Scripture

Luke 10:38-42
Jesus entered a village
where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.
She had a sister named Mary
who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.
Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,
“Lord, do you not care
that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?
Tell her to help me.”
The Lord said to her in reply,
“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her.”

Our Scripture Reflection

Why did Our Lord say that, “Mary has chosen the better part”? Of course, being hospitable was important, in fact, it was expected of faithful Jews. But based on the importance of Luke 9:51 where we hear that Jesus set His face towards Jerusalem in a most urgent way, Luke pictures a sense of urgency about His mission. He must go to Jerusalem and nothing can slow Him down or deter Him. Mary has chosen the better part because she knows that Jesus will never pass that way again. It’s now or never. She must listen to Him while she can.
2019 years have passed since Mary sat and listened and although there seems to be little of a sense of urgency among believers today, all we need to do is to listen to the news and look around us. Satan is alive and well. We need Jesus now more than ever. We must stop and listen to Him in His Holy Word, in His Sacraments and in our prayers.
Food for your Journey

Have you ever been to a meal at someone's home where the host's concern that everything be "perfect" ruined the whole evening? There comes a time in every good party when you just have to let the dishes stack up, the coffee get cold and the butter melt, so that everyone may simply sit down and talk around the table.

A Prayer from the Heart

Speak, Dear Jesus, for Your servant is listening. All I ask is that You keep me humble and give me the Grace to live what I hear and learn from You. Amen