

# **Sunday, July 20, 2025**

## **Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Martha and Mary lived in Bethany, a small village near Jerusalem. They were close friends of Jesus, who often came to visit them when he passed that way.

### **Gospel**

#### **A reading from the gospel of St. Luke.**

One day Jesus and his disciples came to the village, called Bethany, where his friends, Martha and Mary lived. They welcomed Jesus and his followers and invited them to stay for a meal. While Martha busied herself preparing and serving the food, her sister Mary sat calmly beside Jesus and listened to him talking. Martha worked hard, and all the while Mary sat and listened to Jesus. Finally, Martha got upset and said to Jesus, "Lord must I do all this work on my own? Tell Mary to come and help me!" Martha, Martha," Jesus said, "do not let these things upset you; they are not important. Mary has chosen to listen to me, and that is the most important thing of all."

#### **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Reflection:**

Can you remember the names of the friends Jesus went to visit?

Which sister was preparing the food?

What did her sister Mary do?

What did Martha eventually do?

What did Jesus say to Martha?

Jesus wants us to spend time with him. How do we do that?

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE C



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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## GOSPEL

God created work for each of us to do, and it is important to do it. But Martha was upset because she forgot to stop and make time for Jesus. Mary had the right idea. She took a break from her work to listen to Jesus. Time with Jesus is precious, so we need to make time to rest and enjoy his love.



## PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for reminding me to stop and enjoy time with you.



# DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself sitting next to Jesus  
in your favorite chair.

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

|         |       |           |         |        |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|--------|
| journey | woman | listening | Martha  | chosen |
| village | Mary  | serving   | anxious | better |

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## MISSION

Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible or praying at meal time.

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## GOSPEL

When company came, Martha hurried to get the house ready. She made sure the food was cooked. She set the table with cups, dishes, and silverware. She put clean sheets on the beds. She emptied the trash. Mary didn't worry about all that. She stopped everything to listen to her visitor. If your house is neat all the time, you can relax and talk with your guests. Then you can cook dinner together.



## PRAYER

Lord, I want to stop working to listen to my visitors.



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## DRAW

Draw pictures of Martha mopping the floors while Mary is listening to Jesus.





## PUZZLE

Circle the things Martha worried about.



## MISSION

I will sit on the front doorstep and talk with Jesus every morning.



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## **Intercession**

**As sisters and brothers in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father:**

We pray for our family, the Church; may it choose to build itself on the rock that is God's Word and Truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

We pray for the hungry, the homeless and the unloved; may we choose to see Christ's face in the people all around us.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

We pray for people facing difficult choices in their lives; may Christ give the wisdom and courage they need to follow the right path.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

We pray for peace in our world; many people choose to abandon hatred and accept reconciliation and forgiveness instead.

**Lord, hear our prayer...**

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening, in the silence of our hearts let us share our own unspoken prayer with him.

**Loving God,  
Open our hearts to hear and understand your holy Word, so that we may always choose to please you instead of ourselves.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name.**

**Amen**