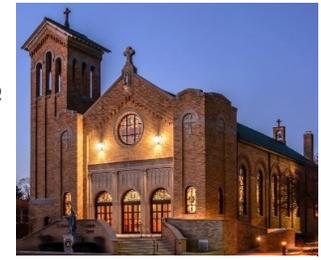


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Children's Bulletin

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAWRENCE WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1559 AND WAS BAPTIZED WITH THE NAME JULIUS CAESAR. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS QUITE YOUNG.

HE BECAME A CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN AT AGE 16, TAKING THE NAME LAWRENCE. HE WAS ORDAINED AT AGE 23.

LAWRENCE LEARNED LANGUAGES VERY EASILY, SO HE COULD STUDY THE BIBLE JUST AS IT WAS WRITTEN.

Tomorrow I want you to preach in the cathedral.

HE WAS A GREAT PREACHER AND TRAVELLED ALL OVER EUROPE.

EVEN THOUGH HIS LIFE WAS VERY BUSY HE WOULD ALWAYS TAKE TIME TO PRAY.

HE BECAME CHAPLAIN OF AN ARMY AND LED A BATTLE WITH NO WEAPON BUT A CRUCIFIX-EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE OUTNUMBERED FOUR TO ONE!

Father, we need you to come. There's a big argument...

BECAUSE OF HIS HOLINESS, LAWRENCE WAS CHOSEN LEADER OF HIS ORDER. HE WAS SENT ALL OVER TO HELP THE BROTHERS AND MAKE PEACE. HE DIED AT AGE 60.

SOMETHING THAT SURPRISED PEOPLE ABOUT SAINT LAWRENCE WAS THAT HE WAS VERY KIND AND SENSITIVE TOWARDS PEOPLE'S NEEDS EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SO SMART AND IMPORTANT. NO MATTER HOW BUSY WE ARE, WE SHOULD TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND TO BE KIND AND THOUGHTFUL TO OTHERS.

Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me!

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2uoixna era uoy
;gnit ynam tuoda balduort braa
.lufbgen zi pniht eno
Mary has chosen
the better part.

Luke 10:38-42

Martha was so busy in the kitchen but her sister wasn't helping! What did Jesus say to her when she complained to Him?
Look in the mirror to find out!



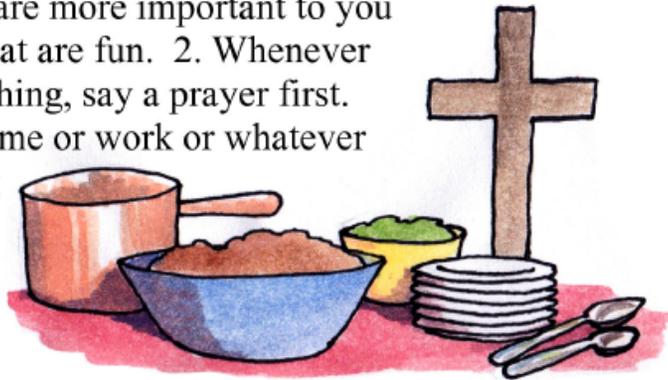
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Putting Jesus First

Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

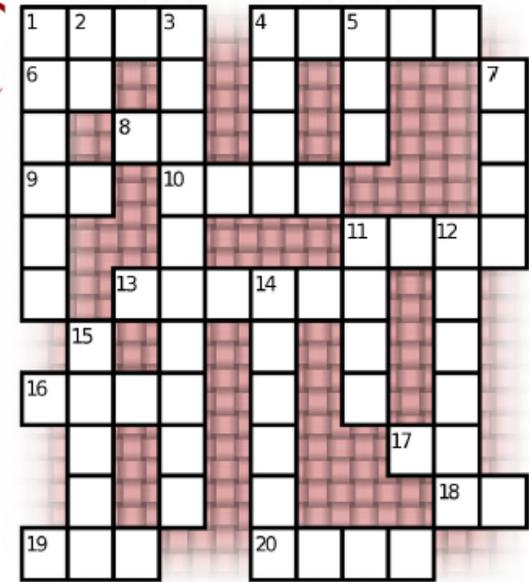
Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory of God.



Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1.Lord 4.chose 6.in 8.is 9.to 10.then 11.many 13.Martha 16.feet 17.be 18.do 19.her 20.said DOWN: 1.listen 2.on 3.distracted 4.care 5.one 7.away 11.Mary 12.needed 14.things 15.serve

*Martha
and
Mary*

cross
word
puzzle



Across:

1. The _____ came to Martha's house
4. Mary _____ the better part
6. Jesus was _____ Martha's house
8. "One thing _____ needed."
9. Jesus said _____ her, "Martha, Martha."
10. "Do you not care? _____ tell her to help me!"
11. Martha was concerned about _____ things.
13. Which sister was working in the kitchen?
16. Mary sat at Jesus' _____.
17. "Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not _____ taken..."
18. "_____ you not care?"
19. ...away from _____."
20. Jesus _____ to her, "Martha, Martha."

Down:

1. Mary just wanted to _____ to Jesus speak.
2. She sat _____ the ground near Him.
3. Martha was _____ with much serving.
4. "Lord, do you not _____ that my sister has left me to serve?"
5. "_____ thing is needed..."
7. The better part would not be taken _____ from Mary.
11. Which sister was not in the kitchen?
12. "...one thing is _____"
14. Martha was anxious about many _____.
15. "My sister has left me to _____ alone."