

July 24 & 25, 2010

## eventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to “ask...seek...knock”. May our prayer open us to God’s will, and so build up his strength within us. In baptism, we have died with Christ, and have been raised to life with him.*

Colossians 1:24-28

the

among us

Sunday, July 18; Luke 10:38-42

*Martha, Martha... (Luke 10:41)*

What a classic example how closeness with God trumps religious activity! We all can see how Martha was focused on doing things for Jesus: cooking, cleaning, and making Jesus comfortable. Obviously, she couldn't see that Jesus cared more about sharing a conversation that sharing a perfect meal.

But didn't James tell us that anyone who listens to the word of God and doesn't do what it says is like someone who gazes into a mirror and then immediately forgets what he looks like (*James 1:22-24*)? Perhaps Martha was onto something after all. Yes, she was a bit too preoccupied with the demands of hospitality, but maybe she was just trying her best to be a doer of the word and not just a hearer. Maybe she understood that you can't have real communion with God without service.

This message certainly applies to our relationship with God, but it also applies to our relationships with one another. Scripture tells us to “*serve one another through love*” (*Galatians 5:13*), to “*strive for peace with everyone*” (*Hebrews 12:14*), and to use our God-given gifts to take care of each other (*Peter 4:10*). We don't grow in love for each other simply by talking, after all. We grow by doing things for each other!

Jesus didn't rebuke Martha for being a servant. That would contradict so much of his teaching—and so much of his own example. No, he wanted her to see that she has allowed anxiety and stress to control her more than simplicity and love. He wanted her to see that she lost her temper because she had lost her perspective.

Jesus wants to speak to us just as he spoke to Martha. He wants to invite us to sit with him and receive his abundant love. At the same time, he wants to give us energy for the work he's called us to. May we all eat the Bread of Life, then go out, and give away what God has given us

*“Lord, thank you for calling me into your service! I delight in serving you because I love you.”*

Genesis 18:10; Psalm 15:2-5;

### ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL MIGRANT SHOE DISTRIBUTION

Remember how excited you were about going shopping for school clothes and for 'cool' shoes. Please send a donation to Sr. Nora to help the migrant children get excited too. It's not too late to send to Sr. Nora Brick's annual Migrant Children's Back to School Campaign. Your donation of \$10 will provide a gift certificate that will give a migrant child the opportunity to select the style and size of the shoes he/she would like to wear "Back to School" this fall. Please help. I sent my donation, have you? Send to:

SHOES

c/o House of Prayer

PO Box 619

Bradenton, FL 34206

### Room for the Spirit

SPRING/SUMMER 2010 PROGRAMS

DAY SESSIONS: Sanderlin Center/2345-22 Ave So.

EVENINGS: Christ Gospel Church/2512-22 Ave So.

Maintaining Healthy

Boundaries

Wed, August 25 @ 10:30-1:30PM (lunch)

Repeated @ 6:30-8:30PM (light snacks/desserts)

Presenter: Carol Mitchell, Ph.E.

Self Esteem: A Gift We Give

Ourselves

Wed, Sept 22, 10:30am-1:30pm (lunch)

Repeated @ 6:30-8:30pm (snacks/desserts)

Presenter: Barbara Williams

SAVE THE DATE:

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Dinner For  
Clergy & Religious

The Knights of Columbus, Council 5131 are pleased to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Dinner for Clergy & Religious. It is to be held in the banquet hall of **St. Therese of Lemieux Byzantine Catholic Church, 4365-13<sup>th</sup> Ave. No. on Fri, Nov 5 @ 6:30 p.m.** We have invited the clergy and religious from the

five parishes served by members of our council. Please save this date and show your expression of gratitude and appreciation for our dedicated leaders.

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Tithing the weekend of July 17-18, 2010

**Loose Collection** 1,170.00  
**Envelopes** 1,847.00  
**TOTAL** 3,017.00

Thank You for Your  
 Generosity!

**Reflections-17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** *Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel. "Whoever asks, receives: whoever seeks, finds: whoever knocks, is admitted. But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.*

Faith Community  
 Nurse

by Carolyn Drzycimski

**Worry can ware us down!**

Worrying not only robs us of quality sleep but it also sets off a surge of stress hormones that rev us up and then saps our energy stores and makes us tired. Here's some instant fixers to try:

- Take 10 deep breaths in through your nose & our through your mouth.
- Calm yourself by sitting still in a chair for 10 minutes. Light a scented candle & listen to soothing classical music with your eyes closed.
- When you're constantly anxious, write down 5 things that are bothering you & then address at least one of them.

**LAST 5:**

**Nun Grading Papers in a Catholic Elementary School—Pay special attention to the wording & spelling: Asked about the Old & New Testaments:**

21. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 *decibls*.
22. The *Epistels* were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the *oppossums* was St. Matthew who was also a *taximan*.
24. St. Paul *cavorted* to Christianity, he preached holy *acrimony* which is another name for marriage.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called *monotony*.

**FLORIDA BLOOD SERVICES**

This summer, please be a Good Samaritan to patients in need by giving blood. Donations are down, but the need for blood is not. If you are healthy, age 16 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds, chances are you

can be a lifesaving donor. Call your Florida Blood Services at **1-800-68-BLOOD(25663)** or visit [www.fbsblood.org](http://www.fbsblood.org) for donation locations. Please help your neighbors in need by donating blood. Thank you for caring and sharing.

**July 24 & 25, 2010**

**Servers for Sat, July 24 & Sun, July 25**

**Reader: Sat, 5pm Vigil:** Don Pokorny  
**EM:** Betty Pokorny-Kevin Burnett  
**Reader: Sun, 10am:** Jerry Junevicus  
 Altar Servers: Kailah Britten-Adon Robinson-Ciera Lynch  
**EM: Host:** Mary Hornickle **Cup:** David Sullivan-Maria Salley-Susie Ajoc-Denise Grant

**Servers for Sat, July 31 & Sun, Aug 1**

**Reader: Sat, 5pm Vigil:** Geri Bowie  
**EM:** Betty Pokorny-Susie Ajoc  
**Reader: Sun, 10am:** Bob Shannon  
 Altar Servers: Shaina Buck-Adon Robinson-Somalia Calloway  
**EM: Host:** Susie Ajoc **Cup:** Josephine DeFeo-Theresa Ferree-Elton Scott-Mary Hornickle

Always check your own schedule as well as the one in the Sacristy to verify the accuracy of this typist.  
 This reporting is a COURTESY and is not always accurate.

Prayer List

Please pray for our **SICK PARISHIONERS** and remember them with phone calls and cards. If you know of a sick parishioner not listed below, or if your name needs to be removed please contact the parish office, 822-2153.

Ella Clark...Mikki Considine...Eugene Danzey  
 Kathryn Davis...Linda Drzycimski  
 Louise Harvey...Mary Linquanti  
 Judy Sauer...Lillian Waters

**Mass Intentions**

Sat, July 24, 5pm *Deceased graduates of St. Paul's High School class of 1962,* Pat Tynan, Louise Bourbonnaise, Julie Shreve, & Sunny Sherman

Sun, July 25, 10am *Living & Deceased members of the Albert & Reece Families*

Mon, July 26, 8am +Fr. Anthony Maceli

Tues, July 27, 8am **NO MASSES ON TUESDAYS**

Wed, July 28, 8am +Cynthia Larocque

Thurs, July 29, 8am +Fr. Anthony Maceli

Fri, July 30, 8am +Fr. Anthony Maceli

Sat, July 31, 8am +Fr. Anthony Maceli

**READINGS: Week of July 25, 2009**

Sun: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13 Mon: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35 Tues: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43 Wed: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46 Thurs: Jer 18:1-6/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Fri: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58 Sat: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

**God Bless our Men & Women in Uniform**

"Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect them, particularly those in harm's way. Most of all, let them know your love: that you are with them and will

never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

**Amen.**

***Please, God, return all the men & women serving in the armed services in countries around the world.....home safe!***