

PARISH CALENDAR

Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

July 21, 2019

The Lord sustains my soul!

Saturday, July 20	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 21	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 22	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, July 23	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, July 24	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	.... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, July 25	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 5:30 p. m.	Feeding Menu -Teri or Hamburger Patty's
Friday, July 26	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, July 27	.... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Gen:18:20-32: Abraham intercedes with God on behalf of Sodom

Col:2:12-14: the baptized participate in Christ's death and resurrection

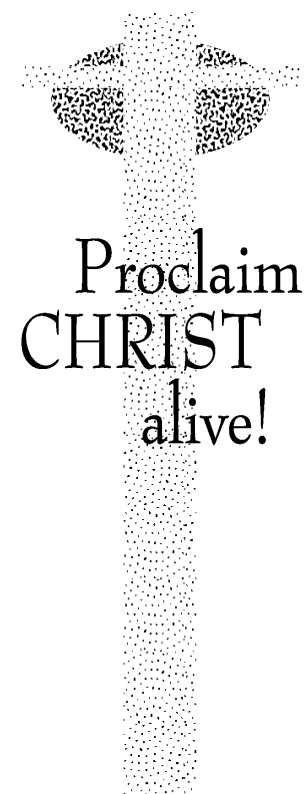
Luke:11 :1-13: Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray

There is a lot of scurrying around in two of today's readings. In the first, Abram is almost frenetic in his activity. The three men he sees from afar draw him from his tent. He is effusive in his welcome and generous in his hospitality. But my! does he scurry around. First he insists that the three unexpected visitors stay a spell. Then he hastens to the tent to give orders to Sarai, who is in charge of baking the bread. Next he runs off to get a servant cracking. It is Abram who waits on these three, who seem to function as one. Three inquire about Sarai, and one, who is clearly omniscient if not prophetic, knows Sarai wishes for a child and promises one before the year is out.

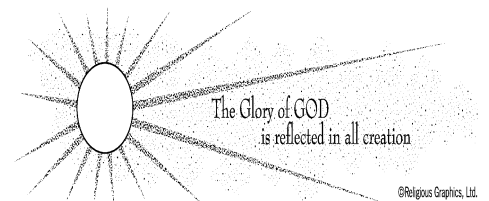
These visitors remain shrouded in mystery. They may reflect the familiar and casual comings and goings of God, which one finds in the early writings in Genesis, or the three may stand for some kind of angelic presence. In the letter to the Hebrews, the author clearly had Abraham's visitors in mind when he admonished his readers: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (Hebrews 13:1-2). Whoever it was who arrived at Abram's tent that day and ate a feast in the shade of the tree in Mamre, they certainly received the gifts of Abram and Sarai's hospitality. And the newly named Abraham and Sarah received an unasked-for gift: the promise of a child, a promise that was fulfilled against all odds.

The Gospel tells of another visitor and two hostesses—Martha and Mary. Martha's problem is that she is overly fussy about the task at hand—preparing a meal. It probably wouldn't have made a lot of difference had Mary been at Martha's side. Jesus wants Martha to settle down, not because her domestic work is unimportant, but because her work seems to have become disproportionately absorbing.

When we come up against a saying of Jesus that seems uncharacteristic of him, we need to check the saying against his whole life. Such is the case here. Clearly he was not against work; we see that he worked hard and steadily. He found time for everyone who came to him. Though he regularly sought quiet times of prayer, he also interrupted the times of prayer when people came to him. (See, for example, Mark 1:35–39.) It cannot be that Jesus categorically prefers prayerful contemplation to necessarily daily work. Some deeper understanding must be intended. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Food Pantry needs you help! Our supplies are low, we are in need of the following non-perishable canned goods items, **Corn Beef, Spam, Vienna Sausages. Pork & Beans, any type of canned vegetables, soups, rice or pasta.** If you are able to assist with any of the above items, please bring it to Mass with you and place in our basket! Mahalo, for helping us feed the needy in our community!

MAHALO NUI LOA FOR SHOWING YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND: The Office of Vocations would like to say MAHALO for your generous contribution from all the parishioners and parishes throughout the diocese! The **2019 SPECIAL S. E. F. COLLECTION** helps in covering the cost of our seminarians at different levels of education to be trained for the priesthood, and to serve the faithful in the diocese of Honolulu. Mahalo for your generosity! **“Your reward shall be great in heaven!” (Luke 6:23)**

WORD OF LIFE: “As a mom who had my first bay in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. However, I also know that an unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew was possible—not to mention the little bundle who inspires these sentiments!” **“USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”**

WEEKLY READINGS

Jul 21 Sun: 16TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen:18:1-10a ; Ps:15; Col:1:24-28; Lk:10:38-42

Jul 22 Mon: Saint Mary Magdalene

Songs:3:1-4b; Ps:63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt:10:34-11:1

Jul 23 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Exo:14:21-15:1; Exo:15:8-9, 10 & 12, 17; Mt:12:46-50

Jul 24 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Exo:16:1-5, 9-15; Ps:78: 18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt:13:1-9

Jul 25 Thur: Saint James Apostle

2 Cor:4:7-15; Ps:126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt:20:20-28

Jul 26 Fri: Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exo:20:1-17; Ps:19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Mt:13:18-23

Jul 27 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Exo:24:3-8; Ps:50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt:13:18-23

Hospitality

The art and grace of welcoming another into one's home run deeply in Hebrew and Middle Eastern tradition. There are endless instances of this in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. In the second law (Deuteronomy) the Jews are advised to remember that once they, too, were a wandering people, and it is their obligation and honor to welcome the stranger and alien among them. Opening heart and hearth and room and board to another is truly a holy act, as we recall today.

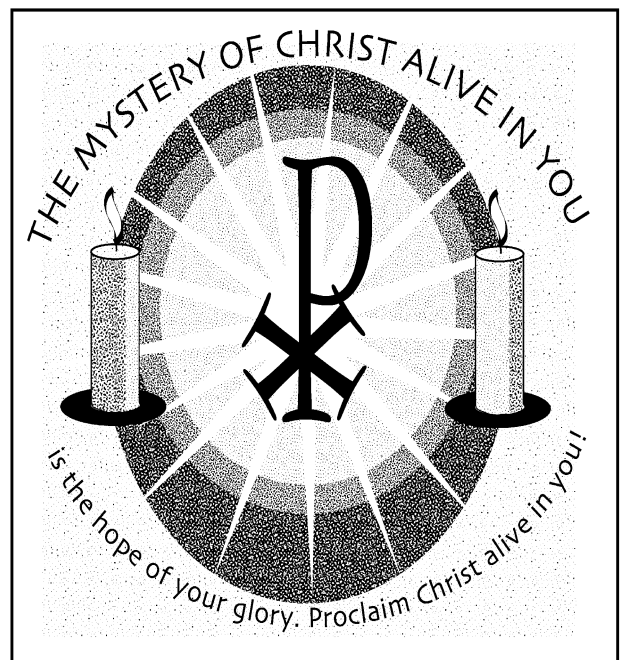
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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayerful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spiritual lives. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life need some serious attention? **International Catholic Stewardship Council)**

Reflection

Like constant fretful work, prayer can also become a lopsided concern if one uses prayer to avoid assuming responsibility for action when action is called for. Maintaining a balance between the two is a constant concern of the Church. The story of Martha and Mary can help us with this very issue. Truth to tell, Martha usually ends up getting short shrift. She is often seen as the bustling, irritated busybody. Mary, the contemplative one, is always given the highest praise. But it isn't this easy. We know this from personal experience and from our reading of the history of the Church. Even within the Benedictine community, the problem endures. The monastic order whose ideal is ora et labora, prayer and work, has struggled for over 1,450 years to maintain the balance. Which is an interruption of which? Does one take time out from work to pray? Does one take time off from prayer to work? One feeds the other, of course. But how and in what proportion? This is a good question for us to solve for ourselves. If we are too busy to pray, then we are too busy. If our prayer doesn't lead to effective action, then our prayer is inauthentic. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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