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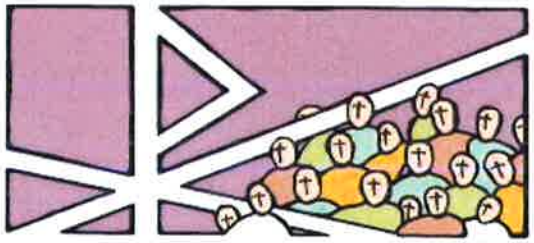
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2022
It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.
— Colossians 1:28b



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



July 16th 4:30PM Deceased Members of the Roy, Jacob, Mouton & Beaudoin (RIP) by Berlinda Mouton; Claudette Martin (RIP) by Sacred Heart Class of 1965; Thaddeus Sanders (RIP) by Lionel Lewis; Lava Jean & Anthony (So-So) Oliver (Happy 63rd Heavenly Wedding Anniversary-RIP) by Johanna Lewis, Patricia, Derrick , Darren, Sr. Oliver & Grandchildren

July 17th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

July 19th 6:00PM

July 20th 8:00AM Norma Fontenot (Happy 90th Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by The Fontenot Children & Grandchildren

July 21st 8:00AM

July 22nd 8:00AM

July 23rd 4:30PM Winfield Fisk Sr. (RIP) by Langston Adams, DeBose Thompson (RIP) by Nuong Tran; Anthony (So-So) Oliver (RIP) by Johanna Lewis, Patricia, Derrick , Darren, Sr. Oliver & James Carter KPC Council #182



July 9th & July 10th

4:30pm	**$1928.00**
9:00am	**$2,847.00**
Mail	**$2,200.00**
Totals	**$6,975.00**



MEMORIAL WALL UPDATE

We are now accepting names to be place on the wall of our deceased loved ones who were a member of Sacred Heart. The committee will start with the first 25 names, once this stage has been completed they will start the next set of name. Forms and payment can be submitted at the Parish office.

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Parish Social Ministry is available for parishioners only who need assistance with electric, water, and gas bills. Please call the Parish office and someone from Social Service Ministry will give you a call and arrange for an appointment. All information is confidential.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD ***(Genesis 18:1-10a)***.

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord ***(Psalm 15)***.

Second Reading — The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory ***(Colossians 1:24-28)***.

Gospel —Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part ***(Luke 10:38-42)***.

PRAYER AND SERVICE

How do we bring balance and joy to our lives of prayer and service to our loving God?

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Martha that her concern about doing the right thing as dictated by Jewish tradition might not be the best use of her energies. Her sister, Mary, who sits in rapt attention at Jesus' feet, should not be rebuked. Is Jesus trying to show Martha that she needs to make time for her spiritual nourishment?

Abraham and Sarah in the first reading seem to be just like Martha. And yet Abraham's eager welcome and joyful serving of his "visitors" seems almost spiritual. How like Paul, in the second reading, rejoicing in his service to the gospel!

We hear in the psalm that those who do justice will live in the Lord's presence. Prayer and service—what greater joy could there be?



Religious Articles can be purchase after 4:30pm & 9:00am Masses in the Vestibule of the Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
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Meeting

-No meeting this week.

Obituary

Mary Lou Sam, mother of Elaine Whitney died Friday, July 8, 2022. Service will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church.

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William Lyn Joseph, husband of Sharon Fontnette Joseph died Sunday July 10, 2022. Service will be held at 11:00am on Friday, July 22, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church.

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Lloyd Eaglin, father of Paul Eaglin died Saturday, July 2, 2022. Service was held at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

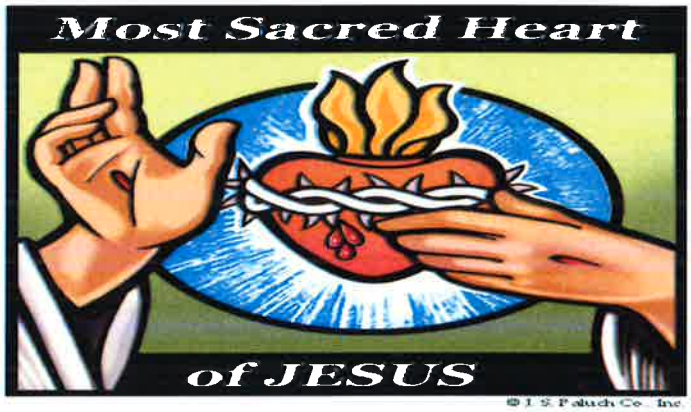
Please remember Mary, William & Lloyd and their families in Prayer.

CHOOSING THE BETTER PART?

Is it possible to listen to the Gospel story about Mary and Martha without immediately "hearing between the lines" as Martha mutters to herself, "Why do I have to do all the work around here?" Or without always feeling the sting of Jesus' gentle reprimand of Martha? Without slotting our friends into either the "Martha" or "Mary" column? Without quickly "translating" the story into a lesson about the value of listening over action? Interestingly, Mary never says a word in this story. All of the dialogue is between Jesus and Martha. The importance of first listening to Jesus is, without a doubt, essential to discipleship. We need to be deeply rooted in the Word of God if we want to spread the Good News and stand firm in time of trial or temptation. Yet what does that mean when guests need to be fed?

WHEN WORK BECOMES OUR PRAYER

We know that hospitality to strangers was a central value in the cultural world of Jesus. Abraham's welcome of the three strangers at his tent was expected protocol for the time. Sarah's meal-making for the unexpected guests is blessed with welcome news of a son—and the keeping of God's promise to Abraham. Immediately before the Mary and Martha story in the Gospel of Luke is the story of the Good Samaritan. That parable is unwavering about the importance of action—of going out of our way for others. In the Abraham and the Good Samaritan stories, action predominates. Yet in the next chapter of Luke when a woman in the crowd shouts out, "Blessed is the womb that carried you . . . ," Jesus responds, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." Hymnwriter Herman Stuempfle expresses well the relationship between action and contemplation when he writes that we thank the Lord both for quiet time and for the Word that accompanies us in our work and helps make that work a prayer.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

My Treasured Sacred Heart of Jesus Book
1st Friday Readings
Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer-Pgs. 30-31
Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus-Pgs 36-38
Act of Reparation-Pgs.52-53



The Better Part

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He saw that Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside, and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. As we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITY. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA.

Father Anthony will bless our youth. Next weekend he will bless those celebrating a birthday in July.

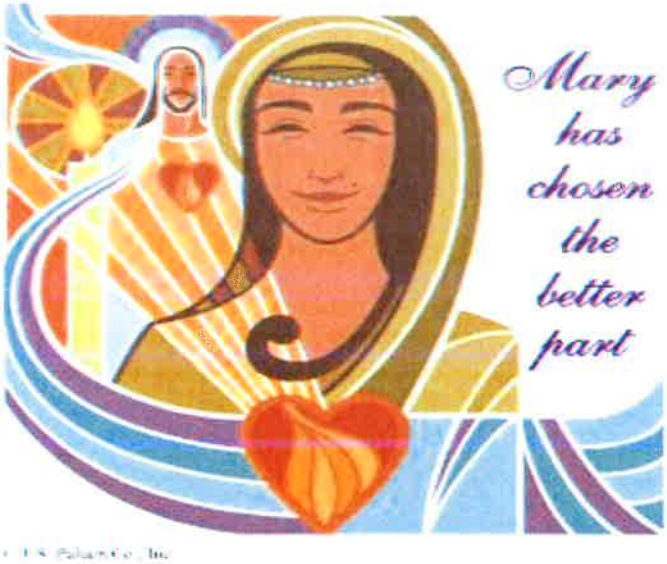
Reflection question:
How has the Lord shown favor to me?

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ...

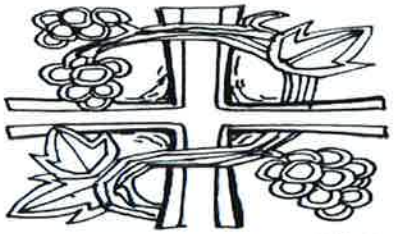
Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Emmett Comeaux, Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Bernadette Dames, Vincent Fertitta, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Lillian Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Bernadette Lavine, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Michael Linden, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Mabry McZeal, Mary Lee McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Iris Plumber, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Lillie Stewart, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Rose Mary Williams, Gladys Wilson-Hollins, Jamon Wilson, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Andre' Winston, Jr., Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



PRAY DAILY
Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour. —St. Francis de Sales

MERCY
Among the attributes of God, although they are all equal, mercy shines with even more brilliance than justice.—Miguel de Cervantes

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
July 23rd & July 24th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM **Leroy Leopold**
Delores Yeggins

SUN. 9:00AM **Tanya Robertson**
Jasline Sebile

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