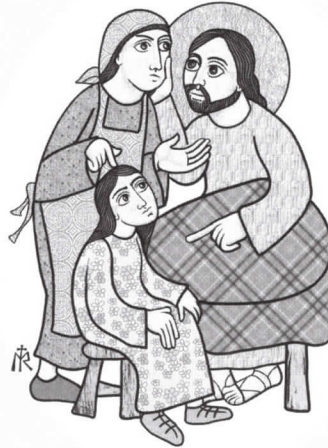


Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village
 where a woman whose name was
 Martha welcomed him.
 She had a sister named Mary
 who sat beside the Lord at his feet
 listening to him speak.
 Martha, burdened with much serving,
 came to him and said,
 “Lord, do you not care
 that my sister has left me by myself to
 do the serving?
 Tell her to help me.”
 The Lord said to her in reply,
 “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and
 worried about many things.
 There is need of only one thing.
 Mary has chosen the better part
 and it will not be taken from her.”



Readings for the week:

**16th Sunday
 in Ord. Time**

Gen 18:1-10a
 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5
 Col 1:24-28
 Luke 10:38-42

Monday

Mic 6:1-4, 6-8
 Ps 50:5-6, 8-9,
 16bc-17, 21
 and 23
 Matt 12:38-42

Tuesday

Mic 7:14-15,
 18-20
 Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8
 Matt 12:46-50

Wednesday

Jer 1:1, 4-10
 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a,
 5-6ab, 15
 and 17
 Matt 13:1-9

Thursday

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8,
 12-13
 Ps 36:6-7ab,
 8-9, 10-11
 Matt 13:10-17

**Friday
 St. Mary
 Magdalene**

Song 3:1-4b or
 2 Cor 5:14-17
 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,
 8-9
 John 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday

Jer 7:1-11
 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a
 and 8a, 11
 Matt 13:24-30

**17th Sunday
 in Ord. Time**

Gen 18:20-32
 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3,
 6-7, 7-8
 Col 2:12-14
 Luke 11:1-13



Opening Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

When Jesus arrives at Mary and Martha's house, he and his companions are on a journey, and it is hardly possible that Jesus left them outside the door and presented himself as a privileged solo guest to the house at Bethany. Quite a crowd enters!

Martha emerges as the dominant sister: the house is described as her home; she is the one who "welcomed" him; Mary is her sister. What distracts Martha is her service, her *diakonia*, a word that had a much broader meaning than only domestic duties in the early church (see Acts 6:4 and the apostles' *diakonia* of the Word). She complains that Mary sitting at Jesus's feet in silence is no help to her ministry. She, Martha, has been left to cope on her own. Rather like the lawyer in last week's parable, Martha is indulging in self-justification. Teresa of Avila writes explicitly about this unity rather than separation of Martha and Mary: "Believe me, Martha and Mary must be together to accommodate the Lord and keep him with them forever, otherwise he will be served poorly and remain without food."

In response, Jesus admonishes the one who criticizes and he defends the criticized. Mary has chosen the better part on this occasion, he says, but it is only a *part* of the way the two sisters are to be of service of Jesus, not the whole picture; nor is either sister's service of Jesus constant or unwavering. Only both sisters, together, can accommodate Jesus in the way he should be welcomed.

We do not have to divide the world between competing poets, prophets, and pragmatists, nor do we need to choose once and for all between contemplation and action. Rather, what will unite us is to welcome all, to respect our differences, or to accept that we may be sometimes one and sometimes the other.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. Increase in us our awareness to celebrate your presence in all aspects of our daily interactions. May we show and receive love, following your example that we may remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• How do you tend to show hospitality? Likewise, how do you receive the hospitality offered by someone else?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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In Church	\$	2286.00
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Today's Second Collection is for our Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Education costs (tuition, room, and board) per seminarian total approximately \$320,000 over the course of his journey towards Ordination to the priesthood. Please prayerfully consider making a financial donation towards priestly vocations. Your gift would directly contribute to the education of our seminarians and is much needed and greatly appreciated.

Bread Day is on Tuesday, July 19th – pickup 8:00 a.m. – Noon. The order sheet is at the back of church. Volunteers start on Monday afternoon at 4:30 pm; Kitchen crew begins prior at 3:30 pm. Should you have free time to help please come; many hands make the load lighter. After Sunday mass, we will need help to configure the hall for this monthly endeavor. Mahalo for your continued support in ALL ways.

On Saturday, July 30th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, Bishop Silva will install Fr. Postrano as Pastor of St. Ann Church. We will also have Potluck to celebrate the Installation and St. Ann Feast Day. Potluck sign up sheet at back of church.

Next weekend, Second Collection for Maintenance Fund.

Have a Blessed Week!