

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - C  
(Bring a Digital Camera)

- One of the things I like to do in Bahamas is take pictures
  - Who would like me to take their picture – come on up
    - Take the pic with camera focused on me
    - OH I HAD THE CAMERA FOCUSED ON ME – LETS TRY AGAIN
    - Do it correctly – Isn't that a nice pic
    - When taking pics its important to have the camera focused on the right thing
  - In life, its important we focus on the right things too
  - Jesus went to visit 2 sisters – Mary & Martha
    - Martha went to work – getting dinner – cutting veggies, mashing taters, ...
    - Mary just sat at the feet of JC listening to Him teach
      - Martha gets upset – she interrupts JC – Tell her to help me!
      - JC “Martha Martha – you're worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her”
    - Martha made the mistake of focusing on herself, rather than on Jesus
    - Mary was totally focused on Jesus & His teaching
      - Where is our focus – are we focused on the right thing?
- Remember last week's Gospel? What was it?  
Lawyer tests Jesus – what must I do to get eternal life (where should my focus be)  
Love God & Neighbor

Then J tells parable of Good Sam. – prayerful priest passes by the beaten man  
Samaritan shows mercy

- **There's a time for prayer AND there's a time for action**
- Samaritan saw the crisis, left his prayer, ministered to beaten man
- MLK – prayed for an end to segregation AND did something about it
- Mo. Theresa – prayed for lepers AND did something about it
  - Our job is to pray, to spend time with the beloved (Like Mary)
  - Our job is also to act when we see injustice (Like the Samaritan)
- I had a coach once who said – you never win the game on game day
  - You win the game in the gym, getting in shape, practice, training
  - Prayer time is your spiritual gym
  - Strengthened by prayer – we can act
  - Love of God and love of neighbor demands action
  - With prayer and work TOGETHER, we build the Kingdom of God
    - And THAT is the goal of Church
    - Want to grow the KOG?      PRAY
    - Want to grow the KOG?      Do something about it