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“Lord, do you not care that my sister
has left me by myself to do the serving?
Tell her to help me.”

Luke 10:40

July 17, 2022, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Lk.10:41.

The story of Martha and Mary of Bethany follows the parable of the Good Samaritan in chapter 10 of the Gospel of Luke. Like the Good Samaritan parable which we heard in last Sunday's Gospel proclamation, this little story is only found in the Gospel of Luke. However, we do know from the Gospel of John that "Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus." Jesus must have been a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is kind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is necessary-- listening to him.

In the early centuries of Christianity, the teachers and preachers typically used Martha as representative of the active life of good works and Mary as exemplifying the contemplative life. And because the Divine Mater, Jesus, said that Mary had chosen the better part, the contemplative life was said to be a more excellent than the active life of good works. This is ironic because in the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus teaches that loving God and loving our neighbor is one commandment. So, too, Martha and Mary should not be divided into two "camps."

St. Teresa of Avila weighs in on this dichotomy, that is, the separation of Martha and Mary, and the supposed superiority of the contemplative life. In her famous book The Interior Castle, she writes, "Believe me, Martha and Mary must work together when they offer the Lord lodging, and must have Him ever with them, and they must not entertain Him badly and give Him nothing to eat. And how can Mary give Him anything, seated as she is at His feet, unless her sister helps her? His food consists in our bringing Him souls, in every possible way, so that they may be saved and may praise Him forever." In the book, Way of Perfection, St. Teresa says, "Martha and Mary walk together." In another place, Teresa says, "Martha and Mary never fail to work together," Meditation on the Song of Songs. In the Book of Her Life, Teresa says, "There is no lack of humility in wanting be Mary before having worked with Martha." It seems that Teresa thought a lot about the relationship between the active life of good works and contemplative prayer. Like Mary, we must listen to Jesus when he says, "I thirst". We must act like Martha to bring him the souls he for whom thirsts.

So, even though Our Lord says that Mary has chosen the better part, he was not really disparaging the work of Martha. Whatever we do, we must not forget the one thing necessary-to listen to the Lord. As the psalmist says, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord," Ps. 34:8



On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of **Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus** into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are celebrated each year as an Obligatory Memorial on **July 29**.

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

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We Need You

Santa Cruz Church is in great need of devoted people to help distribute Holy Communion during Sunday Mass. If interested, there will be a formation/training workshop at La Capilla on Saturday, July 30th from 8:00 am to noon. Please spend a few moments in prayer discerning if God is calling you to this beautiful ministry. Even if you not interested in serving all are invited to attend the workshop to gain a deeper understanding of the Eucharist, the summit and source of our faith.

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Lo Necesitamos A Usted

La Iglesia de Santa Cruz tiene una gran necesidad de personas devotas que ayuden a distribuir la Sagrada Comunión durante la Misa dominical. Si está interesado, habrá un taller de formación/entrenamiento en La Capilla de Guadalupe el Sábado, 30 de julio de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm.

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In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 16th

8:00am J.C. Andersen/R.I.P.

5:30pm Estela & Jorge Carreon/R.I.P.

Sunday, July 17th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Maria Vu/R.I.P.

10:00am David Norzagaray & Jeannie Acuña/R.I.P.

12:00pm Joe Bernal & Ramon A. Mendibles/R.I.P.

6:00pm Catherine Krygsman/R.I.P.

Monday, July 18th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Special Int./Denise Martinez & Family

Tuesday, July 19th

Peter Phan/R.I.P.

8:00am Special Int./The Aytona Family

Wednesday, July 20th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Freddie Joseph/R.I.P.

Thursday, July 21st

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am J.C. Andersen/R.I.P.

Friday, July 22nd

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Delma Huggins/R.I.P.

Parish Collection July 3rd, 2022

Collection: **\$ 4,043.93**

Peter's Pence Collection: **\$ 841.18**

Parish Collection July 10th, 2022

Collection: **\$ 4,744.50**

Thanking You for Your Service to Our Parish

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

*Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols: social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, *12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

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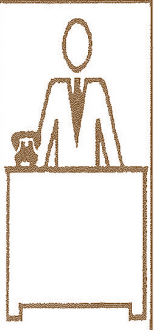
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