**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C**

**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Introduction:**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

Like Martha in today’s Gospel, we can be “anxious and upset about many things” when entertaining visitors. We can learn something from Mary. We can go out of our way to be attentive to our others. We can spend time listening to their stories. They need to be listened too just as much as they need to be served food.

The same is true in our life of faith. What the Lord wants of us, first of all, is to be close to him, to put our trust in him amid life’s concerns.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Let us all stand and join in the singing the Entrance Hymn.

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#### MASS READINGS

#### FIRST READING (Gen 18:1-10)

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. ‘My lord,’ he said, ‘I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by.

A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant’s direction.’ They replied, ‘Do as you say.’

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. ‘Hurry,’ he said, ‘knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.’ Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ they asked him. ‘She is in the tent,’ he replied. Then his guest said, ‘I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.’

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1)

***R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.***

#### 1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

#### He who walks without fault;

#### he who acts with justice

#### and speaks the truth from his heart;

#### he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)

#### 2. He who does no wrong to his brother,

#### who casts no slur on his neighbour,

#### who holds the godless in disdain,

#### but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

#### 3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

#### who takes no interest on a loan

#### and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

#### Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

#### SECOND READING  (Col 1:24-28)

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church.

I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God’s message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God’s purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans.

The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart

and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL (Lk 10:38-42)

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

#### Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord’s feet and listened to him speaking.

#### Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself?

#### Please tell her to help me.’ But the Lord answered: ‘Martha, Martha,’ he said, ‘you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one.

#### It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.’

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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**Priest:** — Let us turn to our heavenly Father that our lives may be marked by a deep love for him shown in hospitality and service to others. Full of trust, we pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who exercise authority in the Church or in the government may listen to the Lord and learn from him to be humble servants.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** — That those who dedicate themselves to the care of their families or to the service of the sick, the poor, and the handicapped may learn to give themselves in joy and in love.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who are anxious and upset about many things at home or at work may know how to give priority to the more important things and spare themselves from anxiety.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That we may mirror the kindness and compassion of Christ in all our encounters with our fellow men and women,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the sick, the old, the handicapped, and the dying may be renewed by the consoling presence of the Holy Spirit, so that they may unite their pains and sufferings with Christ,

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all our departed family, friends and parishioners, especially those mentioned in our parish bulletin, may they experience the fullness of God’s love.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: Together we now pray the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**All: God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love**

**you more. Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our**

**youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.**

**Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the**

**aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.**

**May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become**

**deeper in our daily living.**

**Priest:** Father, we pray for guidance and enlightenment. Make us sensitive to the needs of others in whom we see Christ himself. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.