

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 17 2022

Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

The role of women in the Church is a frequent topic of discussion among contemporary Catholics. All points of view find representation in the women of today's Scriptures. These women lived in an entirely different era and culture, but their faith is our faith -- the faith of our fathers and mothers.

The author of this Sunday's Genesis account is called the "Yahwist" because of the author's practice of referring to God as Yahweh. Abraham and Sarah welcome the Lord as guest who confirms God's promise of a son despite the couple's advancing years.

Abraham is host, bringing water for the washing of feet and providing the shade of a tree for rest. The meal is a banquet, humorously described as "a little bread": a bushel of flour, curds, milk, and a choice calf! Sarah remains in the tent; society's customs forbid her from mingling with the male guests. She does the cooking, and nine months later the promise is fulfilled in the birth of Isaac.

Of all the evangelists, Luke has the greatest sensitivity to the role of women. He is the only one to record the miracle for the widow of Naim (Luke 7:11-17). In Luke 8:1-3, he mentions the women who accompanied Jesus and the Twelve. Luke, in his Acts of the Apostles, talks about the role of Priscilla in founding a Christian community and instructing converts (Acts 18).

Martha, in this gospel account, is another Sarah -- found in the kitchen. Mary is a contrast to both in that Jesus welcomes her as a disciple, indicated by her presence at the Lord's feet and her attentiveness to his message. Women did not receive instruction in the Jewish Torah in this society, and so the portrayal of a female disciple is nothing less than shocking.

These readings challenge us to discard stereotypes. God's power overcomes the sterility of old age. Jesus' power transcends role models. What tasks need to be fulfilled to spread the Good News? How can women and men of all ages best use their God-given talents to benefit the community?

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

About Worry and Anxiety. Jesus is invited to a home. Martha bustles about. Mary sits and listens. We do not know that Lazarus does.

- ◆ What worries me, make me anxious?
- ◆ How does this rate in the scheme of Kingdom of God values?
- ◆ If I sit and listen to Jesus, what is he telling me?

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time- July 24, 2022

Genesis 18:20-32. Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8. Colossians 2:12-14. Luke 11:1-13.



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A Different Way

Martha understood the place of women in their society. Like Sarah in the first reading, women were to bear children and cook the meals. They were to clean the house, like Martha was doing, and they were not to sit at the feet of the master educating themselves, like Mary was doing. Martha demands that Mary be made to 'play the woman,' but Jesus will not go along with the stereotype: "Mary has chosen the better portion and she shall not be deprived of it."

How much women have suffered over the centuries because of the perception of their proper role! How much they have filled up in their own flesh "what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ!"

We are called by God to a different way. "He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." Justice to women is life in the presence of God: justice in the home, justice in the school, justice in the marketplace, justice in the business world, justice in the church. "She shall not be deprived of it": such is the firm declaration of the Savior of men and women.

Sixty percent of all women work in only ten occupations, and most new jobs for women are in areas with low pay and limited chances of advancement.

Many women suffer discrimination in wages, salaries, job classifications, promotions, and other areas. As a result, they find themselves in jobs that have low status, little security, weak unionization, and few fringe benefits.

Such discrimination is immoral and efforts must be made to overcome the effects of sexism in our society.

U.S. Bishops, [Economic Justice for All](#), 1986: 179

-- Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Site

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Jul 17 8:00 am Mass Pat Kinhead
Wed Jul 20 5:30 pm Mass
Fri Jul 22 6:00 pm Mass
Sun Jul 24 8:00 am Mass Ed Dougherty

Birthdays
Jul 23 Harper Widowski

Liturgical Ministers

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
July 17 S Widowski	B Bowers	M Nelson	Vol.	*Joe Nelson, Je Nelson
		<u>Cantor</u> Z Garrett		
<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
July 24 M Slife	Bill Hooks	P Widowski	E Zmuda, M Paler	*M McMahan, D Zmuda Sr
		<u>Cantor</u> J Starrett		

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING July 10, 2022

Envelope (17) \$645.00

Loose \$110.00

Total: \$755.00

Bldg & Maint.(13)\$ 282.00

Total \$282.00

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Jul 17 8:00 am Mass Pat Kinhead
9:00 Adult Bible Study
Tues Jul 29 6:00 pm Wellness Committee
Wed Jul 20 5:30 pm Mass
6:00 pm Parish Council
Thurs-Sat Jul 21-23 Faith Alive operated by St Paul volunteers
Fri Jul 22 6:00 pm Mass
Sun Jul 24 8:00 am Mass Ed Dougherty
9:00 am CCW meeting

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAN FAITH ALIVE THRIFT STORE. A sign up sheet is posted in the church foyer bulletin board

ADULT BIBLE STUDY FOLLOWS TODAY’S MASS

WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETS THIS TUESDAY, JULY 19 in the parish Hall at 6 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 AT 6:00 PM. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR AGENDA AND JUNE MINUTES TODAY AFTER MASS.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S COUNCIL will meet on July 24 following Mass. All Parish ladies are welcome

CATHOLIC SERVICE MINISTRY APPEAL REPORT. Our St. Paul Vienna goal was \$4849. We had 28 families s pledge \$9220. Well done, St. Paul. Special thanks to Vickie Anderson who compiled the reports and saw that the pledges were submitted to the diocese.

VOCATION CORNER July 17:

“I was 24 years old, and having fallen away from the faith, I felt broken, lost and unfulfilled in life. One Sunday morning, I decided to go back to Mass, where I felt a great peace wash over me. I suddenly fell in love with the Lord and asked him about my vocation in this life. It would still be another 10 years before I entered seminary, but God’s grace always works at the right time. That initial spark of love for the Lord deepened over those years through my experience of going to Mass, confession and Eucharist Adoration, preparing me to finally say yes to the priesthood. Now, as a newly ordained priest of Jesus Christ, I feel fulfilled in answering God’s call.”

Fr. Edward Shikina; Columbus, Ohio Columbia ,September, 2018, pg. 34

WELLNESS HEALTH FOCUS--PROSTATE GLAND ENLARGEMENT. This is a common condition for men over 50. Symptoms include frequent urination with 3 or more bathroom trips at night; weak urine stream; and problems starting stream and dribbling. Treatment includes medication to increase flow and surgical procedures. Talk to your Doctor for further guidance.