

## Practice of Faith

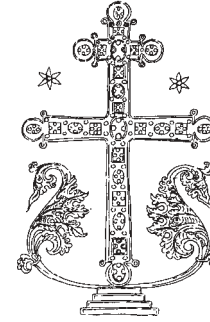
We Americans tend to compartmentalize everything. But life and faith defy that kind of definition. Despite our tendency to think of ourselves as either Martha or Mary, we need to be both whole and holy disciples. We must welcome Christ into our lives as Martha did, but we can't be so busy that we fail to listen to what our soul's most welcome guest is saying. Doing that is what compelled Susan, a recent graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio), to walk 3,200 miles with the organization Crossroads. She decided to undertake this walking witness on behalf of life after much prayer and reflection. "It's not what you do, but what God asks you to do," Susan said. In the end, the walk became her prayer. In what ways are you being called to pray and act today?

## Scripture Insights

**Hospitality:** the Middle Eastern virtue, par excellence, as anyone who has traveled there knows! Literally, the Greek word *philoxenia* means "love of the stranger" – an alien concept in western culture today where "fear of stranger" predominates.

"Do not neglect hospitality," writes the author of the letter to the Hebrews, "for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels," a clear allusion in today's first reading. Little did Abraham know that the three men whom he saw from the entrance to this tent were the Lord and two of his angels. (In the Old Testament, God and his heavenly messengers are frequently manifested under the guise of a human being.) In receiving Jesus into her home, Martha welcomed the very Son of the Most High. Was Jesus a stranger to her at this point? Possibly. This is the first mention of Martha and her sister Mary in Luke's Gospel. Their meeting takes place as Jesus "continues his journey" to Jerusalem. Here, as in John's story of the Samaritan woman, Jesus' hosts, like Abraham and Sarah, are always recipients of what God has to give. Luke's Jesus warns against the preoccupations and distraction that can impede reception of these gifts. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." Mary, portrayed as a disciple sitting at the feet of the Master, listening to his every word, "has chosen the better part." Throughout his Gospel, Luke highlights the themes of listening to the Word and acting on the word. Those who do so have chosen the better part. They are blessed.

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# Saint Cecilia Parish

Boston, Massachusetts

A Catholic Community in the Heart of the Back Bay

## Saint Cecilia Church

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## Access for the Disabled

Both the church and parish hall are accessible by elevator.

## Parking

Two hours of free parking for parishioners is available before 1:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Fitz-Inn Auto Park at Belvidere and Dalton Streets. Reduced rate parking is available with validation on Sundays in the Prudential Center Garage.

## Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days, 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:30–4:50 p.m., and by appt.

## Christian Initiation

*Infant Baptisms:* Baptisms are celebrated at the 9:30 and 11:00

Sunday Masses and should be scheduled one month in advance.

*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:*

The parish welcomes those seeking fuller participation in the life of the Church. Classes run from September to May. Contact the rectory for more information.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Couples preparing for marriage should contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

## Religious Education

Classes are held after the 9:30 Mass.

## CAP Team Members

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# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2007



## Ministers of the Liturgy

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, presider

Chris Orrell, lector

Richard Barry, eucharistic minister

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Rev. David Beauregard, OMV, presider

Mike Mulka, lector

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Thomas Gariepy, CSC, presider

Kelly Graham & Catherine Horsley, lectors

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, presider

Joe Castellano & Bryant Loftin, lectors

*The gospel demonstrates many expressions of hospitality: welcoming, listening, serving. While each expression is valuable, none is complete in itself nor an end in itself. There is no one way to be hospitable. Neither are all expressions of hospitality equal, which is the point that Jesus makes in the gospel. Hospitality in its deepest meaning makes possible a personal encounter of the kind that Mary is having with Jesus. This is the "better part" to which Jesus refers.*

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**Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.**

## Special Intentions

Sunday, July 22, 8:00 a.m.

Elizabeth Sullivan, Memorial

Sunday, July 22, 11:00 a.m.

Neil Battinelli, Memorial

## Baptism

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – Alexandra Marie McDowell  
child of Matt and Laura McDowell

## Eucharistic Visitation

If you are aware of anyone who is homebound for any reason who would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the parish office.

## Coffee Hour

Join us after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses for coffee in the parish hall.

## A Word of Thanks

On behalf of Msgr. Finbarr O'Leary, Fr. Lionel Targett and the Society of St. James, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to their appeal for funds at the Masses last weekend. \$1484 was raised for their missions in South America. Many thanks to all!

## Wide Horizons Program

A group of young adults from Ireland are coming to Boston in August for an 8-week internship in youth & community services throughout Greater Boston. The Irish Immigration Center is looking for host families (married or single adults, with or without children) to provide meals and a safe home for these 18-28-year-olds. Host families will be financially compensated and fully supported by the staff of the Center. For more info., please contact Ann-Marie Byrne at 617-542-1900 ext. 16 or amariebyrne@iicenter.org.

## 2007 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all supporters of the 2007 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$15,331 from 30 households, reaching 52% percent of our parish goal of \$29,500. If you have not yet given, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. So each gift has the potential to increase parish revenue while still supporting the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Thank you.

## Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, or if you are a regular communicant who has never formally registered as a parishioner, there are registration forms at the rear of the church for this purpose. You can also register online by visiting our website: [www.stceciliaboston.org](http://www.stceciliaboston.org). This parish is only as strong and vital as its members. Take that first step and let us know who you are!

## Shakespeare on the Common

We are planning to see the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Wednesday, July 25 at 8 p.m. at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common. Join with other parishioners for a picnic (bring something to share) at 7 p.m. Contact Jenny Jones 617-283-7927 to save a place. Admission is free. For more info, visit [www.freeshakespeare.org](http://www.freeshakespeare.org).

## Praying the Rosary

On Sunday mornings at 7:15 a.m., parishioners are gathering in the church to pray the rosary together before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome!

## Give Blood!

The American Red Cross is currently facing a critical blood shortage. Across the Northeast, supplies are down by almost 2700 units, and summer is always a challenging time for recruiting donors. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to give of yourself in the most concrete of ways. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit [www.newenglandblood.org](http://www.newenglandblood.org) today. Thank you!

## Church in Eastern Europe

This weekend is designated for the annual collection to benefit the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and the spreading of the Gospel through the mass media. There are baskets at the rear of the church for this purpose.

## New Choir Members

We are always seeking singers and instrumentalists to join us at the 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Masses. If you have a musical talent to share with the community, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Richard Clark at 617-536-4548 or [StCeciliaMusic@aol.com](mailto:StCeciliaMusic@aol.com). For more info about the music program visit our website and click on "Saint Cecilia Music."