Putting Jesus First

Jesus went to Martha and Mary’s house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn’t helping at all. It doesn’t sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details—making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn’t thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory of God.

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Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.

Martha, Martha! You are anxious and troubled about many things. One thing is needful. Mary has chosen the better part.

Martha was so busy in the kitchen but her sister wasn’t helping! What did Jesus say to her when she complained to Him? Look in the mirror to find out!
SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI
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Lawrence was born in Italy in 1559 and was baptized with the name Julius Caesar. His parents died when he was quite young.

Lawrence learned languages very easily, so he could study the Bible just as it was written.

Lawrence became a Capuchin Franciscan at age 16, taking the name Lawrence. He was ordained at age 23.

Even though his life was very busy, he would always take time to pray.

He became chaplain of an army and led a battle with no weapon but a crucifix—ever though they were outnumbered four to one!

Because of his holiness, Lawrence was chosen leader of his order. He was sent all over to help the brothers and make peace. He died at age 60.

Something that surprised people about Saint Lawrence was that he was very kind and sensitive towards people's needs even though he was so smart and important. No matter how busy we are, we should take time to pray and to be kind and thoughtful to others.

Martha and Mary cross word puzzle

Across:
1. The ______ came to Martha's house
4. Mary ______ the better part
6. Jesus was ___ at Martha's house
8. "One thing ___ needed."
9. Jesus said ___ her, "Martha, Martha."
10. "Do you not care? _____ tell her to help me!"
11. Martha was concerned about _____ things.
13. Which sister was working in the kitchen?
16. Mary sat at Jesus' ______.
17. "Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not ___ taken...
18. ___ you not care?"
19. ...away from ___.
20. Jesus _____ to her, "Martha, Martha."

Down:
1. Mary just wanted to ______ to Jesus speak.
2. She sat ___ the ground near Him.
3. Martha was __________ with much serving.
4. "Lord, do you not that my sister has left me to serve?"
5. "_____ thing is needed..."
7. The better part would not be taken ______ from Mary.
11. Which sister was not in the kitchen?
12. "...one thing is ______..."
14. Martha was anxious about many ______.
15. "My sister has left me to _____ alone."

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