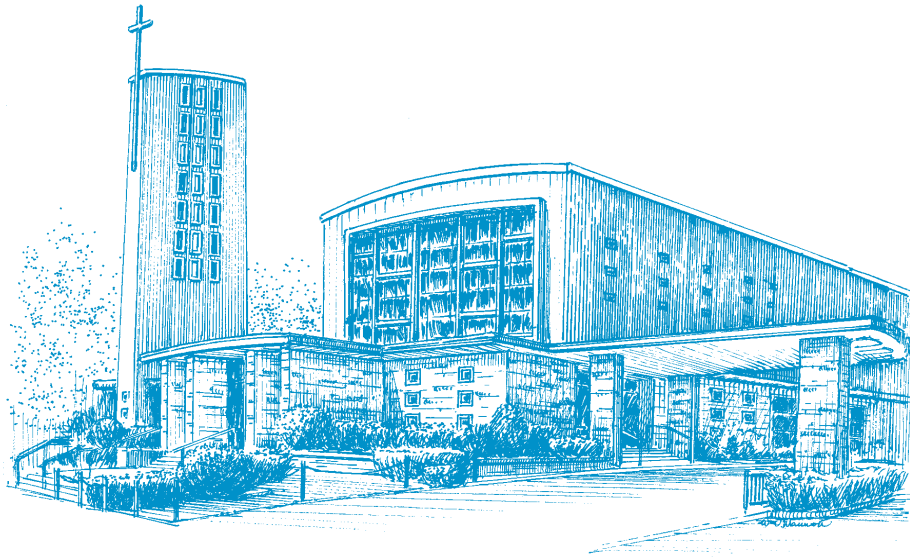


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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 - 9:00 - 12:15 PM

Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM

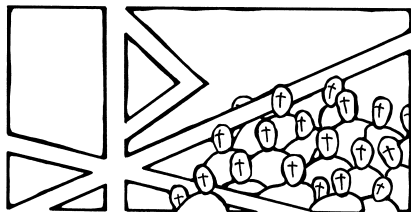
Saturday: 8:00 AM

Mass in Polish: Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 6:30—8:00—11:00 AM (English)

9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2010

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

Spiritual Reflection

Kids have a sense of fairness. If one is working harder than another, we'll soon hear all about it. If one receives special favors and attention, we'll hear about that as well. When a child says something is unfair, it usually is. In today's Gospel, we hear the story of Mary and Martha. Martha is busy getting things ready for Jesus' visit, and then making sure he is comfortable.

Mary doesn't seem concerned about those things at all. She is content to sit beside the Lord, at His feet, and listen to him speak. Martha protests and tries to get Jesus to intervene and get Mary to help her. Jesus seems more happy with the service Mary gives by listening than with all the things Martha busies herself with.

Jesus reminds Martha that Mary has chosen the better portion, and that she shall not be deprived of it. Even a child should look at this situation and identify unfairness. Wouldn't it be better for both sisters to work so they would both have a chance to speak with Jesus? That wouldn't make for a very memorable story. It wouldn't get our minds working.

Summer is a great time for us to take things a little more easy. Many of us plan vacations during the summer. We can enjoy our outdoor decks and patios. We can yearn for even more free time to appreciate the people and places we enjoy so much. Some of us find it a bit more difficult. We've decided that we're indispensable. The workplace would probably fall apart if we weren't there every day. The kids would wither and shrink if we didn't prepare five-course meals for them and attend to their every want.

Some of us have already had the experience of raising a family and being very much of an outsider. Our important pursuits can easily rob us of the most important things. In the end, the things we accumulated won't matter at all. We'll treasure the relationships we have cultivated with family members, friends and God.

We can learn a lesson from Mary and Martha. There are times when we need to be busy, that's for sure. But we can never allow ourselves to become too busy for the people in our lives. Those who know they are going to die never express the wish that they had worked for more hours. They usually spend their final days appreciating the ones they love.

If we need permission to take some time off to spend with those we love this summer, we have it. We're not likely to regret taking that time. As Jesus says about Martha, "She has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."

This week, we can take stock of the ways we spend our time. We can seek a balance between the time we work and the time we give to our loved ones. We can resolve not to miss the best things in life. We can choose the better part, and it will not be taken from us. Have a good week!

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Pastor's Notes



POSTAWA MARI I MARTY

Ewangelia dzisiejsza poucza nas o tym, jak Pan Jezus wykorzystywał najzwyczajniejsze wydarzenia życia codziennego do pouczania o podstawowych zasadach życia chrześcijańskiego. Oto dwie siostry przyjmowały Jezusa w swoim domu. Jedna z nich, Maria, siadła „u nóg Pana i przysłuchiwała się Jego mowie” (Łk. 10,39). Druga zaś, Marta „uwijała się koło rozmaitych posług” (Łk. 10,40), czyli starała się jak najlepiej ugościć Jezusa i Jego uczniów.

Maria i Marta—to dwa typy osobowości. Marta reprezentuje zapobiegliwość, pracowitość, troskliwość; Maria natomiast reprezentuje skromność, skupienie, zastanawianie się nad sensem pracy i życia, wrażliwość na Słowo Boże i działanie łaski—a więc postawę modlitewną!

Zastanawiające stanowisko zajmuje wobec nich Chrystus Pan. Święty Łukasz Ewangelista zapisał: „Marto, Marto, troszczysz się i niepokoisz o wiele, a potrzeba tylko jednego” (Łk. 10, 41-42).

Jezus nie karci Marty za to, że przygotowuje posiłek, zwraca jej tylko uwagę na rzeczy ważniejsze, o których nie należy zapominać. Posiłek dla ciała jest konieczny, ale duch ludzki także potrzebuje chleba, którym jest Bóg i Jego Słowo. Musimy właśnie zrozumieć to jedno, że od czasu do czasu trzeba się zająć tylko Bogiem, słuchać Go i rozmawiać z Nim w ciszy podczas modlitwy.

„Maria obrała lepszą część, której nie będzie pozbawiona” (Łk. 10,42). Zamiast nagany, Maria otrzymała pochwałę. Jakżesz często chorujemy od trosk, różnorodnych zabiegów i zapracowania; zbyt wiele jest troski o ten codzienny chleb a za mało o Boga, o Jego Słowo, o modlitwę. Dlatego nic dziwnego, że często nasz chleb jest gorzki.

Człowiek współczesny jest zbyt pewny siebie, pyszny i zarozumiały. Sądzi, że jego życie i los spoczywa w jego własnych rękach. Chciałby wszystko robić i stworzyć sam i według własnego planu, zamiast złożyć od czasu do czasu ręce, posłuchać Słowa Bożego, oraz planować i tworzyć razem z Bogiem. Człowiek współczesny ponownie buduje wieże Babel, bo pracuje i buduje bez Boga. Później zaś obwinia Boga, że świat nie jest taki, jaki powinien być!

—ks. Idzi—

Mass Intentions  **for the week**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (18)

7:30 — +Vergelio Maghuyo 40 days after death (Digal Fam.)

9:00 — +Margaret D. Izzo 11th Death Anniversary

(Daniel G. Manczak Family)

+Marianna Markiewicz Death Anniv. (Kokot Family)

+Józef Gajda Birthday Rem. (Family)

+Leon & Zofia Owca (Family)

+Anna & Filip Fedor (Cromley Family)

+Joseph Kreith (Henry Kruzel)

10:30— O zdrowie i bł. Boże w dniu urodzin dla Gabriela Matelski (Babcia)

O Boże bł. i łaskę zdrowia dla Pawła Dziura (Żona i córka)

O światło i dary Ducha Św. dla Justyny

O Boże bł. dla córek Barbary i Renaty, oraz ich rodzin (Mama)

Z okazji 40-tej rocz. ślubu Anny i Tadeusza Zalewskich, dziękując Bogu za otrzymane łaski i prosząc o dalszą opiekę nad całą rodziną

O uwolnienie i wyzolenie od zła, uzdrowienie i światło Ducha św. dla Piotra

Podz. za otrzymane łaski przez długie lata pobytu w USA z prośbą o szczęśliwy powrót i pobyt w Polsce

O radość w wieczności dla:

+Anna i Grzegorz Denisiuk

+Krystyna Marcinkiewicz (Mąż z rodziną)

+Victor Burzyński (Rodzice)

+Jerzy Kisło (Rodzina)

+Józef Więckowski w 4-tą rocz. śmierci (Rodzina)

12:15— +MaBelle Gorny 1st Death Anniv. (Gorny Family)

6:00 — O łaskę zdrowia dla Andrzeja Plizga

MONDAY (19) Weekday

6:30 — God's Blessings for Karolina and the Family

8:00 — +Marie A. Daley 27th Death Anniversary (Daniel G. Manczak Family)

TUESDAY (20) Weekday

6:30 — Health & Blessings for Linda DuPlantis on her birthday (Denise DuPlantis)

8:00 — +James Feeley (Family)

WEDNESDAY (21) Weekday

6:30 — Special Intention

8:00 — +Sr. Vitalis (Hermina Schaefer)

8:30 — O Boże bł. dla Patrycji

THURSDAY (22) Saint Mary Magdalene

6:30 — Health & Blessings for Family

8:00 — +Martin Cullen 10th Death Anniversary (Wife)

FRIDAY (23) Weekday

6:30 — +Rose Mary Guerrero (Ocampo Family)

8:00 — +Anastasia Marienfeld Death Remem. (Jim Miketta)

SATURDAY (24) Weekday

8:00 — +Rosemary Guerrero (Ocampo Family)

8:30 — O zdrowie i bł. Boże dla Anny z rodziną

4:00 — +John & Leonard Schultz (Lorraine DuPlantis)

+Eleanor Gurdak (Joanne)

+Casimira M. Kmiec (Brother)

+Harriet Lazare (Family)

+Ugo Greco (Maria Greco Wife)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (25)

7:30 — +Phyllis Scully (Joseph-Brother)

9:00 — +Donato Allegretti—Birthday Remembrance

+Monika & Wincenty Rokicki (Mizera Family)

+Joseph Mohar Birthday Remem. (Wife Dolores)

+Rosemary Guerrero (Ocampo Family)

10:30— O Boże bł. i potrz. łaski dla Ryszarda Koziar z racji urodzin (Polska Grupa)

O łaskę zdrowia i Boże bł. dla Pawła Dziura i rodziny (Żona i Córka)

O radość w wieczności dla:

+Krystyna Marcinkiewicz (Mąż z rodziną)

+Balbina i Jan Wasilewski

+Michalina i Antoni Wojtach

+Adam, Bronisława i Kazimierz Wasilewski

+Edward, Apolonia, Leopold i Władysław Wasilewski

+Victor Burzyński (Rodzice)

+Władysława Smagacz 4-ta rocz. śmierci (Wnuczka z rodziną)

+Janusz Kropkowski (Syn z rodzina)

12:15— +Josephina & Manuel Death Ann. (Rodriguez Family)

+Nonoy Death Anniversary (Rodriguez Family)

6:00 —

WEDDING BANNES

If anyone knows of cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, they must contact the Pastor.

**II. Mallory Ward & Joseph Zolecki**

Jeśli ktoś wie o przeszkodach uniemożliwiających zawarcie Sakramentu Małżeństwa przez te osoby, prosimy o powiadomienie księdza proboszcza.

Our Weekly Offering		July 4, 2010
Currency		\$ 3,741.00
Checks		\$ 2,864.00
Loose Coin		\$ 6.70
Total		\$ 6,611.70
Weekly Goal		\$ 10,000.00
Budget Year to Date		\$ 10,000.00
Collections Year to Date		\$ 6,611.70
Under Budget		\$ <3,388.30>
Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.		

Rest in Peace 

Marie Nelson



Tristan Blake Cleger

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

Pray for ...

George Adamick - Ann Aiken - Sandra Anderson
 - Joe Bargi - Dorothy Castronovo - Jan Drożdż -
 Jennifer Hebda - Andrew Jennins - Carrie Kacen
 - Janet Kaplan - LaVerne Kmiec - Maria Lech -
 Peter Leyden - Mary Lund - Mary Lynch - Bar-
 bara McDonald - Mike Muka - Antoni Nierze-
 jewski - Catherine O'Brien - Casimir Plicner -
 Shirley Potempa - Genowefa Solak - Mary
 Spiewak - Patricia Tytro - Rose Wachs - Toni
 Woods - Katie Young

If you have not yet done so and would like to have your name added to our Parish "Pray For..." list, please call the rectory at **773-545-8840 ext. 221**. Thank you!



The Knights of Columbus, Christopher Columbus Assembly #2349, will be holding a Spring Raffle Drive after all the Masses.

We will be selling raffle tickets.

In the past, you have been very generous with your support, and we greatly appreciate Fr. Idzi inviting us back and allowing us to sell at St. Priscilla Church again this year.

Proceeds from these sales go primarily to help our seminarians and our other Knights of Columbus Charities. Your support is greatly appreciated, and helps us to be the strong right arm of the Church.

Our chairmen are David Rizzo and John Batzel.

Sincerely,
 Robert Kasper, Faithful Navigator
 Christopher Columbus Assembly #2349

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
July 24th & July 25th

MINISTER(S)	SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.	SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 12:15 P.M.	SUNDAY 6:00 P.M.
LECTOR	Krystian Zyszczyński	Donna Chesna	Michelle Adamowski	Ryszard Koziar	Maura Clancy	Maria Raźniak
COMMENTATOR				Joanna Koziar		Marian Raźniak
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	Hanna Kurzątkowski Krystyna Cioch	As scheduled	Stanisław Ryczek Ryszard Janusiak

CAPITAL RENOVATION COLLECTION

I want to express my thanks to all who contribute to our Capital Improvements Collection for their generous and consistent donations. We are asked to contribute to so many worthy projects, but these funds are earmarked solely for our own parish. We budget for regular maintenance, but these funds are used for renovations and improvements. We have been given the gift of beautiful parish property and buildings and it is our responsibility to restore and improve them for generations to come!

The donations reported in today's bulletin are from July's Capital Improvement Collection.

- \$125**— Casey Czochara
\$100— Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Marion Ward
\$50— Anonymous, Wladyslaw Bielen, Adam A. & Jadwiga Kokot, Duane Wendolowski
\$40— Antoni Lipka-Chudzik, Emily Sloan
\$35— Rosemary Ferrier, Nick Grossmayer, Melvin Spejcher
\$30— Anonymous, William Balog, LeRoy Grochocki, Helen Grzymajlo, Richard Hujar, Peter O'Grady
\$25— Anonymous, Evelyn Cademartrie, Betty Cullen, Robert Drzewiecki, Casimer Gaik, Philomena Greco, Eleanor Krawczyk, Lawrence Lynch, John Masters, James Miketta, James Moncada, Sr., Edwin Peszek, Leslie Ruisz, Chester Schafer, Concetta Serio, Chester Wijas, Virginia Zyburt
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\$1— Donato Allegretti, Olga Angerman, Angela Arnet, Radoslaw Lapinski, Anna Makowski, P. Massanisso, Mario Pontarelli, Hilario Victa

The total was **\$4,397.00**. I thank you all again!

-Fr. Idzi Stacherczak, Pastor-

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1–10a RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 15:2–3, 3–4, 5
 SECOND READING: Colossians 1:24–28 GOSPEL: Luke 10:38–42



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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.

Comment

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.

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.