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Lord are you not concerned that my sister left me alone to do the household tasks?

*“Come,
my Way,
my Truth,
my Life.”*

Hymnal

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A Word From Our Rector

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

Luke 10:40

A monk was transferred to another monastery where all the inhabitants had to perform manual labor. The newcomer thought this rule too worldly. He told the monks that they attached too much importance to the meat that perishes. “Remember,” he said, “how our Lord commended Mary and blamed the busy Martha.”

Hearing this, the abbot had the new monk shown to a cell and given a book of spiritual reading. When noon came, the monk expected someone would call him to dinner. In vain he waited, for no one came. The hours passed slowly. Toward evening he left his cell and asked the first monk he met if the monks had eaten that day. “Of course,” the monk said, “we ate dinner at noon as usual.”

“Well, how come I was not asked to dinner?” he inquired. The abbot, who happened to come by at that moment, answered, “It is because you chose for yourself the better part, as Mary did, and seemed to consider it unnecessary to be solicitous about your daily bread. Now we, who work hard, cannot dispense with eating. Had there been no Martha to do the work Mary would not have been able to sit at Our Lord’s feet.”

The abbot, in effect was agreeing with Jesus, who knew the necessity of both the active and the contemplative life in each of us, the necessity of getting things done and the necessity of prayer.

Martha is typical of modern day people—busy, busy, busy. Now there’s nothing wrong with keeping busy. There are many good things to be busy about. Jesus was a busy man also! The crowds flocked around Him and He was busy teaching and healing. Yet He took time out for silence, time-out to listen to His heavenly Father, time out for prayer. Jesus said nothing new to Martha. She was His friend and He probably had to caution her



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often about her anxiety. On another occasion, Jesus tells us not to worry. “Which of you by worrying can add a moment to his life-span?” He tells us to learn from the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, which our heavenly Father takes care of always. “Stop worrying, then,” He said, “over questions like, ‘What are we to eat, or what are we to drink, or what are we to wear.’” He then tells us to seek first God’s kingship over us and His way of holiness (Mt. 6:21-34).

What Martha did not realize, back in the kitchen as she was cooking an elaborate dinner—sweat beading on her forehead and flour dusting her apron—was that her sister Mary, coolly sitting at the feet of Jesus, was actually being as caring and hospitable as she could. Mary’s offering was in the form of presence and availability to Jesus. She could have been present in the house, and unavailable, as was Martha, for Jesus. Instead she was present and available.

Presence and availability are the gifts offered from focus and attention. What Mary was able to do was to set aside self, and remain open to the healing, saving word from the Lord. This meant that Mary set aside her

concerns, so that by her very presence, she was undivided, but rather was focused on Jesus and His message. By remaining open for Jesus’ words, Mary allowed the Word to envelope her and surround her with joy and healing.

Now before you think that this message is one of near-impossibility, let us pause for a moment to remember why we gather for worship in Christ’s Name. We all live stress filled lives—even during the summer. For some of us, Sunday morning is the only time we have alone, or better translated, that is “free.” We are guarded about “giving away” any more of our time than need be, considering the many demands placed on each of us. However, for the Christian it is for us to set the priority that being with the Lord and the people of God, jointly, once a week, allows us that intentional time wherein we bring our cares, sorrows, joys and triumphs, and offer them on the altar.

This intentional “setting aside” of ourselves says in effect “I care about you, and there is nothing at this moment more important to me than you. I am fully present and available to hear what you

have to say.” It is the *cry of the beloved*, as Henri Nouwen would remind us, that allows the aching heart to seek solace and calm in the midst of a multitude of challenges offered to each of us every day. We quickly lose patience as soon as someone seems not to catch on to what we are trying to say or do. Fortunately for us, God never loses patience with us. He speaks to us in every new situation, even though we are often too busy or too slow to hear what God is saying.

When we listen to God, He gives us light by which our lives are guided. Listening to God, which is an important part of prayer, helps to clarify our vision. We begin to see what to do and why we should do it. Without divine guidance, we become, as Jesus once said, the blind leading the blind. However, in seeking that divine balance— that is active with the contemplative components of our common life in Christ, it is in the listening, to God, in our prayers, in praying the words of the liturgy, and in meeting Christ in friend and stranger, that we find the grace to live in that divine communion with Him who is the source of all.

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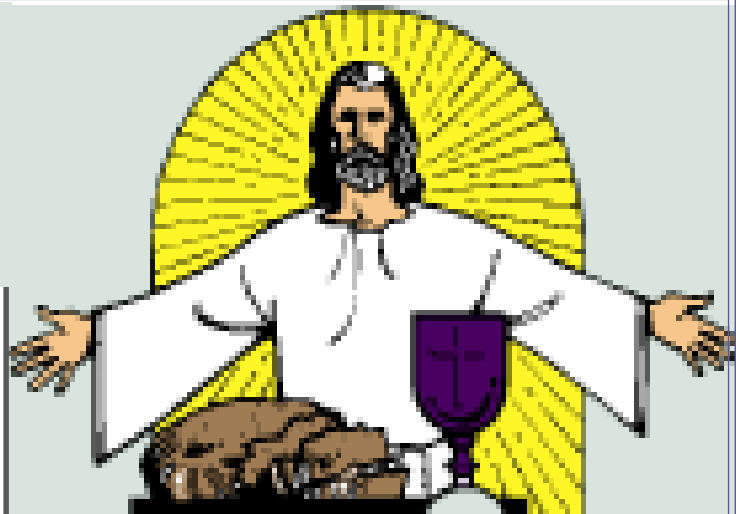


*“Martha, Martha,
you worry about so many things!”*

Our Lord’s words teach us that though we labor among the many distractions of this world, we should have only one goal. For we are but travelers on a journey without as yet a fixed abode; we are on our way, not yet in our native land; we are in a state of longing, but not yet of enjoyment. Let us continue on our way, and continue without sloth or respite, so that we may ultimately arrive at our destination.

Martha and Mary were sisters, related not only by blood but also by religious aspirations. They stayed close to our Lord and both served him harmoniously when he was among them. Martha welcomed him as a traveler is welcomed. But in her case, the maidservant received her Lord, the invalid her Savior, the creature her Creator, to serve him bodily food while she was to be fed by the Spirit. For the Lord willed to be put on the form of a slave, and under this form to be fed by his own servants, out of condescension and not of need. For this was indeed condescension, to present himself to be fed; since he was the flesh he would in fact be hungry and thirsty.

You, Martha, if I may say so, are blessed for your good service, and for your labors you seek the reward of peace. Now you are much



occupied in nourishing the body, admittedly a holy one. But when you come to the heavenly homeland will you find a traveler to welcome, someone hungry to feed, someone thirsty to whom you may give drink, someone with whom you could visit, or quarreling whom you could reconcile, or dead whom you could bury?

No, there will be none of these tasks there. What you will find there is what Mary chose. There we shall not feed others, but we ourselves shall be fed. Thus what Mary chose in this life will realized there in all its fullness. She was gathering fragments from that rich banquet, the Word of God. Do you wish to know what we will have there? The Lord himself tells us when he says of his servants: “Amen, I say to you, he will make them recline and passing he will serve them.”

—From a sermon by Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430 A.D.

Life Line Screening - Coming to St. Augustine’s

Screening for Stroke/Carotid Artery, Heart Rhythm, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Arterial Disease and Osteoporosis will be available at our church on August 16, 2010. Preregistration is required. Please call 1-800-679-5192 to register. Information will be available in the narthex and will also follow in the Sunday bulletins in the month of August. Remember to tell your loved ones, friends and neighbors about these life saving screenings and encourage them to call and make an appointment. Mark that date: August 16th!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 Independence Day 4 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Nursery Care / Story Hour 10:00 Choral Eucharist	 5 Office Closed 7:30 A.A. Meeting	 6 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Recovery Group
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 11 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Nursery Care / Story Hour 10:00 Choral Eucharist	12 7:30 A.A. Meeting	13 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Recovery Group
Eight Sunday after Pentecost 18 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Nursery Care / Story Hour 10:00 Choral Eucharist	19 7:30 A.A. Meeting	20 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Recovery Group
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 25 8:00 Holy Eucharist-Instructed 10:00 Nursery Care / Story Hour 10:00 Choral Eucharist-Instructed	26 10:00 Holy Eucharist St. James the Apostle 7:30 A.A. Meeting	27 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 6:30 Spirituality Book Group 7:00 Recovery Group Fr. John returns from Vacation



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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 5:30 Holy Eucharist
7 10:00 Holy Eucharist Healing	8 Fr. Mike returns from vacation.	9	10 5:30 Holy Eucharist
14 10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing 10:45 Summer Bible Study	15	16	17 5:30 Holy Eucharist Fr. John Vacation
21 10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing 10:45 Summer Bible Study	22 10:00 Holy Eucharist St. Mary Magdalene	23	24 5:30 Holy Eucharist
28 10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing 10:45 Summer Bible Study	29	30	31 5:30 Holy Eucharist



Operation Medicine Cabinet

Please do NOT throw medicines down the toilet! The Sheriff will take unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medication as part of the Operation Medicine Cabinet program. The next collection date is set for July 12, 2010, at the Indian River County Sheriffs Office, 4055 41st Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida 32960, from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm.



Clergy to be Away

Our clergy will be away during the month of July as they take some time off from their pastoral duties.

Father John and his wife, Betty, will be away starting on July 17 and returning on July 26.

Father Michael and Sharon will be away on June 28 and returning on July 8.

From The Parish Register:

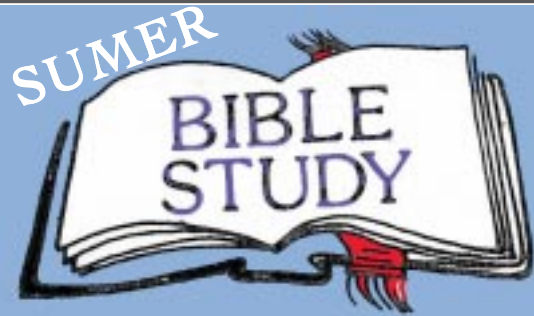
"Rest Eternal Grant to them, O Lord"

The Burial Office and Requiem Eucharist was offered on behalf of the soul of **Shirley Payne**, on May 1, 2010, at 11:00 am. Shirley is survived by her children, son Russell, daughter Jennifer and three grandchildren. Interment was in Winter Park, Florida.



The Burial Office and Requiem Eucharist was offered on behalf of the soul of **Ralph Albert Blakelock**, on May 22, 2010, at 11:00 am. Ralph is survived by his widow, Gloria, their four children, Bonnie Lee, Gloria, Laurie, and Ralph, Jr. Interment took place in the parish Columbarium, immediately following the requiem.

The Burial Office and Requiem Eucharist was also offered for Major **Joella Wallace McDowell**, U.S.A. (ret.), on May 29, 2010, at 11:00 am. Joella was a nurse in Army, during World War II, and retired after 23 years of service. She was predeceased by her husband, Colonel Samuel T. McDowell, U.S.A. (ret.), and leaves three sisters, Carlene Willis, Alice Wallace, and Blanche Evans, all from Vero Beach, Florida. Joella also had three children, Crossland Cox, of Clemson, South Carolina, and Turney McDowell, of Bradenton, Florida. Their second son, Samuel, Jr., was killed in action, while serving in the Army, during the Viet Nam War.



Beginning on July 14th, and continuing for the next six weeks, we will be conducting our summer Bible study, immediately following the 10:00 am celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays.

Our study this summer will be the Epistle to the Ephesians. In powerful poetic language drawn from early Christian hymns and the Jewish scriptures, St. Paul's epistle celebrates his vision of the church. According to God's eternal plan for humanity, Christ's death brought together both Jews and Gentiles into a new, unified community.

Why not come join us for a chance to "unpack" the scripture, and enjoy the gift of learning?



With the coming of July, our summer is in full swing, and the Church continues to offer the best she has to offer as we gather for Eucharist.

In addition to our regular weekend celebrations, we will be observing two major feast days in the month: the Feast of Mary Magdalene and the Feast of the apostle, James, son of Zebedee. On Thursday, July 22nd, we will commemorate the life and ministry of Mary Magdalene. Now

all the conspiracy theorists from Dan Brown's, *The Da Vinci Code*, can channel the goodness of a ministry well celebrated, as we hear about Mary's support of the ministry of Jesus. Monday, July 26th will see us remember the work of St. James the fisherman, one of the first to be called by Jesus to enter into the ministry. Both liturgies will be offered at 10:00 am in the parish church, and all are welcome to attend.



Story Hour and Nursery Care

With our Church School in summer recess, we are still offering an opportunity for our young people to experience the joys of the scripture through our "summer" Story Hour." The "Story Hour" and Nursery Care, will be during our 10:00 am service only, in the parish hall.

Young people too small to sit through the eucharist are invited to be with Ms. Christine Smith, as she teaches the Bible through story, arts, crafts, and games. Please avail yourselves of this caring time of learning and fun throughout this summer season.



The Spirituality Book Group



There will be **no classes July 6th. through July 20th.** The next meetings will be at 6:30 pm on July 27th which we will conclude the last chapter of the "Color of Water", this will also be our last class until the fall. Please note the changes on your calendar. See you in September!

July Anniversaries

6	Phil & Barbara Wright
12	Fr. Harry & MaryJane Hart
12	Edgar & Lois Jadwin
14	Richard & Ginny Flinchbaugh
14	Al & Jo-An Smukala
17	Robert & Kathleen Warren
20	Jack & Pat Martin
24	Ray & Muriel Paulsen
28	Rick & Diane Vidiri

July Birthdays

5	Keith Bennett	17	Blanche Evans
6	Gladys Nokes	18	Inge Curcio
8	Gaetan Arminio	18	Ann Howard
10	Rick Schreiner	21	Benjamin Wiggins
11	Pat Martin	24	Margaret Palmer
11	JoeAnne Severino	24	Joyce Costello
12	Carrie Elliott	25	John Edridge
12	Megan Condron	27	Elinor Silveira
13	Marie Smith	28	Ed Golden
15	Joan Kingston	29	Cyril Mergens
15	Michele Condron	30	Audrey Taylor
16	Autumn Rose Bennett	31	Josephine Stewart




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Schedule of Masses

Wed	Healing Service	10:00 AM
Sat	Holy Eucharist	5:30 PM
Sun	Holy Eucharist	8:00 AM
Sun	Choral Eucharist	10:00 AM

Deadline for next Canterbury Tales is July 21, 2010