



Luke 10:42 *"...but few things are needed—or indeed, only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."*

While it is also scriptural that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35), it seems to depend on who is doing the giving and receiving. Jesus himself declares that Mary has chosen better, as she receives from Him, vs. serves Him, as Martha does.

We know that Lent is a time for reflecting and receiving, as Mary does.

We reflect on our sinful nature, repent of it, and receive the forgiveness from the only One who can truly provide it.

Once having received all that our baptismal forgiveness brings, we aim to give what we have received to others in our mission efforts.

In this way, we live out our baptism:

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*