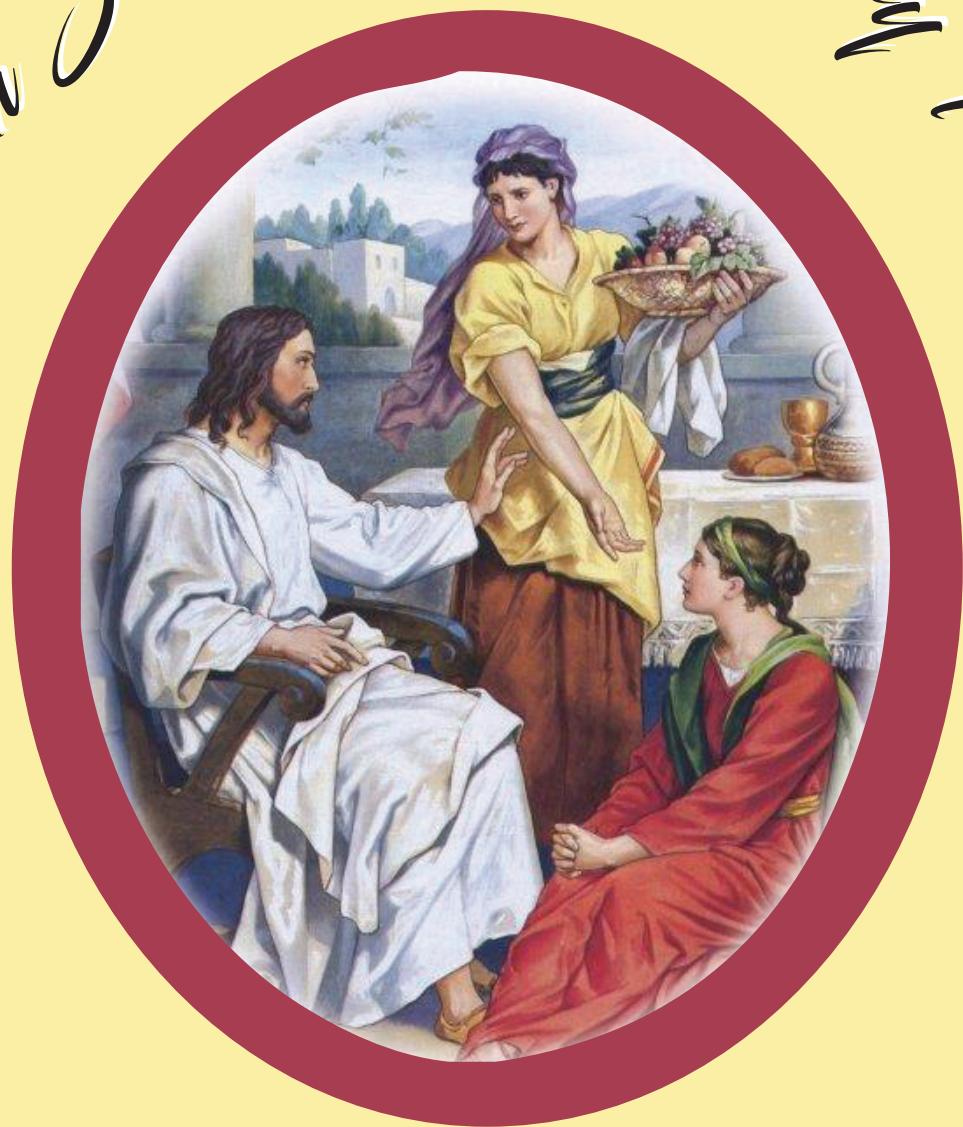


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. ROSALIE CATHOLIC CHURCH
July 17, 2022

The Pastor Jots It Down

My dear parishioners and friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes and Alumni,

Peace be with you today and always!

Thank you for your prayers for the Salesians gathered in Chapter this past week! Thanks, also, for all those who helped both the mission and the parish with the packing of the two containers destined for a Salesian Mission in El Salvador.



Last week, I wrote in The Pastor Jots In Down: *Now is the time more than ever to be versed in talking points supporting the Pro-Life position remembering that those with opposing viewpoints are still our neighbors who God calls us to love.*

In calm conversations, one on one, or in small family groups, we can dialogue and possibly begin the conversion of heart for those who believe abortion is the best solution to their problem/s for them and for the child in the womb.

I also mentioned two books that I received as examination copies. I am more than half-way through the first book: **What to Say When: The Complete New Guide to Discussing Abortion – How to Change Minds and Convert Hearts in a Brave New World.**

Wow, what a powerful and empowering book! I highly recommend it for every family in our parishes. I wish I had the funds to purchase a copy of the book for every family. It is available at the 40 days for Life website: <https://40daysforlifegear.com/products/what-to-say-when-the-complete-new-guide-to-discussing-abortion>. The purchase of this book is a small investment and a great guide for converting hearts from pro-choice to pro-life.



Twins and the dilemma of their mother. The doctors were sure that one of the twins must be aborted so that one could live. Do read the story on the following page about this mother's trials and tribulations and how her belief in life saved her twins.

My mother's doctor, in dealing with Mom's 7th and 8th pregnancies also painted a grim picture about Mom not opting to abort my sister, Chris, and myself. Against the recommendation of her doctor, Mom placed herself and the child in her womb in God's hands. Both of us were delivered by C-section. None of the dire predictions of her doctor proved true.

God asks us to trust Him and His law. He will take especial care of those who love and revere Him. He will not be outdone in generosity.

After reading the centerfold article, we can ask ourselves are we more like Mary or Martha? We really need to have a bit of Mary and bit of Martha within us. That's the key to holiness in life.

We pray in the Our Father: forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. This week's third article deals with forgiveness – a powerful article on what a lack of forgiveness does to us. It also gives us three ways to help us forgive.

God loves you!

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Twins?



Twins!!



Jami Marie Facebook Post January 25th, 2019

Yup. I'm going there!

10 weeks. That's how far along I was when I found out I was having twins.

11 weeks is when I was guaranteed I wouldn't be having twins. "Baby B is not going to make it and your putting Baby A in serious jeopardy the longer you wait to terminate."

They must have thought I was crazy. I didn't cry. I didn't even hardly react other than to very adamantly stick with my gut.

Appointment after appointment . . . doctor after doctor . . . boy did they put the pressure on. Almost as if they would receive some sort of commission. None of that mattered. I was pregnant with two LIVING babies. I sure as hell wasn't going to just cut the cord because it sounded like a good idea.

Now don't get me wrong, it was pure torture. I was basically waiting for my baby to die. No one knew.

People just knew that I was pregnant with twins but talking about it was hell. When someone would bring up what my future was going to look like, it was all I could do to not crumble. What they didn't know

was that one, and maybe even both, of my babies were going to die. After all, the doctors assured me of this. More than once.

But then. Day by day . . . week by week we made it to THIRTY-FOUR weeks. And the scariest day of my life arrived.

I delivered two of the most beautiful, perfect babies I've ever laid my eyes on. Baby A tipping the scales at 4lbs 15oz and Baby B – the baby who "will never ever make it" . . . the baby in utero with 0% chance of survival – defeated all odds and proved a strength I wouldn't believe if I didn't see with my own eyes, blessed this world at 2lbs 9oz. Not only never needed a ventilator, but ONLY needed oxygen and a feeding tube.

Baby A spent 16 days in the NICU and Baby B spent 29.

And here we are. Almost 2.5 years later.

To think of how different my life could have been had I listened to any single one of those doctors.

To think the day I delivered them, I could have STILL made a different choice?! I can't understand. And I don't want to.



Mary and Martha

By Jack Zavada

The Bible story of Mary and Martha has confused Christians for centuries. The main lesson of the story places emphasis on giving attention to Jesus over our own busyness. Learn why this simple incident continues to baffle energetic Christians today.

Questions for Reflection

The story of Mary and Martha is one we can return to study again and again in our walk of faith because the lesson is timeless. We all have aspects of Mary and Martha within us. As we read and study the passage, we can reflect on these questions:

- Do I have my priorities in order?
- Like Martha, am I worried or anxious about many things, or, like Mary, am I focused on listening to Jesus and spending time in his presence?
- Have I put devotion to Christ and his word first, or am I more concerned about doing good deeds?

Bible Story Summary

The story of Mary and Martha takes place in Luke 10:38-42 and John 12:2.

Mary and Martha were the sisters Lazarus, the man Jesus raised from the dead. The three siblings were also close friends of **Jesus Christ**. They lived in a town called Bethany, about two miles from Jerusalem. One day while Jesus and his **disciples** stopped to visit in their home, a wonderful lesson unfolded.

Mary sat at the feet of Jesus listening intently to his words. Meanwhile, Martha was distracted, working frantically to prepare and serve the meal for her guests.

Frustrated, Martha scolded Jesus, asking him whether he cared that her sister had left her to fix the meal alone. She told Jesus to order Mary to help her with the preparations.

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42, NIV)

Life Lessons From Mary and Martha

For centuries people in the church have puzzled over the Mary and Martha story, knowing that someone has to do the work. The point of this passage, however, is about making Jesus and his word our first priority. Today we come to know Jesus better **through prayer, church attendance, and Bible study.**

If all 12 **apostles** and some of the women who supported Jesus' ministry were traveling with him, fixing the meal would have been a major job. Martha, like many hostesses, became anxious over impressing her guests.

Martha has been compared to the Apostle Peter: practical, impulsive, and short-tempered to the point of rebuking the Lord himself. Mary is more like the Apostle John: reflective, loving, and calm.

Even still, Martha was a remarkable woman and deserves considerable credit. It was quite rare in Jesus' day for a woman to manage her own affairs as the head of the household, and especially to invite a man into her home. Welcoming Jesus and his entourage into her house implied the fullest form of hospitality and involved substantial generosity.

Martha appears to be the eldest of the family, and head of the sibling household. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, both sisters played a prominent role in the story and their contrasting personalities are evident in this account as well. Although both were upset and disappointed that Jesus did not arrive before Lazarus died, Martha ran out to meet Jesus as soon as she learned he had entered Bethany, but Mary waited at home. John 11:32 tells us that when Mary did finally go to Jesus, she fell at his feet weeping.

Some of us tend to be more like Mary in our Christian walk, while others resemble Martha. It's likely we have qualities of both within us. We may be inclined at times to let our busy lives of service distract us from spending time with Jesus and listening to his word. It's significant to note, though, that Jesus gently admonished Martha for being "worried and upset," not for serving. Service is a good thing but sitting at Jesus' feet is best. We must remember what is most important.

Good works should flow from a Christ-centered life; they do not produce a Christ-centered life. When we give Jesus the attention he deserves, he empowers us to serve others.

From: <https://www.learnreligions.com/martha-and-mary-bible-story-summary-700065>

In our families, our parishes, our dioceses and local Churches, let us work together to make Christian life a Mary and Martha reality. Let us struggle to be Martha, as well as Mary and follow their dual example. Holy and Righteous Mary and Martha, pray to God for us!

Announcements



"Forgiveness isn't approving what happened. It's choosing to rise above it." – Robin Sharma

The way the world's been going lately, chances are high that someone in your life has done something to hurt you—whether they meant to or not. Maybe they made an insensitive remark. Perhaps they failed to acknowledge a kindness. They could have undermined you at work or in front of your family... or even betrayed your trust.

Whatever the action, and regardless of the intent behind it, the words and deeds of others can leave very real – and deeply painful – marks on our hearts and in our minds. And just like any other injury, these wounds take time to heal . . . something that can't occur if we're constantly picking at the scabs.

This is what happens when we fail to forgive. Ultimately if we can't or won't leave the wounds alone, the scars they form on our hearts will never fade. The wounds will never heal.

As Bryant McGill, a former Nobel Peace Prize nominee, explains:

"They caused the first wound, but you are causing the rest; this is what not forgiving does. They got it started, but you keep it going. Forgive and let it go, or it will eat you alive. You think they made you feel this way, but when you won't forgive, you are the one inflicting the pain on yourself."

There's a reason advice like this exists; each of us is only human, and forgiving is easier said than done. This month, make a point to choose to forgive one person who you feel has

wronged you. These pointers can help you succeed:

- **Find your empathy.** Try putting yourself in the other person's shoes. Ask yourself why they may have said or done what they did, and honestly assess whether you may have acted the same. Even if you wouldn't have, indulging in this exercise can remind you that no one is perfect – which is a great place to start when working up to forgiveness.

- **Ask forgiveness yourself.** Take an honest assessment of your own words and deeds, and how they may have affected someone else. Preach what you're trying to practice; say "I'm sorry" and mean it. Each time you do this, you sharpen your emotional I.Q., which helps reframe the way you react when other people cause you pain. In other words, over time, it becomes much easier to forgive than to hold a grudge.

- **Be patient.** Understand that forgiving is a process. No matter how small or large the injury, it can often take multiple attempts to successfully move beyond it. Maybe you're ready to forgive, but the recipient refuses to admit causing any harm. This could mean that both of you have more work to do. Return to your empathy practice, and give yourself permission to try again later.

Remember, the effort to forgive is always worth it. In Chicken Soup for the Soul, Paul Boose reflects, "Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future."

May your July be expansive. May it be the month you choose to forgive.

SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of July 23rd is Team 6, which consists of Cindy Robichaux, Bonnie Perrin, Melody Clark, Carol Pelegrin, Karen Guillot and Theresa Parfait.

LAMPS AVAILABLE

We have many openings for the Sacred Heart Lamp and the St. Rosalie Lamp.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is giving food out on the First and Third Tuesday of the month from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. If you know of someone who is in need of food please pass the word along.



For Adult Catholics who have not made their 1st Confession, 1st Holy Communion, or Confirmation.

For those adults who have not been Baptized or are not Catholic and want to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic.

**Program Begins
September 11, 2022**

Dear Parishioners
Missionary Disciples,

Remember God speaks through you. Maybe it is for your word of invitation and encouragement that the soul of some future apostle is waiting. Even though the program begins in September, now is the time to plant the seeds for a journey in faith. God bless you!

Mass Intentions



In Our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP
will burn in memory of
Doris & Walter Treadaway

BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Carlos Savona

SACRED HEART'S LAMP
will burn for healing of
Julie Kirkland

ST. ROSALIE'S LAMP
will burn in memory of
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois

ALTAR WINE
is given for healing of
Kim Robin

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Fr. George Hanna, SDB
Fr. Wilgintz Polynice, SDB
Parochial Vicars
Kevin Steel, Deacon

MASS SCHEDULES:

ST. ROSALIE

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm
Sunday – 7:30 and 10:30 am
Weekdays – 7:00 am
Saturday – 8:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 pm
Sunday – 9:00 am and 12:00 pm
Youth & Young Adult Mass
Sunday – 8:00 pm
Weekdays – 7:00 am
Saturday – 8:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Both Churches:
Adoration & Confessions
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 16

8:00a.m. All Parishioners
4:00p.m. Carmen & Charles Austin
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Hilton Lurette
Donald Comeaux
Margie Montet
Reed Vaughn, Jr.
Troy Dean Williams II
Shayna Catherine Cline
Avis & R.J. Burmaster
Hidalgo, Tassin &
Simoneaux Family
Craig LeBlanc
Craig Pellegal
Tony & Jaden Phillips
Lillian R. LeBoeuf
Lois Melancon
Conrad & Anthony Saluto

SUNDAY, JULY 17

7:30a.m. Jessica De La Cerdia
10:30a.m. Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois
Kevin Fitzhenry
Byron S. LeJeune
Madeleine Behette
T-Van Falgout
Rodney Isemann
Carlos Savona
Tommy Mauro
Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.
Luis Arredondo
Deceased members of
Jonathan Parks KC 15892
Troy Richoux
De Jesus Maria Anguiano
Juan Anguiano
Chetta Doming
Laura Ann Ditta Walker
L.J. Doming
Sam & Laura Ditta
Margaret & Joe Panepinto
All Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JULY 18

7:00a.m. Hilden Guccione

TUESDAY, JULY 19

7:00a.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Emila Picarella

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

7:00a.m. Rupert Cuneen
Antonio Arredondo

THURSDAY, JULY 21

7:00a.m. Bro. Roger Shondel, OP

FRIDAY, JULY 22

7:00a.m. Apolenar Anguiano

SATURDAY, JULY 23

8:00a.m. All Parishioners

4:00p.m. Carmen & Charles Austin
Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.
Alexis & Beverly Vicari
Hilton Lurette
Donald Comeaux
Joretta Bourgeois
Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc
Hilton Landry II
Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez
Couvillon & Tassin Families
Lena Barisco Hogan
Danellle Hogan
Gary Orgeron



MASS FOR HEALING:

O.J. Orgeron, Rosalie Oubre
Jackie Morvant Bush
Shannon Morvant Olivero
Gary Guidry, Kim Robin
Marlene Hess, Julie Kirkland

MASS FOR THE LIVING:

Patrick Lofton, Anne, William,
Thomas and Marguerite Hart

SPECIAL MASSES:

For conversion of sinners.
Prayer for Peace in Ukraine
For the Safety of Sr. Suellen
Tennyson kidnapped in Burkina Faso.

