21st July 2019 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of the Pastor ....

It’s the easiest thing in the world to get one’s priorities wrong. It happened to Martha. It’s amazing how the trivia jump to the forefront and clamor for immediate attention, whereas the important things are left to later, perhaps forgotten and remain undone, or if they are done are rushed and consequently badly done!

Martha and Mary welcomed the Lord to their house. The first thing Martha thought about was to prepare a good meal for him – a very kind hospitable thought.

Being a very practical woman, she got down to work at once. There was a lot of work involved because as far as she was concerned only the very best was good enough for Jesus. We can easily sympathize with her. We can even admire her.

Could she have her priorities wrong?

Was there something more important that she was neglecting? Jesus, the eternal Word of God was in her home, .... how .. if she could choose to listen to Him and be present to Him with her whole mind, heart and soul!

Martha is not simply busy, but too busy so much that all her time is consumed in being ‘busy’. She is anxious and distressed, troubled and agitated. She has become a slave of her own duties ... a slave of her own making! Busy being busy .......

Mary, appears to get her priorities right. First things first. So she sits at his feet and drinks in his words. “Mary has chosen the better part”.

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is conducted during the 9:30 am and 12:30 pm masses. All school age children are invited to participate. Parents are urged to consider supporting this ministry to help our children to understand the Sunday Mass. Readings better at their own level. If you would like your child to participate in the Children’s Liturgy on Sundays, please arrive 15 minutes before the mass starts to sign up your child and for the children to stand in line at the front of the church ready to be part of the procession. The sign up material will be supplied to you before Mass.

To sign up please contact Sonia Urquilla, the person in charge of the program.

Save the date for the “San Lorenzo Ruiz dinner and dance”

The FPC (Filipino Pastoral Council) of St. John the Evangelist will have their annual dinner and dance to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz. The dinner and dance is scheduled for September 28, 2019. More details will follow.

Celebration of “Divino Salvador del Mundo”

‘Grupos Renacer’ of St. John the Evangelist invite you all to the celebration of Divino Salvador del Mundo, on August 4th after the 12:30 pm mass. There will be a small celebration afterwards in the church hall. Donations are greatly appreciated, please contact Sonia Urquilla at (415) 641-4406 or America Romero at (650) 951-2907. We hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Council #815 Highlights

On July 6th the Knights of Columbus Council # 815 of St. John the Evangelist conducted the installation of their new Officers for the new year: Grand Knight - Michael Bennett, Deputy Grand Knight - Al Roque, Jr., Financial Secretary - Flaviano Redublando; Chancellor - Manny Sison; Recorder - Robert Piwowarski; Treasurer - Joe Matranga; Advocate - Luke Lowery; Warden - Henry Falcon; Guards - David Garcia and Robert McCall; Trustees - Merlin Cayabyab, Paul Limpin and Jay Salvador.

Former Grand Knight Rojelio Rodriguez has been selected as State District Deputy for the Coming Year. We congratulate all of the above mentioned Knights and pray for them as they embark upon their new responsibilities.

Are you called to be a Knight?

Do you want to support your Church, family and your community? Then consider becoming a Knight of Columbus. Council #815 welcomes the participation of all Catholic men 18 years of age and older. Contact Michael Bennett at (415) 279-7542 or Paul Limpin at (415) 823-9911 for further information.

Martha & Mary ....Jesus Christ and his disciples stopped at the house of Martha in Bethany, about two miles from Jerusalem. Her sister Mary lived there, along with their brother Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to his words. Martha, meanwhile, was distracted with preparing and serving the meal for the group.

For centuries people in the church have puzzled over the Mary and Martha story, knowing that someone has to do the work. The point of this passage, however, is about making Jesus and his word our first priority.

Today we come to know Jesus better through prayer, church attendance, and Bible study. Good works should flow from a Christ-centered life; they do not produce a Christ-centered life. When we give Jesus the attention he deserves, he empowers us to serve others. Have I put devotion to Christ and his word first, or am I more concerned about doing good deeds?