

### 32st Sunday Ordinary Time - Year C

1. Today's readings seem to focus on death
  - 7 brothers all killed in front of their mother
  - 7 husbands/1 wife – who's is she when they die
  - ACTUALLY
    - They are about resurrection
      - 7 brothers are confident in what awaits them
      - J deals with the Sadducees by explaining what awaits
2. How do you deal with death?
  - Auntie's funeral
  - Faulkner
    - I was there when a lady was dying – **with confidence**
    - Later, I went to her wake – and there was JOY!
      - Confidence in life after death – in her victory!
      - At wake - Reading from Lazarus – Mary&Martha's confidence
      - We can claim that same confidence – friends and family
  - Are you a glass half full or half empty kind of person?
    - These can be depressing readings
      - Death & torture of 7 brothers
      - Death of 7 husbands with no children
    - Or they can be readings about Resurrection
3. I have a friend who was driving his children to their grandmother's wake
  - In the car the children were upset & crying when:
    - Truck with long shadow
    - Would you rather get run over by the truck or by its shadow
    - Shadow wouldn't hurt
    - Truck = death, Shadow is all that touches a Christian
    - Jesus took truck, We get the shadow
    - Jesus defeated death – For Christians, death is only a shadow
    - **It doesn't end here**
4. Our faith in afterlife is NOT faith in a doctrine  
Our faith in the afterlife is faith in Jesus
  - Jesus did not say IT IS THE RESURRECTION
  - Jesus said I AM THE RUSURRECTION
  - We can go forth confident of that victory – like brothers of Maccabees
    - Like Auntie
    - Like woman at Faulkner

We know death is not the end  
Because Resurrection is our destiny - the reason we were created!