

16th Sunday Ordinary Time - C

- Let me ask you a question – why am I wearing green?
 - It is ‘ordinary time’ Not Lent, Not Advent, Not Easter – ordinary time
 - Green – everyday ordinary stuff – grass, trees – day to day ordinary time
 - What happens in ordinary time? God visits Abraham – an ordinary day
- 1st Reading Abraham is taking it easy in the late afternoon
 - Three men appear (he didn’t see them, they just appear)
 - Gives the impression they are divine – ***so what does he do?***

He slaughters choice steer, servant prepares it, Sarah makes bread, curds, milk

- Watch what happens:
 - After the meal ‘Where is your wife Sarah’
 - *He knows the name of Abe’s wife, blesses her, and promises a son*
On an ordinary day like any other -
 - **God knows us, visits us, makes promises, and keeps them**
If this is what God does → What do WE do? – *That’s in the Gospel*
- Today Mary and Martha – Martha is busy (work work work)
Mary sits at the feet of Jesus
- Together they teach us our role in relationship with God
 - There’s a time for prayer AND there’s a time for action
 - I’ve seen this lived out in my lifetime:
 - 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 Mo. Theresa)
- I had a coach once who said – you never win the game on game day
 - You win the game in the gym before the race
running, weights, training, getting stronger
 - Prayer time is your spiritual gym
 - Strengthened by prayer – we can act
 - In ordinary time – in the day to day ordinary stuff of life
 - Right here, right now, wherever you are
 - YOU can build the Kingdom of God – with prayer AND action
- God is faithful in His relationship with us (just as He was with Abe)
- We need to be faithful as well