

JULY 21, 2013

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*"Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."*  
Luke 10:42

The story of Martha and Mary reminds us that God wants each of us to serve Him, just as Martha so graciously served. However, we will never know what God wants us to do unless we spend some time like Mary did, just sitting quietly at God's feet and listening to His words.

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#### PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Office:  
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#### MASSES

Sundays: Anticipated on Saturdays at 4:00pm  
Sunday mornings: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am

Holy Days: As Announced

Weekdays: 6:00am Monday and Wednesday  
8:00am Monday thru Saturday

Communion Services Weekdays: 6:00am Tuesday,  
Thursday and Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
Saturday; 3:00-3:45pm

#### HANDICAPPED SEATING

The front pews - Holy Communion will be distributed at the pew. Contact priest before Mass. *Wheelchair is available.*

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Articles need to be at the rectory by noon on Monday to be considered. All requests are subject to available space. Bulletin articles may be sent by e-mail to [glenpolitte@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glenpolitte@sbcglobal.net)

#### DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena after 8:00am Mass

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, July 21, 2013

7:00am For John  
 9:00am Justin Heine  
 11:00am Parishioners

### Monday, July 22, 2013

6:00am Purgatorial Society  
 8:00am Louis (dec) & Loretta (liv) Inserra

### Tuesday, July 23, 2013

6:00am Communion Service  
 8:00am Julie Isaak (healing)

### Wednesday, July 24, 2013

6:00am Edward Slavik  
 8:00am Vernon Foerstel



### Thursday, July 25, 2013

6:00am Communion Service  
 8:00am Ella Furges

### Friday, July 26, 2013

6:00am Communion Service  
 8:00am Jane Jackson

### Saturday, July 27, 2013

8:00am Mike Reben, Jr.  
 4:00pm John Grimaud

### Sunday, July 28, 2013

7:00am Stella Kamadulski  
 9:00am Ann O'Connor  
 11:00am Chris Rehor

Pray for Vocations!

## Next Sunday's Readings

July 28, 2013

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C



### Genesis 18:1-10a

Abraham, veteran God-watcher, prepares a feast for his heavenly guests.

### Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

Those who do the right thing will be at peace in God's presence.

### Colossians 1:24-28

What was once the promise of Israel is now the hope of all the world.

### Luke 10:38-42

Mary and Martha both respond to the presence of Jesus, but in different ways.

## Ministers of the Liturgy - July 27 & 28

Saturday, July 27, 2013 - 4:00pm

*Servers:* Meagan Barbeau & Brendan Wozniak

*Lectors:* Sister Carolyn

*Greeters:* Evelyn Lampe

Sunday, July 28, 2013 - 7:00am

*Servers:* Steve Willey

*Lectors:* Ken Gebken

*Greeters:* Mary Ann Schuette

Sunday, July 28, 2013 - 9:00am

*Servers:* Aidan Finn & Billy Street

*Lectors:* Ray Heine

*Greeters:* Tom Mendel

Sunday, July 28, 2013 - 11:00am

*Servers:* Ashlyn Finn & Ronnie Hart

*Lectors:* Tim Howard

*Greeters:* Allen & Kay Brillhart

## Schedule of Events

### Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Bible Study 8:30am, Priest house

Food Pantry 4-6:30pm

### Thursday, July 25, 2013

Food Pantry Open 6-8pm

Scripture Study 7pm Parish Center

### Friday, July 26, 2013

Church cleaning after 8 am Mass

all-night Eucharistic Vigil of Prayer and Reparation

9pm in Church

### Saturday, July 27, 2013

Food Pantry 9:30am-12pm (noon)

## Stewardship

Contributions shown are for 7/14/13

Envelopes.....\$3843.00

Loose.....\$805.30

Maintenance.....\$357.00

Envelopes used.....147



The Adoration Chapel of St. George needs more

committed adorers. There are currently 11 open

hours that must be filled, Sunday, 1 am & 10 am,

Monday, 1am, 2am, 6am & 7pm, Tuesday, 3pm,

Thursday, 1am & 12pm and Saturday 12am &

10am. Call Kay Brillhart at 631.3679 or Olga Leonard at 351.3853 if

you can commit to these or any other hour.



## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Today's Scriptures

Talk about guests who take over! The appearance of “three men,” whom the text has tipped the reader off to know represent God, sent Abraham into a frenzy of hospitality. Jesus’ arrival at the home of Martha and Mary had a similar effect, putting the former sister into a panic of preparation. If you’re looking for lessons about the relative value of housework or familial relationships, though, look somewhere else, because these stories actually describe different kinds of reactions to the sudden arrival of important guests (Abraham and Sarah hop to it while Martha seems more put out).

What these stories really deal with is the importance of paying attention to who the guests are. Abraham and Sarah sensed they had more than ordinary desert travelers in their midst, and Mary recognized the presence of her Teacher. Those three decided to count themselves among the ones to whom, in the words of the Letter to the Colossians, “God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery.”

—Joel Schorn-[www.preparetheword.com](http://www.preparetheword.com)

**The inner word:** *What's in your heart?*

If three mysterious strangers appeared at your door, would you, as Abraham did, beg them to stay—let alone even let them in? Would you frantically take care of them and get a huge meal ready? Maybe you would if you had a feeling they were something more than they seemed and might have something very important to say. In his monastic *Rule* Saint Benedict said, “All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35).”

\* Who are the strangers, the outsiders in your life? How can you welcome them “as Christ”?

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**Jesus is here. Are you?**

*Presence.* Not the kind that get wrapped up in paper and ribbon but the sort that means steady, available, accessible attentiveness. We talk about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is here, in our midst. You can reach out and touch him. In the Real Presence, we understand that God is here for us.

When it comes to real presence, you have to be there to get it, or to give it. It's the thing children want most from their parents and spouses seek most from each other. After the kids have grown, of course, it's elderly parents who wish for a little presence from their children again. In times of loneliness or distress, we want our friends to be present with us in this way. When we're sick or troubled sometimes we need the presence of another person more than we need words, or medicines, or doctors.

So imagine that Jesus comes into your home today. Where do you want to be? On the computer? Watching television? Talking on the phone? In the garage? Cooking up a mad feast in the kitchen?

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Of course the best way to encounter Jesus is to sit with him. To listen to his words. As with the people we love most, you may want to take his hand and look into his eyes, give him your full attention. You want to drink in every moment of this visit, this precious time of intimacy.

Abraham goes into a frenzy preparing a full-course dinner for three heavenly visitors—including an entire steer—never mind that the Bible makes it clear many times that angels don't eat. Abraham's need to be hospitable is accepted graciously, but the angels are really only waiting him out. They simply want to talk to him.

Often we make the same mistake. A long-lost friend shows up, and we switch into high gear with elaborate preparations that defeat the very purpose of the visit: to talk and be together, to renew the old intimacy. So we understand very well why Martha wants to bang her pots and pans and why Mary can't bring herself to leave Jesus for a moment. It is for this purpose that he has come. Truthfully Jesus can dine anywhere, but he can only enjoy these friendships right here.

In the midst of the grand doing that comprises much of our religious practice and our faithful service to God in many worldly matters, there is also this need for true presence from us. God is here. Where are we? It may take a sacramental miracle for God to be truly present here, but it shouldn't take another for us to offer full presence in return. Sit. Say hello. Listen.

—Alice Camille-[www.preparetheword.com](http://www.preparetheword.com)

## Questions Catholics ask

### WHAT IS CONTEMPLATION?

MARY of Bethany had “chosen the better part” when she sat at Jesus' feet and listened to him speak. Without judging one over the other, you might say Mary opted for a contemplative pose rather than the activity of her sister Martha.

In the HarperCollins *Encyclopedia of Catholicism*, contemplation is defined as “prayer in which reasoning and structure give way to a focus on God's presence.” It's generally contrasted with meditation, which actively engages the mind to dwell on a particular passage from scripture; an icon or image; or perhaps a virtue or attribute of God. Contemplation seeks to empty the self and self-consciousness in favor of God-consciousness.

Writers on this subject caution us to remember that contemplation is not a prayer style; it is meant to be a lifestyle. It's a way of being, not only a way of praying. When we learn how to empty the self so that we can be in the presence of God and be filled with that presence, we aren't meant to dissolve that union and “go back to real life” afterwards. Contemplation is, in this sense, playing for keeps. Those who surrender to the contemplative life appreciate that best of all.

—Alice L. Camille

Adapted from <http://tinyurl.com/n4of5yo>

## Sign & sacrament

Please stop fussing and sit for a minute

As essentially Christian and counter-intuitive as "love your enemies may be," Jesus' defending Mary's "laziness" over her hard-working sister Martha seems even more outrageous and unfair! If Americans love and believe in anything, it is hard work. It's what gives us identity. I'm a farmer, an attorney, a physicist, a salesperson. So how can Jesus tell poor Martha, who just burned her fingers taking the soufflé out of the oven and could use a little help in the kitchen, that her sister has chosen the "better part"? It's a matter of priority. We can imagine Jesus saying, "Martha, can't we just get take-out? I came to visit you, not your cuisine. I know you show love by your hard work, but you mean so much more to me than what you do. Come sit here with me."

For more "Sign & sacrament" material, search the Prepare the Word database by today's scripture reading, a particular theme, or a special occasion.

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**St. George Parish School of Religion invites you to be a part of our program, for volunteer opportunities please call Monica Johnson 314-695-4687.**

### VACATION SCHEDULE

The following priests will celebrate Masses at St. George during the period from July 25 to July 31.

July 25	8 a.m.	Fr. Albers
July 26	8 a.m.	Fr. Albers
July 27	8 a.m.	Fr. Albers
July 27	4 p.m.	Fr. Richard Tillman
Fr. Tillman will hear confessions 3-3:45 on July 27		
July 28	7 a.m.	Fr. Albers
July 28	9 a.m.	Fr. Tillman
	11 a.m.	Fr. Tillman
July 29	6 a.m.	Fr. Albers
	8 a.m.	Fr. Gene Utrup
July 30	8 a.m.	Fr. Albers
July 31	6 a.m.	Fr. Albers
	8 a.m.	Fr. Gene Utrup



Help children who are disadvantaged start the school year with the supplies they need. We are asking parish families to please support the St. Patrick Center Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway. Donors can purchase pre-assembled backpacks online at <http://www.americanstudentsupply.com/SPC-Backpack-Giveaway>. This is a tax free purchase with complimentary delivery to St. Patrick Center.

For more information, contact Christian Niswonger at 314-802-5489 or [cniswonger@stpatrickcenter.org](mailto:cniswonger@stpatrickcenter.org)

## Please Pray For...



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Betty Garamella	Anne McGowan	
Caroline Garcia	Shirley Melber	

**A Baby Shower for Hillsboro Birthright** will be held for the month of July. All new and gently used items for expectant mothers and their newborn infants up to two years of age can be placed in the play pen in the back of church. Thanks for your support to giving LIFE to the unborn.

## Respect Life!

The monthly all-night Eucharistic Vigil of Prayer and Reparation will be held Friday, July 26, 2013 at St. George Church, 4980 Heege Rd. beginning at 9pm and continuing until 4:45am. Holy Mass is offered at 10pm and midnight. The vigil schedule includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, Stations of the Cross, recitation of the rosary, processions and other prayers from the vigil booklet. If you are not able to spend the entire night in prayer and adoration please consider spending 1 or 2 hours with Our Lord in reparation for the sins of the world and intercede for the needs of your family, our church, our country, our world.



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