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July 21st, 2019
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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First Reading: Genesis 18. 1-10a
Second Reading: Colossians 1. 24-28
Gospel: Luke 10. 38-42

God wants to dwell with each of us personally, intimately—as the mysterious guests once visited Abraham’s tent, as Jesus once entered the home of Mary and Martha.

By his hospitality in this week’s First Reading, Abraham shows us how we are to welcome the Lord into our lives. His selfless service of his divine guests stands in contrast to the portrait of Martha drawn in this week’s Gospel.

Where Abraham is concerned only for the well-being of his guests, Martha speaks only of herself—“Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself? . . . Tell her to help me.” Jesus’ gentle rebuke reminds us that we risk missing the divine in the mundane, that we can fall into the trap of believing that God somehow needs to be served by human hands.

Our Lord comes to us not to be served but to serve. He gave His life that we might know the one thing we need, the “better part,” which is life in the fellowship of God.

Jesus is the true Son promised today by Abraham’s visitors. In Him, God has made an everlasting covenant for all time, made us blessed descendants of Abraham.

The Church now offers us this covenant, bringing to completion the word of God, the promise of His plan of salvation, what Paul calls “the mystery hidden for ages.”

As once He came to Abraham, Mary, and Martha, Christ now comes to each of us in Word and Sacrament. As we sing in this week’s Psalm: He will make His dwelling with those who keep His Word and practice justice.

If we do these things we will not be anxious or disturbed, will not have our Lord taken from us. We will wait on the Lord, who told Abraham and tells each of us: “I will surely return to you.”

-Dr. Scott Hahn (www.stpaulcenter.com)

The Mass: Session Four

Session four of Bishop Barron’s *The Mass* series will be this Sunday, July 21st, after the 9am Mass. Having begun to look at the Liturgy of the Word in the last session, Bishop Barron will continue his focus on this part of the Mass in this session, and moving on to the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the following session, which will be held after Mass Aug. 4th. Everyone is welcome!

Mass Times

Saturday 7pm
Sunday 9am

Thursday 9am
Friday 9am

*Mass Wednesday evening by request

Adoration

Friday following the 9am Mass until 10am

Mass Intentions

Sunday - For the Parishioners

*To request a Mass for a special intention please contact Fr. Cecil.