

JULY 17, 2022

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Let us make time to be in the presence of God.

In the beginning of Chapter 18 of Genesis, God comes to Abraham in human form, as three travelers. Sensing he is in the presence of God, Abraham greets his three guests in the singular as “Sir,” or Lord, and shows them hospitality.

God has revealed himself as a trinity of persons to Abraham. Abraham is informed that he and Sarah will receive an answer to their greatest prayer – to become parents. In the same chapter, we learn that Sarah is beyond child-bearing years and has never had a child, but Abraham trusts in the Lord and his faith is greatly rewarded.

Hospitality is also the focus of today’s brief Gospel from Luke. Jesus has stopped at a village a short distance from Jerusalem. He is visiting the home of Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus.

Martha and Mary have very different ideas about how Jesus should be welcomed into their home. For Martha, he is an important guest, and she feels it is necessary to lay out a feast. Mary seems aware that Jesus will not be with them much longer and therefore she does not want to leave his feet for even a moment. Indeed, Jesus’ first prediction of his death occurred in the previous chapter.

Martha is incredulous that Jesus sides with Mary, so sure is she that Mary should be serving the guest, not wasting time at his feet. Jesus favors Mary as having chosen the better part, if only by making time to be in his presence instead of being distracted by other tasks.

This is an important and challenging lesson for Martha and for all of us. We can become so busy – so distracted and overwhelmed with the affairs of daily life – that we sometimes find it hard to make time to be in the presence of God or to find any peace when we do so. Making time to go to Mass, participate in Eucharistic adoration, or pray at home requires two things – sacrificing the time and whatever else we could be doing. Abraham’s sacrifice was rewarded and so was that of Mary of Bethany. We, too, seek to find that balance between prayer and labor, doing all things for God’s glory and for the good of others, for God will not be outdone in generosity.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)	
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)	
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM	7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT	

### ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 16</b>
5:00 PM	Mass: Living and Deceased Members of Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 17</b>
8:00 AM	Mass: Agnes Grimes (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Intentions of Amelia & Joseph Chetwood on their First Communion
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 18</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Healing for Jim Foley
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 20</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Nat Urso (RIP)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 22</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

### NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: William Gilmore (RIP)

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## 2022 Christmas Bazaar

Save the date: **December 3/4.**

Main Raffle Prizes:

- \$1000 gift card tree
- Amazon Fire TV 50" 4-Series 4K
- 50,000 BTU Gas Outdoor FirePit
- Inflatable StandUp Paddleboard

**Thank you to the parishioners who have already donated \$25. There are only 11 envelopes left.** If you are able to donate please take one of the envelopes in the entrance of the church and return your \$25 cash or check made out to St. Paul's either to the office or in collection basket.

**We are in need of large baskets** for our Themed Raffle Basket table; if anyone has some they are willing to donate, we would appreciate it.

We will be asking for **Table Items:**

- Hand Made Items.
- 'NEW' Items for Penny Social
- New or Gently Used Jewelry
- Empty Jewelry Boxes

If you are **canning jams/jellies/relishes** this summer please consider setting aside a jar or two to donate to the bazaar.

### **Knights of Columbus Booth FOHD**

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 95 will once again have a booth at Foster Old Home Days the last weekend of July. Be sure to stop by and say hello and enjoy some of their delicious cooking. Old Home Day Schedules will be available in the entrance of the church this week.

### **Commitment to Sunday Offertory**

To help the parish meet its financial obligations, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/monthly offertory contribution. Or consider convenient option: setting up an automatic contribution online.

#### **GIFTS RECEIVED**

Offertory Collection – July 9/10  
**\$2,766.00**

Mission Co-Op Collection – July 9/10  
**\$1,035.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

### **St. Paul's 50th Anniversary**

**Sunday, October 2nd**, will be the celebration of The Holy Mass at 10AM with Bishop Tobin presiding over the Eucharist for us! Luncheon will follow at Foster Country Club.

Tickets will be available soon. We have a limited amount of tickets so be sure to get yours early.



### **Gospel of 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."

### **Activity of the Week**

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

In this Sunday's Gospel story of Martha and Mary, Mary shows us how important it is to take the time to acknowledge the presence of God. When do you take time out to pray and listen to God?

Imagine Jesus is coming to your home. Talk about how you would prepare and what you would plan to do while he is visiting. How would you make Jesus feel welcomed? Would you do things differently when he is visiting?

Evaluate with your family; are you more like Martha or Mary? Do you do the jobs that are given you or do you feel as if you have to do more than other members of the family? Do the jobs you do include doing the work of the Lord?



### **WHY ARE WE ENCOURAGED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION FREQUENTLY?**

The special sacramental effects of the Eucharist are an intrinsic union of the recipient with Jesus Christ (and also with the other members of His Mystical Body); the spiritual nourishment of the grace (an effect comparable to the nourishment of our bodies by food); and a pledge of heavenly bliss and the resurrection of the body. By receiving Holy Communion, a Catholic obeys Our Lord's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. He performs an act most pleasing to God, who longs to come into his heart. And in turn, his desire to receive Him will increase. Each reception of Holy Communion brings an increase of sanctifying grace in the soul; this takes place to the degree that the recipient has opened himself to Our Lord by emptying his soul of sin and worldly desires, and in accord with the dispositions of his immediate preparation, reception and thanksgiving. Sanctifying grace is the very life of Christ in the soul, a spiritual reality difficult to describe. Sanctifying grace renders the soul holy and pleasing to God, and gives it a supernatural beauty which far surpasses the greatest natural loveliness. A person must be in the state of sanctifying grace at the moment of death in order to be saved. Every visit of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is a promise of eternal life for those who remain in His grace by obeying His commandments. In Holy Communion, Our Lord brings graces to enable us to keep His commandments. Frequent Holy Communion has long been urged by the Church as a means to overcome sin, including habitual sins and in particular, habitual sins of impurity. The 3 frequent reorienting of oneself toward Jesus Christ which is entailed in frequent devout Holy Communion is a most fruitful spiritual exercise, weakening the sensual and worldly impulses in the soul and awakening an appreciation for the things of God, thus disposing the soul to derive much spiritual profit from Holy Communion. St. John Bosco, the "Friend of Youth" and reclamer of wayward boys, often spoke of three "springs" to the spiritual life: Confession, Holy Communion, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

~Committee on Doctrine of USCCB