

Sunday, July 17, 2022
The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Genesis 18:1-10a
- 2) Colossians 1:24-28
- 3) Luke 10:38-42

FOCUS: The Lord wants us to live unburdened, free to be close to his healing presence.

Much of modern-day life involves the busyness of everyday tasks. The Lord asks that we simply come to him and allow ourselves to be healed and made whole, to allow him to pour his grace into our hearts and lives. This requires us to pause and to go to him in silence and stillness.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Abraham and Sarah provide hospitality to three men who appear nearby his tent. One of the men tells Abraham that when he comes again in a year, Sarah will have a son. Paul writes to the Colossians that he rejoices in his sufferings and joins them with the sufferings of Christ on behalf of the Church. In the Gospel, Jesus enters a village where two sisters attend to him. Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried as she tries to complete tasks; Mary sits at the Lord's feet and listens to him. Jesus says Mary has chosen the better part.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us bring our prayers to our heavenly Father who is generous and merciful.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may we grow in holiness through the graces we receive through the presence of Christ in prayer and sacrament, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders and for all who seek peace and justice in this world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, the despairing, and the lonely, may the Lord provide them comfort and healing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Spirit guide us in our efforts to follow God's will in our lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they soon come to experience the fullness of God's mercy in his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to be near to us. Please hear and answer the prayers we offer through him, who is Christ our Lord.