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A Few Thoughts from Sr. M. Christine

Dear Friends,

Do you ever feel overwhelmed and bewildered by the need to do so many things at once? Technological advances, like cell phones, emails, texts, Facebook, and Twitter, have created a culture in which we feel we must drop what we are doing and answer right away.

So many of our home and work devices, while offering great possibilities to improve our lives, often just leave us exhausted by the endless list of to dos that comes with the ability to instantly connect with the world. And the result is that we no longer have time for the things that deep down we know are most important.

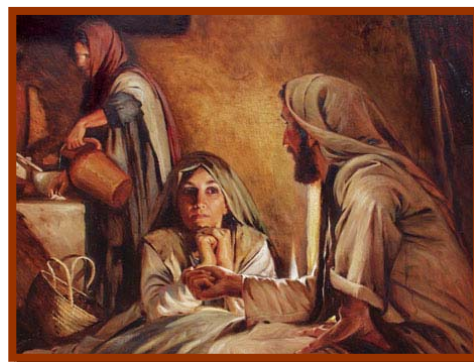
I love the story of Martha and Mary in Luke 10:38-42. Jesus tells us, in one sentence, as He told Martha, the secret that will set us free: "You are worried and distracted by many things. Only one thing is necessary." I think the crucial question is, "What is that one thing?"



In the scene from the Gospel, Jesus reveals the answer. Martha and Mary welcome Jesus to their home, but they do so in quite different ways. Martha tries to please the Lord by being a hostess to Him: cleaning the house, setting the table, preparing and serving the meal.

Yet while Martha spares no effort in welcoming Jesus by serving Him, her sister Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet. Mary has done none of the work in getting ready for Jesus' visit, nor helps Martha after He has arrived. But when Martha complains, she receives what seems to be a gentle rebuke from Jesus.

Of course, Jesus was not saying that Martha's efforts were somehow wrong or not appreciated. Jesus Himself had come as one who serves. What Jesus was really saying to Martha was that while her efforts were good, none of her efforts were essential, at least not to Him. There was



something even more important, something that Mary, who had chosen the "better part," realized. Mary had recognized that Jesus had come into their home not to be fed, but to feed. The welcome He wanted most was their time, their friendship, their love, their open hearts. Mary understood this and sat at Jesus' feet listening to Him as if nothing in the rest of the world really mattered, because, in fact, nothing in the rest of the world really does matter in the presence of Jesus. Jesus was, for Mary, more valuable than everything else put together.

Like Martha and Mary, each of us is called to welcome Christ into our homes, both physically and spiritually. Do we welcome Jesus and sit at His feet in prayer? Christ knocks on the doors of each of our hearts wanting to come in, but how often and how much do we open to Him? Let us allow ourselves to be fed by Him so that we might feed others not just by our work, but with the One working within us.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Sister M. Christine

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New Residents
Margaret Adams
John Sullivan
Thomas Zangara

With Deepest Sympathy
Rev. Robert Manning
Mary Louise McCumber
Bette Thies
Thomas Zangara

May Birthdays
Residents

Matrice Wilson—1st
Grace Schweitzer—6th
Rev. Timothy Vowels—7th
Mary Husmann—9th
Barbara Vokoun—10th
Eugenia Colonna—18th
Rev. Vincent Bryce—27th
Marie Casey—30th
Rev. Bernard Persson—30th

Staff Members

Nadine Davis—3rd
DeWanda Elliott—5th
Marva Belger—11th
Paulette Chatman—12th
Sherrell Mays—14th
Bonnie Heenan-King—17th
Ella Jordan—25th
Bianca Page—25th
Brittany Hawkins—26th
Keith Vollmer—27th
Zoe Webster—27th

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Sorry-The May Potluck is cancelled. See the June issue for details for our next Potluck on the June 11th!

Memorial Day is officially celebrated on the last Monday during the month of May. It is a day dedicated to service men and women who gave their lives for freedom and country. It is also a time to remember loved ones who have passed away.

The root of Memorial Day observance, goes back to 1865 and the end of the Civil War and was traditionally held on the 30th of May. In 1971, Congress changed it to the last Monday, in order to afford a three day holiday weekend.



Regardless of the date, there are many ways to follow Memorial Day traditions: participate in a religious service, attend a parade, or visit a cemetery to honor and remember our serviceman. As we take time to remember loved ones during the month of May, we are offering residents, families, friends, and staff the opportunity to plant flowers or a plant to honor a soldier. We have designated the garden in our courtyard as the place to honor our loved ones. It will be called Mary's Memorial Garden.

Contact Sr. M. Juliana (smjuliana@mogch.org or call 314-383-4765) for details.



Ideas for flowers:

- Hippo Rose Polka-Dot Plant.
- 'Velvet Elvis' Plectranthus
- Sweet Alyssum
- Gryphon Begonia And Impatiens
- Lobelia And Nemesia
- Red And Violet Fuchsia
- Coleus Container Garden
- Caladium, Begonia

Ideas for plants:

- Coral Bells
- Dead Nettle
- Foam Flower
- Lungwort
- Astilbe
- Foxglove
- Japanese Forest Grass
- Primrose

Mother's Day Mass and Luncheon

Please join us on Sunday, May 12th at 10 a.m. for our Mother's Day Mass with the Most Reverend Joseph Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas presiding. Following the Mass, MOGCH will host a luncheon in the Activity Hall. All are invited!

Join us for fellowship, a lovely lunch, and see our flowers in bloom! No RSVP necessary.



Grace Schweitzer, Happy 100th Birthday!

The Rain

One rainy afternoon a Mom was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick.

Suddenly, her son Matthew spoke up from his relaxed position in the front seat, Mom, I am thinking of "something". This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while and was now ready to expound all that

his seven-year-old mind had discovered. So she eagerly asked "What are you thinking?"

"The rain" he began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God, wiping our sins away".

His Mom was amazed at his insight and wondered what else he had concluded, so she asked, "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?"

Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer: "We keep on sinning and God keeps on forgiving us."

-www.atimetolaugh.org



"Being a Mother is not about what you gave up to have a child, but what you've gained from having one."
mellareese.com unknown

May Crowning

Join us as we honor Mary, Queen of heaven and earth with our annual May Crowning Celebration on Monday, May 13th in the chapel at 2:30 p.m. A small reception will follow in the main hall.



May Coming Events

Playing Cards/Games—Mondays

Bingo—Tuesdays /Saturdays

Birthday Party—1st

Music w/Sr. Brenda & Louise—2nd

Exposition/Benediction—3rd

Baseball Day—8th

Sing-A-Long w/Ed—10th

Mother's Day Luncheon—12th

May Crowning—13th

Pianoman—15th

Round Table/
Fold & Deliver NFH—29

Hawaiian Luau—30th



...the beauty of living in community...

Raffle Tickets for our Mother's Day Quilt Raffle and the year long quilt raffle tickets are still available! Contact Marsha Heine at mheine@mogch.org for your tickets!

Trivia Night 2019!

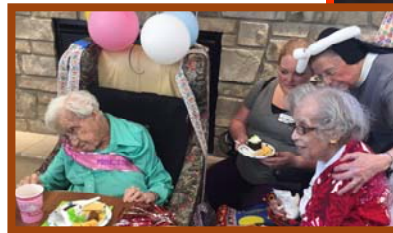
The Trivia Night Committee would like to thank everyone who was involved in some way in this year's Trivia Night. Many of you attended the event, and some of you come every year!! We are so grateful! Many of you donated baskets, items or money to help us with our prizes. We truly appreciate your generosity! Thanks to all, the event was once again a great success for the benefit of MOGCH. May God bless you all and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Dave and Mary Barnhart (co-chairs)



Porkchop, Mickey, and Silly from the Trinity Clown Club stop by to spread cheer, jokes, and fun with the residents!

See Facebook for more photos!



Happy 104th Birthday, Marie!

Family, friends, residents, and staff surprised Marie with a birthday party to celebrate her 104th birthday! It started with a parade that wended its way through the hallways on each floor and ended in the Great Room with friends, food, and fun!

Marie, overwhelmed and at first, at a loss for words by such attention, expressed her joy and gratitude for a day she will never forget.



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