

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Good morning. This will be short just so you know. Last night was one minute and fifteen seconds. Hmmmm. Today as we focus on the Gospel we see the conversation between Martha and Mary. Martha of course always gets a bad rap. If you notice in our windows up there she is the one with the red dress who has the feather duster in her hand. She has that pot which I have no idea what the pot is for. Anyway that is St. Martha. When she was confronted with Jesus, Jesus changed her. When she is dealing with Jesus she is doing all of this stuff. "Jesus tell Mary to help me." See, Martha was only focused on herself. She was busy about all of the things she had to do. She wasn't focused on Jesus. Mary on the other hand was focused on Jesus. So Jesus says, "Martha, Martha you are very anxious over many things. Only one is required." Then He brought Martha from being focused on self to Martha being focused on Jesus. That is how she is a saint.

How about you and me are you busy about many things? What do you do the many things for? Do you do them for you? Or do you do them focused on Jesus? If you do them for you no fruit will come from it accept selfishness. You only get this fruit and you will be frustrated and anxious. I do all of this stuff and nobody appreciates me. Very nice it is all about you. Or you can do it all for Jesus and become a saint. Do you do what you do for yourself or do you do what you do for Jesus? So what you do for Jesus and you will become a saint. Got it? Get it? Going to do it? May each of you know His love today and forever, amen.