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## July 17 — 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary were good friends of Jesus. Their little village of Bethany was located two miles from Jerusalem, and according to the Gospel of John, Jesus visited Jerusalem at least six times. In other words, Jesus, the most popular rabbi of the time, often visited the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus as their closest family friend. In addition, Jesus was the Messiah who had raised Lazarus from death and given him back to his sisters. It was Mary's simple statement of Faith that brought tears to our Lord's eyes; "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" [John 11:32]. Furthermore, Jesus had made no secret that this was his last journey, as he had stated repeatedly that he would die in Jerusalem. Since Martha owned the house, and she was the older sister, she decided to make the last dinner for their great friend something very special.

(frtonyshomilies.com)

## XVI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO C)

I testi biblici che ci riportano il messaggio di questa domenica (la prima lettura e il Vangelo) ci insegnano che il Dio della Trinità ama recarsi di tanto in tanto dagli uomini, perché la sua presenza è un onore e una benedizione. Al tempo dei patriarchi, si reca da Abramo e promette un figlio a Sara che non ne ha ancora. Gesù, da parte sua, esalta due donne nubili, Maria e Marta, onorandole della sua visita e della sua parola. Il racconto di questa visita ci mostra che si deve manifestare a Gesù un vero rispetto.

Il Dio della Trinità oggi continua a recarsi presso gli uomini. Questo noi la chiamiamo visita. Spesso, ci rendiamo conto della venuta di Dio solo dopo la sua visita.

In questo giorno, il nostro Signore e Salvatore ci invita a recarci da lui. Egli è il sacerdote, l'annunciatore e l'ospite di questa festa liturgica. Gioiamo di questo onore, ascoltiamo la sua parola con attenzione e festeggiamo con lui la comunione di oggi con atteggiamento di venerazione. Ma soprattutto prendiamo a cuore quello che lui ci dice: è colui che si impegna della sua parola e vive secondo essa che gli manifesta il più grande rispetto. (lachiesa.it)



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partnership with local churches in over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Your support this year will enable Catholic Mission to provide nutrition programs in Ethiopia, along with scholarships for rural children and pastoral care and vocational training for women in Meki. **THANK YOU.**

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Lori, Domenic Cunsolo, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Blake

**Upcoming funerals:** George Borg, 19th July @ 10.45 am Rosary followed by funeral mass  
 Lucia Gentile, 20th July @ 11.00 am Rosary followed by funeral mass  
 Valerio Markesich, 22 July @ 10.45 am Rosary followed by funeral mass

**Recently deceased:** George Borg, Lucia Gentile, Valerio Markesich, Maria Attard, Sandy Rode, Teresita Dulfo Galdo, Sestilia Franciosa, Rolando Florita, Leo Montecillo, Sebastiano Mantello, Alessandra Conte, Emmanuel Manuel

**Anniversaries:** Concettina Foti, Giuseppe and Carmela Bovezza, Shirley Adolphus, Sharnai Liyanage, Fr. Phillip De Zilva, Gerty Carson, Vittorio, Ernesto, Guido, Rina Inguanti, George Serafino, Giordana Limosani, Agata Gualono, Antonietta Rendina, Angelo Guida, Antonio Treglia, Frank Scicluna, Ersilio Salvatore

*We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.*

### Rosters for weekend masses (July 24/25)

#### Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: M. Raymond

Sunday 9.00 am: J. George

Sunday 10.30 am : M. Costa

**Bus driver:** P. Capasso

### Mass times

#### Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

#### Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

### Joke of the week

A distraught woman tried many times to contact her pastor only to discover that it was his day off. She made contact with him the next day and scolded him severely. "Father, I needed you yesterday," she said, "and you were not there for me. You have let me down. I cannot believe you would take a day off when so many people like me need you." Then she added, "The devil never takes a day off." The pastor, a little irritated and with tongue in cheek, responded, "And if I didn't take a day off, I would be just like him, wouldn't I?"

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