

32st Sunday Ordinary Time - Year C

1. 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

2. I have a friend who was driving his children to their grandmother's wake

- 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**

3. 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 Mary and Martha
 - We know death is not the end
 - Resurrection is our destiny