JULY 17, 2022: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"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

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan.

Martha has come to be, as it were, the symbol of the active life, and Mary that of the contemplative life. However, for most Christians, called as they are to sanctify themselves in the middle of the world, action and contemplation cannot be regarded as two opposite ways of practicing the Christian faith: an active life forgetful of union with God is useless and barren; but an apparent life of prayer which shows no concern for apostolate and the sanctification of ordinary things also fails to please God. The key lies in being able to combine these two lives, without either harming the other. Close union between action and contemplation can be achieved in very different ways, depending on the specific vocation each person is given by God

It couldn't have been easy for Martha to hear Jesus' summoning her to see differently, to make a better choice. I hope, that in a moment of grace, she took a breath, scrapped her elaborate dinner plan, brought out some bread and olives and called it a day. I hoped she could see that she too deserved to step out of her expected role and sit among the rest in a circle of belonging to listen to Jesus, to be present in community, and to be nourished by his Word.

Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher. JULY 17, 2022 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm. Friday at 10 am.
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RECEIVED WITH THANKS July 09th -July 10th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1490.00
Building Fund	40.00
Pope's Pastoral works	5.00
Sunday Missals	7.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Cemetery Mass
Curling
Late Mary Gallant
Cemetery Mass
Benoit's Cove
Late Ada and William
Myles
Late Joan Barriault
Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July 23		
John Carroll	Don Gallant	
	Elizabeth Carew	
July 24		
Victoria Murphy	Margaret Dalley	
	Anna House	
Communion to the Sick – Tony Griffin		

<u>CEMETRY CLEAN UP:</u> The cemetery mass in Mount Cecilia will take place on Tuesday, July 21st at 7pm. Cemetery cleanup will take place on Monday July 18th beginning at 9am for a morning session and again at 1pm for an afternoon session. We ask everybody to help us make our cemetery clean and tidy.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

JULY: For the elderly - We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



FEAST OF ST. ANNE-Qalipu

<u>Celebration</u>: July 26th is the feast of St. Anne and Qalipu Band will take a special role in preparing for and celebrating this feast. This mass will take place at 5pm with Bishop Bart as presider. All are welcome

to attend as our Sacred Heart Folk Choir provide the hymns and the Qalipu band, in traditional garb, will lead us with music.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY: Pope Francis invites all dioceses to celebrate the second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly (Sunday, 24 July 2022). We celebrate together so that we ensure "no one lives this day in loneliness." The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). Please pray for our grandparents and all seniors. Spend some time together and celebrate this day.

BINGO: The following people donated to our June Bingo draw; Joe Byrne, Alvina George, Bill Griffin, Joan Hutchings, Pat Jones, Victoria Murphy, Barbara O'Blenis, Assumpta Roche, and Veronica Stone. Congratulations go to Joan Hutchings on winning the \$50.00. The parish received \$95.00. The monthly winners, in order, from Sept 2021 to June 2022 were as follows, Alvina George, Edward McGrath, Karen Roche, Debbie Allen, Tom George, Karen Roche, Hilda Butt, Tom George, Maxine Staples, and Joan Hutchings. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all who took part in the monthly draws. Wishing all our parishioners and friends a very happy and healthy summer.

ADVANCE NOTICE- CEMETERY MASSES:

Mount Cecilia Cemetery (Sacred Heart Parish) -Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 pm Benoit's Cove, Old RC Cemetery - Thursday, July 21 at 7:00 pm Mount Patricia Cemetery -Tuesday, July 26th at 7:00 pm Townsite Cemetery - Wednesday, July 27th at 7:00 pm. In the event of rain, the mass will be held at the local Parish Church.

POPE'S PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA: Dear

Brothers & Sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to each one of you through our Lord, Jesus Christ. As we await Pope Francis pilgrimage to Canada, I ask that you join me in prayer, together with the entire Church, as we call upon God to instill his peace and healing upon the First Peoples of this land. This visit is unlike the Papal visits of old, characterized by large venues and huge crowds. Pope Francis is coming with one purpose and one intention: to listen to the plight of our First Peoples, the pain that they endured through the Church's involvement in residential schools and to address that pain through words and gestures of contrition and healing. In this way, his visit can be characterized as a pilgrimage that is in keeping with Christ's desire to reconcile us, not only to the Father, but to each other. Please join me in praying for the success of this pilgrimage. I implore you, not so much on behalf of the Church, but on behalf of those who seek healing and reconciliation. May Christ touch their hearts with the grace they need to know greater peace. Fraternally in Christ, Bishop Bart van Roijen

HUMOUR:

Why are gulls named seagulls? – If they were by the bay, they'd be bagels.

CATHEDRAL - ADORATION: Relationships are built by spending time with the ones we love. This is, especially, true when it comes to our relationship with Christ. The Cathedral Parish will be hosting a weekly hour of prayer in the presence of Christ, exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. This begins Thursday July 21st between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. With the help of a short liturgy of the word, followed by some words of instruction and inspiration, and interspersed with a hymn, we invite everyone to meet the Lord in his greatest gift to us. Christ is knocking... Let us hasten to meet him.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Archbishop Howley Council no 2581 of the Knights of Columbus will be celebrating the icon pilgrimage of St. Joseph with a liturgy on July 20th at 7pm at the Cathedral of the most Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception. All Knights and parishioners of churches in the area are cordially invited to attend. Thank you.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The

Society will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 21, at 7:00p.m. in the basement of the Cathedral. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.

