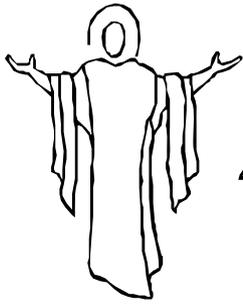


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July 25, 2010 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Celebrant: Father Adrian Kunert SJ

Before doing something for someone, I must perceive the other person and his or her needs. I must perceive this beyond all expectations I have and beyond all selfish interests I have. True love of neighbor does not impose good deeds on someone – good deeds that might be unsuitable or inappropriate. So if we depend upon the appreciation of our work – then something is wrong. If we do a good deed and we wait for a positive reaction – then something is wrong. Because then the good deed only reflects my own needs, and I do not act in order to help others for themselves. ● Martha is a good example for this: "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." For Martha it is absolutely clear: who works a lot is right – and she wants Jesus to confirm this. ● But Jesus acts differently: He proves the other sister right, Mary who just sits and listens. He says: "There is really only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it – and I won't take it away from her." So Jesus invites us to look at life from a different perspective. ● Martha and Mary – aren't they two sides within all of us? Both are necessary, none of them is more important than the other. *Mary without Martha* – this would be pious circling around ourselves without seeing the needs of the world around us. *Martha without Mary* – this would be actionism: you have to prove yourself by working and by doing and by achieving. Here love of neighbor may easily miss its point of putting the other in the centre. ● Maybe in most of us, Martha is better developed – the need to do something you can present is very strong. When we try to be silent, try just to sit, just to listen to what God wants to say, what our life wants to say, what others want to say then there is this voice saying: "Wouldn't it be better to do the most urgent things, to carry out more important things, to take care of this and that? Don't sit around doing nothing!" ● We are in summer, most of us have holidays – wouldn't this be a good time to act a bit like Mary, to sit down, to listen, to see the world around us, to get in touch with ourselves, in touch with those we love? To be silent. Maybe we shall encounter resistance within us, we shall encounter an emptiness, an inner restlessness... Restlessness and resistances are important. They show that there is so much that comes between us and Jesus. They show that the balance between Martha and Mary within us is not in place. Restlessness and resistances show us that we might change our ways, that we might give our lives a different orientation. And I assure you that you may well enjoy some moments of deep inner calmness and peace.

Father Wolfgang Felber SJ

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