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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER AND SERVICE

How do we bring balance and joy to our lives of prayer and service to our loving God?

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Martha that her concern about doing the right thing as dictated by Jewish tradition might not be the best use of her energies. Her sister, Mary, who sits in rapt attention at Jesus' feet, should not be rebuked. Is Jesus trying to show Martha that she needs to make time for her spiritual nourishment?

Abraham and Sarah in the first reading seem to be just like Martha. And yet Abraham's eager welcome and joyful serving of his "visitors" seems almost spiritual. How like Paul, in the second reading, rejoicing in his service to the gospel!

We hear in the psalm that those who do justice will live in the Lord's presence. Prayer and service—what greater joy could there be?



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Summer is in full swing and tent camping is often a memory-making part of it—sometimes just because of the difficulties of putting up the tent! In today's first reading we see Abraham sitting at the entrance to his tent and welcoming three unexpected strangers. By the end of the story God's covenant with Abraham is renewed with the promise that Sarah will give birth to a son. Psalm 15 answers the question, "Lord, who may abide in *your* tent?" The answer leaves little doubt about what is required to live in the presence of the Lord. In his letter to the Colossians Paul confirms that "the mystery" that was hidden from past ages is now being revealed. The Gospel account of Martha and Mary's ways of welcoming Jesus again emphasizes the central truth that God's promise of salvation is real and present—if only we would listen.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

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CHOOSING THE BETTER PART?

Is it possible to listen to the Gospel story about Mary and Martha without immediately "*hearing* between the lines" as Martha mutters to herself, "Why do I have to do all the work around here?" Or without always feeling the sting of Jesus' gentle reprimand of Martha? Without slotting our friends into either the "Martha" or "Mary" column? Without quickly "translating" the story into a lesson about the value of listening over action? Interestingly, Mary never says a word in this story. All of the dialogue is between Jesus and Martha. The importance of first listening to Jesus is, without a doubt, essential to discipleship. We need to be deeply rooted in the Word of God if we want to spread the Good News and stand firm in time of trial or temptation. Yet what does that mean when guests need to be fed?

WHEN WORK BECOMES OUR PRAYER

We know that hospitality to strangers was a central value in the cultural world of Jesus. Abraham's welcome of the three strangers at his tent was expected protocol for the time. Sarah's meal-making for the unexpected guests is blessed with welcome news of a son—and the keeping of God's promise to Abraham. Immediately before the Mary and Martha story in the Gospel of Luke is the story of the Good Samaritan. That parable is unwavering about the importance of action—of going out of our way for others. In the Abraham and the Good Samaritan stories, action predominates. Yet in the next chapter of Luke when a woman in the crowd shouts out, "Blessed is the womb that carried you . . .," Jesus responds, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." Hymnwriter Herman Stuempfle expresses well the relationship between action and contemplation when he writes that we thank the Lord both for quiet time and for the Word that accompanies us in our work and helps make that work a prayer.

The Better Part

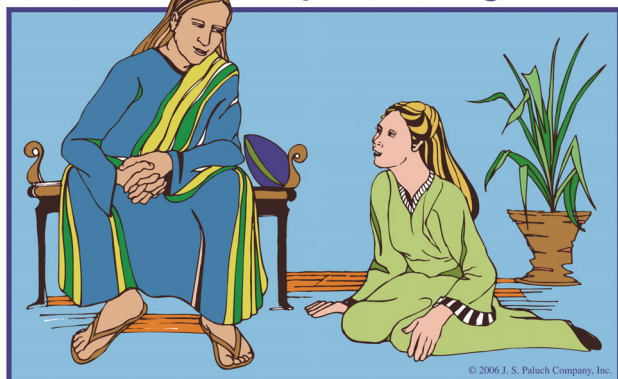
The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He wasn't just saying, "Sit down and listen." He meant that just as Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Instead of thinking of her work as a gift to Jesus, she was more concerned with why Mary was not helping her. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ is in us; the church is the body of Christ. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. When we are respectful to people who help us, like the maintenance staff, the mail carrier, the waiter, we are also showing respect for the Lord.

And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds, we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. Sometimes kids interrupt when we're fixing dinner—maybe they need to be taught how to take care of things by themselves, or maybe they just need a few moments of attention. We can certainly ask the Lord to help us handle distractions. And as we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

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Mary sat listening to Jesus



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JULY 18, 2022

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
JULY 18, 2022

Monday
9:00am Juana Loncomilla, Raul Cabrera, padre, Carlos Cabrera (D)

Tuesday
8:30am Maria Bravo (D) Gabriel Guadamud (D)
12:00pm Matta Ty (D)

Wednesday
8:30am
12:00pm

Thursday
8:30am
12:00pm

Friday
8:30am Anastacio Montero, Bienvenido Gonzalez, Juan Bautista Hernandez, Keren Hernandez (D)
12:00pm Rafaela Rodriguez Guzman (D); Chanelle Berroa (D); Leonor Santiago (D)

Saturday
7:45am Phero & Maria (D)
7:00pm Angel Dariel Rofdriguez Hernandez (D)

Sunday
8:00am Peter Trang (D)
9:30am Federico Moreta Perez, Minerva Castro, Ramon Moreta Mercedes Moreta (D); Ramona Emilia Espinal (D), Rogelio Santa (D)
11:30am People of SNT
1:30pm Maria Ninh & Madalena Yen (D)

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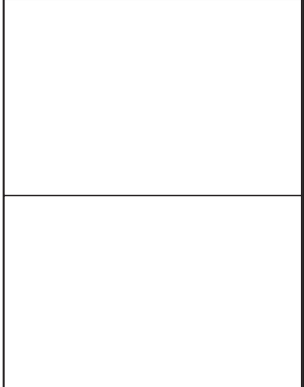
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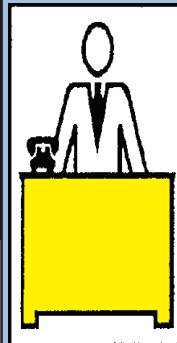
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