

Fatima Mirror

A weekly publication for the education and edification of parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. is the diocesan bishop. Father J.D. Zatalava, M.Div. is the pastor. Parishioners worship in the church building named after Saint Leo the Great, 2000 12th Ave. 16601.

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Partner With Mary and Martha In Adoration

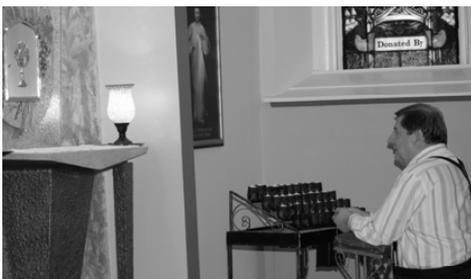
Luke 10:38 As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. **39** She had a sister named Mary (who) sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. **40** Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." **41** The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. **42** There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

When many, probably most, people are asked to spend a whole hour in contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament, they cringe with panic. Without ever having actually tried it, they just assume two things; a) they simply don't have that kind of time - what with all the television that needs watching - and b) like Martha, they will assert that they are action-oriented people and can't just sit around for a whole hour thinking Holy Thoughts. Objection a) is a lie. People make time for whatever they perceive to be important. Objection b) reflects a misunderstanding of what Jesus said about contemplation.

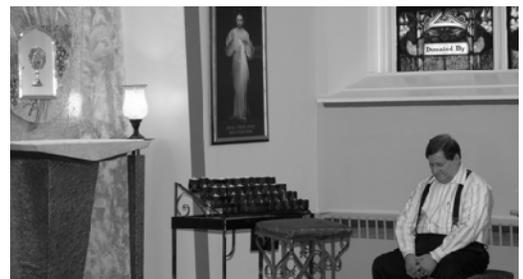
When Jesus told Martha that Mary had "chosen the better part", he acknowledged that there are at least two parts to being in His presence. Mary had chosen the "better part" because passive contemplation is closer to what it will be like in heaven, as for all eternity we view the beatific vision. Certainly this is the better part, but, it is not the only part. For us earth-bound creatures, Martha exemplifies the other part of contemplation ... active contemplation. Jesus acknowledged the two prongs or modes of contemplation in the presence of the Lord when speaking to Peter in:

Mark 14:37 When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? **38** Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

People of O.L.F. Start Making Eucharistic Holy Hours



Father Z caught here in what he calls the Mary Mode of Contemplation. The picture on the right looks like he better get into the Martha mode.





Father Z caught here in what he calls the Martha Mode of Contemplation. The feather duster and the computer are two tools he uses to engage in active contemplation.



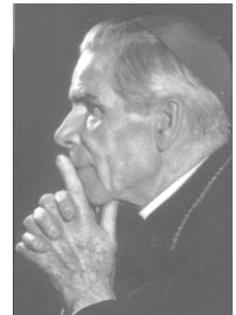
While passively contemplating before the Blessed Sacrament it is OK to momentarily doze. If one finds this is happening too often, he/she should switch for a time to some form of active contemplation. Father Z used to just get up and walk around in the church. One day it dawned on him that his Martha Mode should, like Martha's own mode, produce some practical outcome. So, he started dusting the statues and windowsills and pews. When that got either completely done or simply boring, he'd open his computer to do some spiritual research or his Kindle to do some spiritual reading. If Martha had all these high-tech prayer aids, she no doubt would have gotten back to the "better part" of contemplation a lot quicker. That is, after all, the purpose of this so called active contemplation. It is to get us back to the passive Mary Mode as quickly as possible.

O.L.F. provides the Eucharist, kneelers and pews for your practice of the Mary Mode of passive contemplation. We also provide the feather dusters, dust mops, and instructions for exercises in the Martha Mode of active contemplation. You will have to provide your own Kindle or computer, however.

People of O.L.F. Start Making Eucharistic Holy Hours

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, preacher, teacher, writer, evangelist of the airwaves, and what he treasured above all else, *priest*, shed light and growth on the ***Society for the Propagation of the Faith*** worldwide. His style of preaching was easy to digest and appealed to many denominations. It brought converts to the Catholic Church and opened the doors of communication. When he was ordained, he made a promise to make a Holy Hour daily before the Blessed Sacrament. For sixty years of his priesthood, he kept that promise.



It was during his Holy Hour that he learned to listen and abandon himself totally to God's call. He always encouraged this practice in others. Of this practice he states: "I keep up the Holy Hour to grow more and more into His likeness... Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain.

The Holy Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption. 'Could you not watch one hour with Me?' Not for an hour of activity did He plead, but for an hour of companionship.

The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him and to ask such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him. One of the by-products of the Holy Hour was the sensitiveness to the Eucharistic Presence of Our Divine Lord."



The following are quotes by St. John Marie Vianney, the patron saint of priests and the patron saint of this jubilee year of the priest. As you can see that Curé d'Ars had a lot to say about Eucharistic Adoration.

"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master.

"Every Consecrated Host is made to burn itself up with love in a human heart,"

"When we speak to Jesus with simplicity and with all our heart, He does like a mother who holds her child's head with her hands and covers it with kisses and caresses." (on adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament)

"What happiness do we not feel in the Presence of God, when we are alone at His feet... Redouble your fervor; you are alone to adore your God; His eyes rest upon you alone,"

"When Our Lord sees pure souls coming to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament He smiles on them. They come with the simplicity that pleases Him so much."

"The interior life is like a sea of love in which the soul is plunged and is, as it were, drowned in love."

"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: 'Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you, and to keep you company with all the Angels.' "

"The many wonders of creation can only fill us with astonishment and admiration. But when we speak of the most holy Eucharist we can say that here is to be found the miracle of divine love for us.... Has there been, or will there ever be, a nobler or more magnanimous love than that which He has shown us in the sacrament of love?"

"Without the Holy Eucharist there would be no happiness in this world; life would be insupportable. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive our joy and our happiness. The good God, wishing to give Himself to us in the Sacrament of His Love, gave us a vast and great desire, which He alone can satisfy. In the presence of this beautiful Sacrament, we are like a person dying of thirst by the side of a river — he would only need to bend his head; like a person still remaining poor, close to a great treasure — he need only stretch out his hand. He who communicates loses himself in God like a drop of water in the ocean. They can no more be separated."

"What does Jesus Christ do in the Eucharist? It is God who, as our Savior, offers himself each day for us to his Father's justice. If you are in difficulties and sorrows, he will comfort and relieve you. If you are sick, he will either cure you or give you strength to suffer so as to merit Heaven. If the devil, the world, and the flesh are making war upon you, he will give you the weapons with which to fight, to resist, and to win victory. If you are poor, he will enrich you with all sorts of riches for time and eternity. Let us open the door of his sacred and adorable Heart, and be wrapped about for an instant by the flames of his love, and we shall see what a God who loves us can do. O my God, who shall be able to comprehend?"

"If we really loved the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness; and we should regard those moments as the happiest of our lives." (on Adoration of Jesus in the Most the Blessed Sacrament).

MONEY MATTERS

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Nov 1)

270 People Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,892.10 of which \$ 229.00 accounted for "loose."

Envelopes In Circulation 233 # Used 90 # Unused 143

Chili Fundraiser profit \$313.32



My name is Marci Bradford. I reside in Colver with my husband, Dickie, and our 2 children, Brayo and Britney. We are members of Prince of Peace Parish in Northern Cambria. I have been working with eBay and eBay marketing for the past 15 years utilizing it for both personal and business sales. I am honored to be working with your Parish as your eBay Merchandise Marketing Manager. With your involvement and my experience I know we can raise a lot of money for the Parish. I am looking forward to the challenge of building the Merchandise Marketing to an all time high. However, I need your assistance in donating items. Please drop off your items at the O.L.F. Rectory so we can get started listing these items. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 814-419-1052 or via e-mail at marci@ms4life.com May the Lord bless us as we build up your parish treasury in Christ's name.

O.L.F. Cyber-Fundraiser

OLF is now accepting the donated goods that can be sold in cyberspace to generate revenue for Saving Our Parish

Search your closets, basements and garages for goods that meet the following criteria:

- Are valued above \$20.
- Can fit in a box and be shipped.
- Are in good, new or excellent condition.

Some Suggestions:

Collectible items: Hummel figurines Lladro, Lenox, Steuben, Waterford

Household goods: food processors, handheld appliances, rugs, carpets, tools grilling, wine and bar accessories

Craft or Hobby items

Antiques

Vintage items: fur coats, fox collars purses

Cameras, electronic equipment, computers, cell phones

Gift certificates or Gift cards: Olive Garden, Macy's, J.C. Penney, etc. Any gift card or gift certificate that you have that hasn't been used, even merchandise credits, can be donated to sell online.

Books: children's books, fiction, nonfiction, business

Automotive supplies: cars accepted, parts, accessories, floor mats

Musical Instruments

Memorabilia: Sports, Entertainment or Political in nature

Clothing: ONLY items of significant value, i.e. genuine designer quality w/real value

Jewelry, watches, cufflinks: NO costume jewelry

Toys: ONLY toys of collectible value, i.e Transformers, Vintage toys, other popular names

Sports equipment

OLF reserves the right to donate any item that does not meet the criteria to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR November 9-15, 2009

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| Monday | 11/09 | 08:00 AM | Liv/Dec'd St. Stanislaus Kostka Auxiliary, Auxiliary | <i>Dedication Lateran Basilica Rome</i> |
| Tuesday | 11/10 | 08:00 AM | Fred M Weakland, Mrs. Kathy Steel | <i>Leo the Great, Pope/doctor</i> |
| Wednesday | 11/11 | 08:00 AM | Most Rev D DomingosLam, Catarina Tse Wong | <i>Martin of Tours, bishop</i> |
| Thursday | 11/12 | 08:00 AM | Helen Dzwonkowski, Marcia, Sissy & Patty Prorok | <i>Josaphat, bishop/martyr</i> |
| Friday | 11/13 | 08:00 AM | Aileen Weakland, B Weakland | <i>Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin</i> |
| Saturday | 11/14 | 04:30 PM | Sally Colledge, Husband Pete | <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Sunday | 11/15 | 09:00 AM | Janice Jaronieski, Eileen Edwards | <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Sunday | 11/15 | 11:00 AM | Liv/Dec's Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish | <i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |