prefer to use their boldness to indicate the depths to which they trusted their relationship with God. Made in the image of their Creator, the people of Israel knew that every solid and intimate relationship should run the entire gamut of human emotions.

WHO ARE YOU?

In today's Gospel passage, Martha joins the ranks of her ancestors who freely contested the situations in which they found themselves. She doesn't merely gripe about her sister's laziness; she does it without restraint to the one she addresses as "Lord." Her tone, "Do you not care?" is somewhat accusatory (Luke 10:40). She must have felt quite trusting of her relationship with her sister and her Lord, in order to address Jesus in such a forthright manner. Jesus does not hesitate to give her a straightforward reply. He doesn't contradict the need for the serving that must be done. He would, in fact, one day imitate the servile hospitality of Abraham's foot-washing. Martha had welcomed him, washed the feet at which Mary sat, as Abraham welcomed his visitors. She scurried for a meal, as did Sarah for her guests. All necessary, but her anxiety and worry kept her from "the better part" of knowing her sister and knowing Christ. May we all be a bit like Martha, ready to welcome, to bear the burden of serving, to call others to serve with us, but always, with Mary, in the assurance of those who sit attentively at the feet of the Lord.

Today's Readings: Genesis 18:1–10a; Psalm 15:2–5; Colossians 1:24–28; Luke 10:38–42

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Good News!

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Gn 18:1–10a; Col 1:24–28; Lk 10:38–42

Jesus enjoyed resting in the home of his friends Lazarus, Martha, and Mary because of their affection and hospitality. Martha was a big part of this hospitality because she was energetic and dedicated to making sure Jesus was cared for. Mary made him feel at home differently, as she was hungry for the Lord's teaching. She was open, interested, and attentive.

Yet on this occasion Martha is overcome with the urgent and leaves aside the important. Martha receives Christ in her home while Mary brings him into her heart. Living in relationship with Jesus always includes these two elements. Part of our love for him involves sitting at his feet in prayer. This is no doubt the "better part." Yet, serving Jesus also requires an active, busy life of work and responsibilities. Far from being an obstacle, work should be an occasion for a closer relationship with Jesus.

The key is having a unifying center to life; that center should be Jesus. He is the "why" we do what we do—whether work, play, or pray. Martha wasn't mistaken in serving Jesus' needs, but she lost focus with anxiety and worries. How to maintain this focus? First, pray regularly to remain centered. Second, don't worry about the small things at work or home. Third, frequently redirect your intention with a short, motivating motto like, "All for you, my Jesus" or "Your kingdom come!" Find one that works for you.

Let's not lose sight of the Lord of our work when doing the work of the Lord.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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BE AN EVANGELIST! Jesus told his disciples to be fishers of men (and women). That means we, his disciples, are called by Jesus to invite friends, family members, neighbors, etc., to join the Church established by Jesus. You can do this by inviting someone close to you to join our RCIA program, beginning in September, where they can learn about the Catholic Faith and join the Church at the Easter Vigil. Applications are available on the tables in the back of the Church.

A Stewardship Moment - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Weekend of July 20/21, 2019 - Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayerful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spiritual lives. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention?

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Liturgical Minister for July 27 & 28

4PM **Lector:** Karen Durand
EM: Sandra Chatman, Wanda Johnson
Ushers: Matthew Foltz, Gregory Wright
9AM **Lector:** Janet Maumus
EM: Roy Winand, Geraldine Winand
Ushers: Galen Smith, Elphage Keys
11AM **Lector:** Janis Roussell
EM: Josette Frederick, Aloma Lykes
Ushers: Gordon Newman, Bruce Roussell

Mass Intentions for July 27 & 28

4PM +Cleo, George Sr., & George Robertson Jr., +Wayne Tureaud, +Anthony Louis Estade, +Martin dePorres James, +Mark S. Harry, +Wendell Eugene, +Robert Collins, +Dr. Carolyn Mohr
9AM +Grant Winand, +Valrita Dandridge, +Edward Jones
11AM Parish

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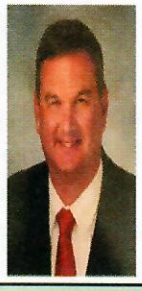

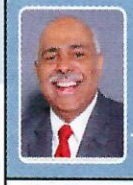

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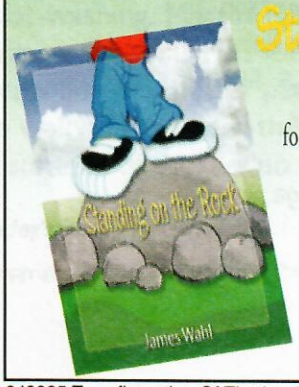

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