

The Abundant Lite

July 18, 2013

For Sunday July 21st

From Canon Victoria

Domestic Diva

Mary and Martha as sisters go, are really very similar to sisters everywhere, in every generation. Or actually for siblings everywhere. It is a familiar lament, “Make her/him help me!” As a younger sister, I’ve always felt that Martha gets the short end of the stick. Martha rushes around getting a meal together for their guests, and Mary decides to sit at the guest’s feet and seems to ignore the preparation that her sister is doing.

The real ‘put down’ happens when Martha asks for help and Jesus says, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part...” NO FAIR is our usual response. The reality is that most of us are worried and distracted by all of life. We find it difficult to find quiet and have peace within us. The true tension here is between Doing and Being. It is a tension within each and everyone of us. We live in a culture and society which does not value ‘being’ and holds ‘doing’ in high esteem. What you accomplish or produce is your worth. Being still and not trying to solve or fix or accumulate are not regarded as worthwhile.

I believe that the story of Mary and Martha is in fact a complimentary story to the ‘Good Samaritan’ story of last week, to men go and do; and, to women this week, sit and listen. In a patriarchal society, how amazing that women are front and center. Jesus has a way of rattling and shaking up the status quo. The question, for each of us, is how do we live in this tension and balance our individual need to ‘be’ and ‘do’.

Join us this Sunday as we discern our individual need to both ‘do’ and ‘be’.

Featured Scripture

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named

Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 12, 2013 - 5:00 PM!

SAVE THIS VERY IMPORTANT DATE!

You won't want to miss this wonderful event.

We will kick off St. Paul's 75th Anniversary

in a grand way!

Remember - SAVE THIS DATE: 10/12/13!!

Beat the heat for a day

. . . on the Older Adult Committee trip to Balboa Park in San Diego on Monday, August 12th, departing St Paul's parking lot at 7:15am and returning to Palm Springs before 6:00pm. \$45 per person (cash or check only). Cardiff Luxury Bus with restroom, coffee with light breakfast before we board. Wine, soft drinks and snack on the way home. Lunch and museums on your own. Balboa Park info at [1]www.balboapark.org. Click for [2]wheel chair/scooter rentals. Tickets available at Parish Office now and after services on July 14 & 21. Limited seating – buy your seat now.

Faith Building

"Sundays at 9:15"

In The Library

Evolution of the Word;

Exploring Marcus Borg's book on the chronological New Testament,

led by Fr. Jonathan

- 7/21 Paul's Letters: 1 Corinthians, Philemon, Philippians
- 7/28 Paul's Letters: 2 Corinthians and Romans

Why Did Jesus, Moses, The Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road?

During August Victoria Hatch will lead us in a discussion of this new book by Brian McLaren that addresses the issue of Christian identity in a multi-faith world and focuses on how Christians are to engage with those of other faiths.

- 8/04 The Crisis of Christian Identity
- 8/11 The Doctrinal Challenge: Promoting Harmony and Unity
- 8/18 The Liturgical Challenge: Baptism and/or

Sitting on Santa's Knee

- 8/25 The Missional Challenge: Who We Are in a Multi-Faith World

"Tuesdays at 7"

In the Library

Movie Night on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Library

The July theme is Relationship & Marriage

- 7/23 My Favorite Wife (1940)
- 7/30 Reinas (Queens) (2005)

August Movie Nights' theme is Royals or Royalty:

Kings and Queens

- 8/06 Private Lives of Henry VIII (1933) - Craig Ewing, host
- 8/13 Elizabeth (1998) - Jerry Di Noto, host
- 8/20 Henry V (1989) - Jerry Di Noto, host
- 8/27 The Queen (2006) - Jerry Di Noto, host

Roy's Desert Resource Center is an outreach of St. Paul's that serves the homeless by providing clothing and desserts on Monday evening served by our volunteers. You can help by contributing desserts, donating to our SOS Fund, adding to our donation baskets in the Narthex or joining our volunteers on Monday evening. For more information, call Hap Blaisdell at 760.323.5726.

"A Welcoming, Empowering, Supportive"

Ministry!

Our mission statement calls us to be “a welcoming, empowering and supportive community.” We are currently forming a new ministry at St Pau’s to support that mission. Volunteers are needed from all three services to donate approximately 90 minutes of their time per month. That time is split into 3-30 minute segments: 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the service you attend, once per month, to support the Welcoming Table located in the Narthex and another 30 minutes a month assisting with name badge organization. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Mike Funke at 760.-409.0986 or mike.funke@yahoo.com!

Help us live our mission statement!

We Need Volunteers

. . . to assist with Name Badge organization. Please contact Mike Funke at 760-409-0986 or: mike.funke@yahoo.com if you can help.

Report Sexual Misconduct.

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, please remember that our diocese values the tenet of our baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." Part of the way we live into that is to train people in the prevention of sexual misconduct and to encourage all to report any misconduct. All reported incidents are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced sexual misconduct of any kind, please contact the Rev. Canon Suzann V. Holding immediately: sholding@edsd.org

or 619-481-5452.

Announcements

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At the

Church of St. Paul

in the Desert

. . . we welcome all worshipers to a place free of violence, bullying, and abuse. Physical, verbal or emotional violence against others or against oneself is not acceptable because of our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. Please let Jesus' command to love your neighbor as yourself be your guide.

Bishop James Mathes has issued a statement on

Same Sex Marriage

Click [\[5\]](#)here to read the Bishop's message.

Children's Sunday School continues through the summer (although not the Godly Play program) with stories, artwork, and music during the 10:30 service.

Come camping in August

Camperships for Camp Stevens raised \$341.45 last Sunday. A big thanks for helping out kids who can't afford a week of camp. You may still send a check to St. Paul's noting Camp Stevens Camperships on the bottom. Also our parishioner, Noah Baker Aidukus is attending camp this summer. Yeah for Noah!

Donors are invited to visit camp in the fall for a picnic. Also see pictures from our St. Paul's Campers trips. A few spots are still open for August 23-25 reservations at Idyllwild County Park. Call Ron Shepherd at 760.832.4709 to reserve.

Movie Night!

Tuesday Nights in

July and August

See the schedule in the Faith Building section

Holy Communion Service for

Local Care Facilities

Holy Communion will be hosted by the Nursing Home Ministry on the second Wednesday of each month at Windsor Court. The next service will be August 14th at 10:15 am. Father Dick Merrill will preside and welcomes assistance from parishioners.

Coffee Hour Celebration

Coffee Hour Hosts following the 8:00 service are Carolyn & Zachary Scott.

Hosts are needed for many Sundays throughout the rest of 2013. To sign up to host a Coffee Hour, please use the binder on the entrance table in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, call Ray or Cheryl Kelley at 760.778.1725.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

. . . meets every Wednesday from 10 am - 1 pm in the Parish Hall. This peace-filled stitching circle gives members fulfillment and spiritual sustenance in creating prayer shawls to comfort those in need of prayer. For more details contact Valerie Ferguson at 760.799.5927, Barbara Hawkins Villani at 760.322.3987, or Audrey Spencermorris at 760.835.5506.

Bullies Not Welcome Here

At St. Paul in the Desert we want to welcome all worshipers to a place that is free of violence and bullying.

Physical, verbal or emotional violence against others or against oneself is not acceptable.

[6]"It Gets Better" is a series of video messages to encourage Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender youth and let them know that they are loved as they are.

[7]"A Blessing for Those Who Are Bullied" was written by the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, a Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

It is not enough to say "NO" to bullies. It is important to stand up for people and to provide resources for those who have been the targets.

Episcopalians Against

Gun Violence

. . . is an ad-hoc group of bishops, clergy and lay people disseminating information about Episcopalians who are working, collectively and individually, to curb gun violence. For further information, click [8]here.

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