

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1 - 10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham in the form of three visitors. Abraham invited them to his home, and he and Sarah prepared them a generous meal.

SECOND READING: Colossian 1:24 - 28

The apostle Paul found suffering a joy, in order to build up the body of Christ, the church. By preaching the fullness of God's revelation, Paul hoped every •person might become complete in Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:38 - 42

Martha became angry with her sister Mary who sat down and listened to Jesus rather than help with housework. Jesus told Martha, however, that Mary had made the better choice:"There is need of only one thing."

Two of today's readings focus on hospitality, the way we treat a guest. Abraham receives a visit from three strangers and he treats them extravagantly, only discovering in the end who they really are. Martha and Mary welcome Jesus to their home, each serving him in her own way. In between we hear from Paul, who as a missionary was welcomed by faithful Christians in towns around the eastern Mediterranean. Through our ears, may we offer the hospitality our Lord desires.

MASS INTENTIONS Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Dr. Lino Lapenna (*deceased*) rb His wife, Tina Lapenna.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Chris and Chrisnae Romis rb Auntie Paula.

10:00 AM: God's blessings for Holy Family ushers and volunteers.

5:00 PM: God's continued guidance for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. July 22, 7:00 AM: St. Mary Magdalene God's blessings for Holy Family counteres.

Tues. July 23, 7:00 AM: *St. Bridget* God's protection for Holy Family CCD students.

Wed. July 24, 7:00 AM: St. Sharbel Makhluf Dr. Lino Lapenna (deceased) rb His wire, Tina Lapenna.

Thurs. July 25, 7:00 AM: St. James Dr. Lino Lapenna (deceased) rb His wife, Tina Lapenna.

Fri. July 26, 7:00 AM: Sts. Joachim and Anne Birthday blessings for Serena McBean rb Olga McBean.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the **Bishop's Appeal.** Next week's second collection will go towards **Catholic** Education. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's guidance and protection for Oner Renal, requested by his mother. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

FOOD SALE: The Haitian Community will host a food sale this <u>Sunday</u>, July 21, 2019, from 12:00 noon. Lunches will be delivered to you. Tickets are available from the Haitian Community. The menu includes: Oxtail \$20.00 with two sides; Stewed turkey \$16.00; Fish - \$20.00 or \$25.00; BBO chicken \$15.00 The sides are Black rice, Carrot Rice, Vegetables, Bake Macaroni. \$2.00 for extra sides. Drinks are \$3.00 each - Sorrel, Ginger Beer, Passion Fruit and **Breadfruit drink**. Thank you for your usual support.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: The Chapel of Saint Anne's Patron Saint feast day is *Friday, July 26, 2019.* The members of the Chapel will be hosting the annual feast day celebration on the weekend of July 27/28, 2019 and a Novena for nine days beginning Thursday, July 18, 2019 and ending Friday, July 26, <u>2019</u>. On Thursday, July 18, 5:30 p.m., the Novena will commence daily and be followed with Holy Mass. On Saturday, July 27, 2019 4:15 p.m. there will be a procession from the Chapel to the Bayside for the blessing of the boats, followed by a procession back to the Chapel to celebrate Mass at 5:00 p.m. On Sunday, July 28, 2019 8:30 a.m. there will be a Mass followed by a pot luck brunch celebration. All are invited to attend any or all these events and praise with us.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners and Rev. Neil Scantlebury, Rev. Kerly François extends sincere sympathy to Alice Williams and family on the passing of her husband, John T. Williams, who died on Wednesday, July 3, 2019. The funeral mass for the late *John T. Williams*, will take place at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 22, 2019. Viewing will precede the mass at 9:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always we thank you for your generosity. Once again thank you.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Catholic Charities has the following vacancy: An Assistant to the Executive Director, full time Financial Officer and a Case Manager.

Interested persons may submit their applications to *ccusvi@outlook.com* or Call 340-777-8518 for further information. Applications may also be dropped off at the office on #42 Kronprindsens Gade, St. Thomas.

CASSI HILL PILGRIMAGE: The Holy Family Parish invites the community to participate in the celebration of its 72nd Annual Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Cassi Hill. The annual pilgrimage will take place on *Sunday, August 18, 2019*. The assembly for the procession will begin at 2:00 p.m. from the FOUR WINDS PLAZA to Holy Family Church. The entire community is invited to participate as we celebrate our 72nd Anniversary. We look forward to seeing you there.

1ST READING: ABRAHAM RECEIVES THE **PROMISE OF A SON**

In today's first reading God visits Abraham and promises him a son. Abraham is resting in his tent and sees three men in front of him. These men are messengers from God. Abraham's concern for his guests is a model of oriental hospitality, a trait expected of all God's people. When Abraham asks the angelic messengers if he can serve them a meal they give their consent. Having been served a grand meal by Abraham, the guests dominate the scene by their questions, all of them about Sarah. The result is that they impart to him a gift of far greater value-announcing the coming birth of his long hoped for son by his beloved wife. But Abraham is not convinced for he falls on his face and laughs. He wonders if at the age of one hundred years he would still be able to father a child. He says to God that Sarah is also advanced in years. But God reiterates his promise and says that Sarah will indeed bear a son and he is to be called Isaac.

Just as Abraham laughs, Sarah also laughs. The messengers of God sternly correct her. Sarah eventually gives birth to the son of the promise.

2ND READING: SUFFER WITH CHRIST

What does Paul mean by saying that in his body he completes what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ? On the face of it, Paul seems to say that Christ's suffering is insufficient and so Paul is completing it. But this goes against the basic NT teaching that Christ has accomplished the reconciliation between God and humankind through his suffering and death and that he has not left anything partially done or incomplete. Hence, the correct meaning should be something different. Completing what is lacking in Christ's suffering points to the need of suffering required for the growth of the Church. This once again reminds that Christians as they live their lives will have to undergo suffering. Through the sufferings he endures in his own flesh, Paul contributes to the sum total, to what is still lacking.

GOSPEL:

MARTHA AND MARY After the story of the Good Samaritan, the Lucan travel account calls the reader's attention to Jesus' progress

LITURGY AND WORD

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, tal ent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: 393 Last Weekend's collections FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,192.25 Bishop's Appeal: <u>\$748.00</u>

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$27,256.00, 68% of our goal of \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.



on his journey towards Jerusalem by relating a visit in a certain village to Martha and Mary (Lk 10:38-42). In the preceding episode there has been a contrast between the Samaritan and the Jewish priest and the Levite; in this one the contrast is seen between the reactions of Martha, the perfect host, and Mary, the perfect disciple.

The episode makes listening to the "Word" the "one thing" needed. Priority is given to the hearing of the word coming from Jesus over preoccupation with all other concerns. Martha wants to honour Jesus with an elaborate meal, but Jesus reminds her that it is more important to listen to what he has to say. The proper service to Jesus is attention to his instruction, not an elaborate provision for his physical needs. Moreover, Luke in this scene does not hesitate to depict a woman as a disciple sitting at Jesus' feet. On the heels of the Good Samaritan episode, this one emphasizes the listening to the word of Jesus, something that goes far beyond love of one's neighbour. Martha's service is not repudiated by him, but he stresses that its elaborate thrust may be misplaced. A service that bypasses the Word is one that will never have lasting character. Listening to Jesus' word is the lasting "good" that will not be taken away from the listener.

