



# ST. MARTHA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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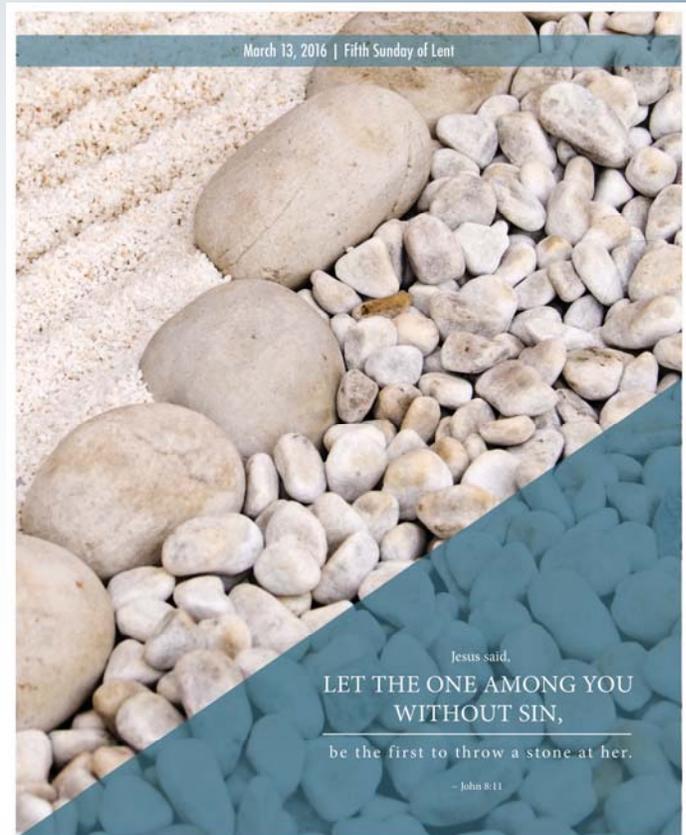
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OFFICE HOURS: MON. - FRI.  
9 A.M. TO NOON  
& 12:30 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

Sunday, March 13, 2016  
Fifth Sunday of Lent



## Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia S.A.C., Pastor

Rev. R. Patrick Wilson, S.A.C.  
Rev. Wojciech Stachura, S.A.C.  
Rev. Sebastian Szczawinski, S.A.C.  
Rev. Philip M. Lam Ba Trong, C.M.C.  
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Rev. Deacon William Ladroga  
Rev. Deacon C. Patrick Macaulay  
Rev. Deacon Kevin McKenney  
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Br. Tom Flanagan, S.A.C.  
Br. Paul Kelly, C.S.C.  
Br. Lawrence Skitzki, C.S.C.  
Sr. Cathy Bonfield, S.S.N.D.  
Sr. Marianne Baehr, C.S.J.

## PARISH STAFF

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**MASS SCHEDULE**—Church opens 30 minutes before each service and closed afterwards.

**SATURDAY:** 7:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.; (**Vigil**) 4:00 & 5:30 pm

**SUNDAY: Church** - 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., 12 noon, & 5:30 pm

**Parish Hall** - 8 a.m. (Spanish), & 12 noon Vietnamese)

**WEEKDAY:** 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 noon & 5:30 p.m.

**HOLY DAY:** (Vigil) 4 & 5:30 p.m.; 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12, & 5:30 p.m.

**TV Mass**—Sunday, 9:30 a.m. on CW Network. Check your local listings or go to [dioceseofvenice/TVMass](http://dioceseofvenice/TVMass)

## EXPOSITON OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Carosella Chapel:** Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; and Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (on the **first Friday** of the month from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Church).

(The Carosella Chapel is open for quiet prayer during office hours.)

## ROSARY & MORNING PRAYER DEVOTIONS

**Rosary** is prayed each day following the 7:30 a.m. Mass, immediately followed by **Morning Prayer**. Rosary is again prayed before the Noon Mass.

## CONFESSIONS

**Saturday: 9—10 a.m.; 3—4 p.m. in Reconciliation Rm.**

**Sunday—Friday: 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon (Church entrance)**

## BAPTISM

Classes are held on the 2nd Monday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Rm. Baptism will take place regularly every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment with your choice of clergyman.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Saturdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

**PRAYER LINE: 941-306-6503**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—IN CHURCH AT 9:00 AM ON ALL FRIDAYS DURING

*From Our Pastor, Fr. Fausto ...*

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

**ON THURSDAY, WE WISH A VERY HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL OUR IRISH PARISHIONERS, and a very Happy St. Joseph's Day, on Saturday, to all our Italian parishioners. All enjoy these special feast days!**

5th Sunday of  
**Lent**  
We prepare

Today's Gospel passage in some Biblical manuscripts is in the Gospel of Luke, and is totally absent in the most ancient Johannine Manuscript. Biblical scholars suspect that it was a Lucan Episode transplanted to John's Gospel, but anyway it is another

powerful example of Jesus' mercy.

In reality, it was a trap set by the Scribes and Pharisees to discredit Jesus in front of the people or, more wickedly, to accuse him to the Roman authorities. In the Book of Deuteronomy (22:23-24), a woman either engaged or married, who is caught in the act of adultery, must be stoned to death. The Pharisees knew that Jesus was a softhearted and merciful person, so that when they brought this adulteress before Jesus, they were sure to triumph over the Lord. If Jesus had forgiven the woman, then He would have gone against the Mosaic Law and been labeled a blasphemer and a betrayer of the law. And if Jesus had upheld the Mosaic Law and had condemned her to die, the Pharisees would have accused Him of usurping Roman Authority. Pilate was the only one capable of applying capital punishment. In one way or another, Jesus' fate was sealed! (Or so they thought!)

But the Lord does something extraordinary, and with His finger writes on the dusty ground; this mysterious action, still puzzling today, has the effect of making the Pharisees run away in such a manner that the woman is left alone before Jesus, and surrounded by Jesus' friends.

Some authors suspect that Jesus began writing down the sins of the accusers, starting with their chief elders... only in paradise will we know what Jesus wrote.

And then the mercy of God covers the shame and tears of the poor woman: "Neither do I condemn you, go in peace, but from now on avoid this sin."

**JESUS ABSOLVES THEN - - AND NOW!**

**ONE OF THE TRADITIONAL EASTER DUTIES FOR ALL CATHOLICS** is the annual Confession and Holy Communion, according to our Church Laws, which I am now quoting for your convenience.

**Holy Communion can be received twice a day** - - this is a law given by our late Blessed Pope John Paul II.

The Eucharist fast, excluding water and medicines, should be observed before Communion by abstaining from any food, or drink, for at least an hour, unless a person is elderly or sick.

About the obligation to receive Communion once a year, the law Church Law Canon #916 says: **"A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession, unless grave reason is present... in this case, a person is to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible."**

About the Sacrament of Penance, Canon 960 states: **"Individual integral Confession and Absolution constitute the only ordinary way by which the faithful person, who is aware of serious sin, is reconciled with God and with the Church."**

About the obligation of Confession once a year, Church Law Canon 989 says: **"After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year."** The obligation of Confession is applicable only in the case of grave sins. Venial sins can be forgiven either by communal or private confession, by receiving Holy Communion, non-sacramental penitential rites (like the one at the beginning of Mass), almsgiving, sacrificial actions, acts of charity, but the best gift we can give our good Lord is our contrite, humble heart, repentant of all our sins.

**The sacrament of Reconciliation, which we usually call Confession,** is the best Lenten gift we can give God. Some Catholics feel uneasy about confession for many reasons, such as:

1. **I do not go because I have forgotten** the starting formula (Forgive me Father for I have sinned...) or the Act of Contrition. Do we really think that postponing confession for another year will improve our memory?

2. **The Act of Contrition** should be expressed in our own wording. Can you imagine if, after a fight, the wife will say to the husband: **"Oh my supreme husband, I am truly sorry to have offended thee, because you are so good and worthy of all sacrifices... etc. etc."** It sounds so silly, doesn't it? How simple it is to say in confession: **"My good Jesus, I'm sorry... I'll do better from now on!"**

3. **All mortal sins must be confessed! Sometimes** we feel ashamed as if our sins are so horrendous, and we're afraid that we will shock the priests! On the contrary, I'm afraid that our priestly sins will shock you, every time they are reported in the mass media! Besides being sinners, like everyone else, we priests had two full years of studies in Moral Theology, and there is not a sin that we have not studied in detail or heard before!

**Some of us have the feeling that our sins are so serious** that God cannot forgive them! Nonsense! The mercy of God is infinitely superior to any of our sins! The worse temptation of the devil is to convince us that the Spirit of Love of God cannot forgive, and so we do not ask pardon, and remain separated from God in this, and (God forbid) in the other life!

**To facilitate your reception of the Sacrament of Penance, we Priests of St. Martha's** have scheduled 30 hours of individual Confession during Holy Week. Come during these hours, and you will find one of our priests waiting for you in the confessional room, next to the courtyard entrance of the Church.

**NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION opened for our St. Martha School on March 11.** There are some openings from three years old up to 8th grade. Please call the school at 953-4181 for information and/or assistance with registration. Allow your children to benefit from a Catholic education!

**ST. MARTHA WILL CELEBRATE THE SILVER JUBILEE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL WALKER PIPE ORGAN** on

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Wednesday, March 30, at 7 pm. My predecessor, Fr. John Rourke, blessed the new Walker Pipe Organ on Sunday, January 14, 1990. The dedicatory recital was performed by Andrew Lumsden, organist, from Westminster Abbey, London.

To celebrate our Silver Jubilee, I have invited the master organist and composer, Sergio Militello, principal organist of the Florence Cathedral in Italy, to come here, before his St. Patrick Cathedral, New York City concert, and offer an historical commemorative recital.

Refreshments will precede the concert at 6 pm in the Fausto Parish Center. Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 366-4210, so we can prepare for the refreshments. The concert and reception are FREE to all, but if you can, a good will tax-exempt donation will be appreciated.

**Tuesday, March 15, is the Presidential Preference Primary Election.** Before you cast your ballot, be sure to read the "Discerning Your Vote" message from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops in this bulletin.

**Smile, God loves you and so does Fr. Fausto with your St. Martha's priests: Frs. Patrick, Wojciech, Sebastian, Philip & Jerry; Deacons Bill, Patrick, & Kevin; Brs. Bill, Tom, Paul & Lawrence**

### LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR

**Making a will can be difficult, but dying without one makes life much harder for those you love.**

If you do not have a will, your wishes can never be known, and your loved ones will face uncertainties, obstacles and added costs in resolving your estate.

**Who will make my health care decisions, when I cannot speak for myself?**

You will need to appoint by way of a legal document a Health Care Surrogate. If you do not have a legal Health Care Surrogate, your health care may not be carried out according to your wishes.

*To learn more you are invited to attend the Life Planning Seminar entitled: "From Here to Eternity: How to Plan for Your Senior Years" which will be held at our parish on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 9:00 am, in the Conf. Rm.*

### ST. MARTHA WEEKLY OFFERTORY

<u>Sunday Offertory</u>		<u>Variance</u>
Weekend 3/6/16	\$31,926.75	
Budget	\$22,500.00	\$9,426.75
<u>Sunday FYTD*</u>		
7/1/15 thru 3/6/16	\$850,123.53	
Budget	\$810,000.00	\$40,123.53

**Budget:** Weekly offertory amount needed to meet Church expenses.

(FYTD: Fiscal Year to Date, from July 1 to June 30.)

*If you would like to set up electronic giving online, please visit our church website: [www.stmartha.org](http://www.stmartha.org)*

### This Week in Our Parish

#### Sun., Mar. 13

8:30 am Family Ministry Coffee Service—Geenen Hall  
10:15 am Rel. Education Classes—2nd Fl. Classrooms  
11:30 am Confession— Fr. Wojciech

#### Mon., Mar. 14

10:00 am Council of Catholic Women Mtg.—Geenen Hall  
6:00 pm Bible Study w/Elizabeth Johnston—Geenen Hall  
7:00 pm Baptism Classes—Conference Rm.

#### Tues., Mar. 15

9:15 am Bible Study w/Elizabeth Johnston—Geenen Hall  
6:00 pm Quest Prayer Group—Geenen Hall  
7:00 pm RCIA—Conference Rm.

#### Wed., Mar. 16

7:30 am Cardinal Mooney Junior Retreat—Fausto Hall  
9:00 am Diocesan Life Planning Sem.—Conference Rm.  
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting—Conference Rm.

#### Thurs., Mar. 17—St. Patrick

7:00 pm Choir Practice—Choir Room

#### Fri., Mar. 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:00 pm AA (Spanish)—Geenen Hall

#### Sat., Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

9:00 am Confessions— Fr. Wojciech  
9:15 am Legion of Mary—Meeting Room  
3:00 pm Confessions— Fr. Sebastian



### Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry 4880 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota

Every Friday during Lent, 4:30-7:00 pm, Alaskan Pollock—baked or hand-breaded and fried, choice of French fries, rice pilaf or macaroni and cheese with coleslaw and a roll. Adults: \$10, children 6-10: \$5, 5 and under: Free. All tips collected by the wait staff will go directly to Dreams are Free School.

For additional information, call: 941-400-6991.



### Year of Mercy: December 8, 2015— November 20, 2016

God's mercy is revealed in all its splendor in the figure of Jesus of Nazareth. "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." (Col 1:15) Jesus is the face of divine mercy. His words - but above all his life and his works—testify to this. In fact, during His public life Jesus always showed great attention to those who were suffering from any kind of affliction. Sensitive to every form or expression of suffering, He listened, protected, healed and forgave everyone. Jesus showed Himself to be a physician of bodies, but especially of souls (Mk 2:17; Lk 5:31). This is demonstrated by His compassionate and merciful approach to sinners who found in him a friend (Lk 7:34) always ready to sit at table with them (Lk 5:27, 30, 13:1, 19:5-7).

From L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO



# FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

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## DISCERNING YOUR VOTE

*Presidential Preference Primary Election, March 15, 2016*

***The right to vote carries with it a responsibility to study and know the candidates.*** As citizens of faith, we are led to question how each candidate if elected will address issues that protect or threaten the dignity of every human life. There are moral and ethical dimensions to every public policy. However, issues carry different moral weight and urgency. Some involve intrinsically evil acts that can never be approved, such as the intentional destruction of innocent human life. Others involve an obligation to seek the common good. The following questions are offered to assist in discerning where the candidates stand on important issues in light of our foundational beliefs.

### **How will each candidate:**

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect the weakest in our midst - innocent unborn children - by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion?
- Keep our nation from turning to violence to address fundamental problems, such as euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability, the destruction of human embryos in the name of research, and the use of the death penalty to combat crime?
- Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman and as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false "gender" ideologies?
- Achieve comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries?
- Ensure full respect for individuals and groups and their right to address social needs in accord with their basic moral and religious convictions?
- Help families and children overcome poverty: ensuring access to and choice in education, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world?
- Provide health care while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system?
- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of military force - examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost?
- Join with others around the world to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation?

This information based on the document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States with Introductory Note*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015 is provided for educational purposes only and does not endorse or oppose any candidate or political party.

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While Planned Parenthood claims that abortions account for only 3% of its services, documents show that abortion fees are 40% of its medical income. Furthermore, 97% of pregnant women going to Planned Parenthood are sold abortions, but less than 2.4% percent of pregnant women receive non-abortion services. Adoption referrals are negligible. Planned Parenthood remains America's largest abortion supplier, responsible for 27% percent of all abortions done nationally.

### THE ARIMATEANS OF ST. MARTHA



The name, Arimatheans, comes from St. Joseph of Arimathea, who tended to our Lord, after his death. Arimatheans are caring parishioners who attend funerals and memorial Masses as representatives of the faith community. In order to better attend the varied Mass schedules, we are looking to expand our group of parishioners, to perform corporal works of mercy—to “bury the dead.” If an Arimathean minister is available for a particular Mass, he/she simply will attend the liturgy. Please give this prayerful consideration, and if you feel you might be interested in joining this ministry, please call Cindy at 941-544-8117.

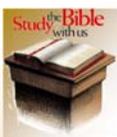
### Matthew 25:36 Outreach Opportunity



The Diocesan Team Leader at the Sarasota County Jail, Br. Jim Connolly, CFX, is looking for volunteers to visit inmates in the Sarasota County Jail. The opportunity is available every Friday night and open to both men and women. The visits are not face-to-face—they are through a phone and TV monitor. Please pray about getting involved and meditate on this passage:

**“I was in prison, and you visited me” Matthew 25:36**

If you have any questions, you can contact Br. Jim at 617-872-9714 or [xavbrosv@yahoo.com](mailto:xavbrosv@yahoo.com)



### ELIZABETH JOHNSTON'S BIBLE STUDY

MEETS IN GEENEN HALL ON  
MONDAY EVENING AT 6:00 PM &  
TUESDAY MORNING AT 9:15 AM

JOIN THE DISCUSSION ON THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE.



### CARITAS—HELP THE “NEEDY MINISTRY”

Caritas is looking for additional dedicated volunteers to help with this important ministry. Time is once or twice a month, on Tuesday or Friday, from 9 to 11 am. Volunteers train with two other experienced workers. Come to a meeting on the first Wednesday of each month.

Come and be a part of *Help the Needy Ministry—Caritas means Love*. For more information or to volunteer, call Tony Cocco at 941-504-6960, or [anthonycocco@aol.com](mailto:anthonycocco@aol.com)

### ST. MARTHA CHURCH NOW HAS AN APP!

St. Martha Catholic Parish App is designed to provide parishioners and ministries a powerful tool for communication and collaboration. The app can be used to help quickly find Mass times, Parish Staff Directory, Events Calendar as well as facilitate communication between the different groups and ministries in the parish. It also provides valuable resources such as devotionals, news, audio podcasts, and videos. The app can be downloaded on both Android and Apple devices by going to Google Play or the Apple Store and searching for “St. Martha Catholic Church Sarasota”. Once downloaded, sign up for the notification groups (ministries) that interest you!



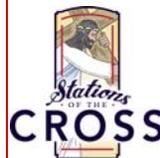
### “MEALS ON WHEELS” OF SARASOTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**421 N. Lime Avenue & Fruitville**

Preparing and packaging meals requires a commitment to one day a week from 8 am to 10:30 am. Clerical volunteers are welcome to join us any weekday. High school and college students are welcome to volunteer to complete their community service hours.

To become a volunteer, contact the Volunteers Coordinator, at 941-366-6693.

### 15TH ANNUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 7:30 A.M.



### Sarasota's Good Friday Pilgrimage

This is the 15th year Sarasota congregations are observing the Stations of the Cross, processing down the center of Main Street. It is a solemn and reflective time as we walk, stop and observe 14 Stations of Christ's passion journey.

Gather in front of the Hollywood 20 Theater on Main Street at 7:15 a.m. The procession ends at the front door of the Church of the Redeemer (222 S. Palm Ave.) at about 8:30 a.m., when all are invited to a Service of Morning Prayer (Matins).

(For those who want to park at the final station at the Church of the Redeemer, buses will be transporting pilgrims from Redeemer Church, beginning at 6:45 a.m., to Hollywood 20.)

For information, call Rev. Dr. Tom Pfaff, Ministerial Association Chair at 941-724-5018.



**THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES OR SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 3/20 AND 3/27. CLASSES RESUME ON 4/3.**



**EMMAUS EXPERIENCE—  
WOMEN’S RETREAT 2016**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 15 (EARLY EVENING), TO  
SUNDAY, APRIL 17,  
AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CENTER  
HOSTED BY EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL PARISH  
FACILITATORS: EMMAUS RETREAT TEAM

**Come Journey With Us on the Road to Emmaus!**

Give yourself the gift of time away from the distractions of your daily routine to listen to Jesus and the Holy Spirit in an environment of sincere faith, fellowship and worship. This retreat is based on the Gospel of Luke 24: 13-35 in which Jesus joins two disciples on their way to Emmaus. The benefits will be personal to you. Women receive tremendous healing, lifting of burdens and experiences of love and joy. This retreat is an opportunity to experience, renew and deepen your relationship with the Lord. Limited enrollment. Registration fee \$150 double room, \$240 single room. (Do not let the registration fee stand in your way.) Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 5. Contact Donna Vodraska, 941-496-4464, or Nancy Archiabile, 513-703-8005.



**INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS  
FOR MARCH 2016**

**General Prayer Intention.** “That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

**Evangelization Prayer Intention.** That those Christians who, on account of their

faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

The St. Martha Altar Society is accepting donations for EASTER LILIES & FLOWERS for the altar and church in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Altar Society through the Parish Office at 366-4210, or make a donation by using the “Flower” envelopes found at the Church doors.



**CASUAL CLOTHES DONATIONS FOR CARITAS**

Your casual clothes donations to the Salvation Army at the 911 Central Avenue location, Psalms Building, on Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11 am, and Thursdays, 12:00 to 1 pm, will be used for local distribution, including for Caritas.



**Fasting & Abstinence**

Catholics aged 14 & older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.



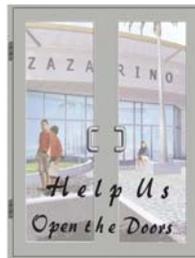
**VISITING THE HOLY DOOR**

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is encouraging everyone to make a pilgrimage to a diocesan cathedral or any other designated church where there will be a Holy Door of Mercy. In the Diocese of Venice there are two such locations: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice, and Our Lady of Mercy Parish (note the name), 240 Park Ave., Boca Grande. **Epiphany Cathedral** has extra hours Monday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fridays, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Sundays all day. At **Our Lady of Mercy Parish** the extra hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Additional hours for pilgrimages will be available by contacting the respective parishes. For Epiphany Cathedral please call 941-484-3505, and for Our Lady of Mercy please call 941-964-2254.



**TOP FIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE KIDS  
AT SCHOOL TO FR. FAUSTO!  
(SOME DEEP THEOLOGICAL THOUGHTS!)**

5. What language did Adam and Eve talk?
4. What year did God create everything?
3. Since the church is female did Jesus marry the church, a woman or nobody?
2. How old was Jesus when the King of Nazareth died?
1. Did Adam have a belly button?



**Help Us Open the Doors to the  
Zazarino Center for Athletics and the  
Arts at St. Martha Catholic School!**

With your help and support, we can make the new Zazarino Center a reality for all of the students at St. Martha Catholic School. Featuring a fully-equipped gymnasium with a stage, a music room, prayer garden, additional classrooms and more, the Zazarino Center will provide St. Martha Catholic School with a much-needed arts and athletics facility. Please consider making a donation, purchasing an engraved brick, or committing to a multi-year pledge to the Zazarino Center Campaign. Information is available at [www.stmarthaschool.net](http://www.stmarthaschool.net) or contact Laura Osborn at 953-4181, or [losorn@stmarthaschool.net](mailto:losorn@stmarthaschool.net)

**Prayer Line: 941-306-6503**

**The Wednesday Word: Encountering Christ,  
prayerfully preparing for the Sunday Mass go to:  
[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)**

**Pray the Rosary: [therosary3.com](http://therosary3.com)**

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, March 18—St. Thomas More's Concert Series** with Maestro Hector Olivera, acclaimed "one of the greatest organists in the world today," performing at the Chelsea Center at 7 pm. Tickets: \$25-reserved and \$15-general admission. For additional information, contact Susan at 941-923-1691.

**Saturday, March 19—Magnificat Breakfast** at the Holiday Inn Airport at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Speaker: Mother Lucille Cutrone. Please call Joanne Taratino at 239-631-6661 or Shirley Ruehl at 239-949-7015.

**Tuesday, March 22—The Annual Chrism Mass** will be held at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice, at 10:30 am. All are invited to join Bishop Frank Dewane for the blessing of the Holy Oils which are used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the year.

**Thursday, April 7—The Venice Veterans Salute** will be held at the Venice Performing Arts Center in Venice at 6pm. The event is a salute to US military veterans with special recognition to the soldiers of the Vietnam War. For tickets visit [www.veniceperformingartscenter.com](http://www.veniceperformingartscenter.com)

**Sunday, April 10—Yom HaShoah** to be held at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., in Venice, at 2:30 pm. Each year the Diocese of Venice hosts this commemoration of the Holocaust as an interreligious gathering bringing members of the Catholic and Jewish communities together in order to recommit to the promotion of peace and solidarity among all peoples. Guest Speaker: Fr. Patrick Ryan, S.J., of Fordham University. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

**Silent Ignatian Retreat, Sunday, April 3, to Wednesday, April 6**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Retreat House. This is a silent retreat that includes scheduled conferences each day, Mass and an opportunity to meet with the retreat director. The topics center on Ignatian spirituality, prayer and discernment. There will be opportunities provided for private prayer where the retreatant may bring into their own spiritual life those elements discussed with the conferences. All rooms are single occupancy with a full size bed and private bathroom and shower. Retreat cost is \$395. For more information please call 941-0233 or email [gazo@olph-retrea.org](mailto:gazo@olph-retrea.org)

**Annual Easter Migrant Children's Shoe Distribution**—Your donation of \$10 or more will provide a gift certificate that will give a migrant or needy child the opportunity to select the style and size of the shoes he or she would like to wear this spring. Send your donation to: SHOES, c/o Stillpoint House of Prayer, P.O. Box 619, Bradenton, FL 34206.

**Theology on Tap**—For young adults (18-39) to learn about the faith while building community. In the Venice area, Theology on Tap presents the "Upper Room Coffee House," every Tuesday evening, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. For more details, call the Diocese at 484-9543.

## SEE JESUS IN EVERYONE

"Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger." This is how today's Gospel reading from St. John describes Jesus' immediate response when the woman accused of adultery is brought before Him. Immediately after this the Lord says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

In the original Greek, the word used for "bent down" describes doing something that was considered very humbling; quite likely Jesus was trying to put the woman at ease, to identify with her. Jesus identifies with the woman and makes a gesture to let her know that. We often speak of seeing Jesus in others, in treating them in a way that reflects love and caring, not judgment.

Blessed Mother Theresa once said, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself: 'This is hungry Jesus, I must feed Him'; or 'this is sick Jesus, I must care for Him.' I serve because I love Jesus." Stewardship calls us to show the same kind of love. We, too, are called to find and see Jesus in all we meet, to be willing to humble ourselves if necessary to serve and care for them. There are ways we can do this among the ministries right here in our own faith community.

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### Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma 13 de marzo de 2016

Más aún pienso que nada vale la pena en comparación con el bien supremo, que consiste en conocer a Cristo Jesús, mi Señor.

-- Filipenses 3:8

### RENGLONES RECTOS

"Dios escribe derecho en renglones torcidos", dice el refrán. El testimonio contundente de san Pablo, cuando nos dice que todo es basura fuera del conocer a Cristo y experimentar la fuerza de su Resurrección, es un mensaje bien directo y claro -aunque Dios sabe que Pablo anduvo por una senda bien torcida antes de recibir la luz cegadora del Señor.

Isaías nos recuerda que los grandes milagros del pasado no son nada en comparación con la nueva creación que Dios va a realizar. "¿No lo notan?" nos pregunta el profeta, como si todavía anduviéramos perdidos por nuestras sendas torcidas.

Y no hay renglón más derecho que la línea que conecta la intensa miseria de una mujer pecadora con la misericordia de Dios que se muestra en la persona de Jesús. ¡Eso sí que son Buenas Nuevas!"

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### MARRIAGE BANNS

**Kenneth Rachon & Sara Saradelli (1)**  
**Kevin Barden & Marion Hauville (1)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun., Mar. 13</b>	<b><u>Is43:16-21; Phil3:8-14; Jn8:1-11</u></b>
7:30 a.m.	[PW] Anne Murphy
8:00 a.m.	[RS] (Span/Hall) Virginia "Gin" Hopper by Susan Skozronek
9:00 a.m.	[FS] Bob Greenbury by Katy & Bert Arrillaga
9:00 a.m.	[GH] (Hall) Bob & Marguerite Romaine
10:30 a.m.	[FS] For All Parishioners
10:30 a.m.	[SS] (Hall) Patrick J. McGuire by Lester McGuire
12:00 p.m.	[SS] Daniel & Jesse by My-Zung Ngac-Siglin
12:00 p.m.	[PL] (Viet/Hall) (L) Fr. Philip
5:30 p.m.	[WS] Barry Kelly by Susan & Michael Hunter
<b>Mon., Mar. 14</b>	<b><u>Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8: 12-12-20</u></b>
7:30 a.m.	[PL] Harold Gibson by Roland, Sabrina & William
8:30 a.m.	[GH] (L) Ann C. Lortie by Paul & Marge
12:00 p.m.	[SS] (L) Priests of St. Martha by Janet & Tony
1:55 pm	[PW] (BNA) John R. Gallo by Brigetta Agosta
5:30 p.m.	[WS] Frank & Kevin by Corinne Connaughton
<b>Tues., Mar. 15</b>	<b><u>Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30</u></b>
7:30 a.m.	[GH] (L) Margaret & Harold Slattery by Jim &
8:30 a.m.	[FS] Mary Ann Zuk by Roberta Monte
12:00 p.m.	[WS] Loretta Wasowicz by Terrie & John
1:55 pm	[PW] (BNA) Victor Kassich by John Kiwczak
5:30 p.m.	[PL] Poor Souls
<b>Wed., Mar. 16</b>	<b><u>Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42</u></b>
7:30 a.m.	[GH] Bob & Marguerite Romaine
8:30 a.m.	[PW] (L) Dorothy Krauley by Friends
12:00 p.m.	[WS] (L) Anthony Frank Costigliola by Mary & Joe Watts
1:55 pm	[SS] (BNA) Peter Toller by Robert White & Family
5:30 p.m.	[FS] Maria Hoffberg
<b>Thurs., Mar. 17</b>	<b><u>Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59</u></b>
7:30 a.m.	[PW] Ann D. Krause by Amy
8:30 a.m.	[GH] Alan Meder by Barbara Meder
12:00 p.m.	[SS] Clarice M. Faroane by James Joyce Soc. of SRQ
1:55 pm	[PL] (BNA) Donn Hamm by Clare Evers
5:30 p.m.	[FS] Poor Souls
<b>Fri., Mar. 18</b>	<b><u>Ier 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42</u></b>
7:30 a.m.	[GH] Poor Souls
8:30 a.m.	[PL] Dolores Weber by Richard & Kathleen Weber
12:00 p.m.	[SS] Donald Schramm by Patricia Le
1:55 pm	[FS] (BNA) Thomas R. Keyes by Family
5:30 p.m.	[WS] Margaret Herbst
<b>Sat., Mar. 19</b>	<b><u>2Sm7:45a12-14a16Rom4:1316-1822Mt1:1618-21.24a</u></b>
7:30 a.m.	[SS] Jean Grossheim by Kate
8:30 a.m.	[GH] Special Intention by Maria Rocca
4:00 p.m.	[FS] Margaret & Larry Ries by Famiy
4:00 p.m.	[WS] (Hall) Special Intention
5:30 p.m.	[PW] Bach Thanh Nguyen Joseph by Patricia Le
<b>Sun., Mar. 20</b>	<b><u>Lk19: 28-40; Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Lk 22: 14—23: 56</u></b>
7:30 a.m.	[WS] Frank Harrison by Sally
8:00 a.m.	[RS] (Span/Hall) Poor Souls
9:00 a.m.	[GH] Marney Patt by Thomas Patt
9:00 a.m.	[FS] (Hall) Gloria K. Frank-O'Neil by Dr. & Mrs. R.J. Frank
10:30 a.m.	[FS] For All Parishioners
10:30 a.m.	[SS] (Hall) Keith Bridges by Joe & Pierina DiSanto
12:00 p.m.	[PW] Dr. Richard J. Glins by John & Carol Alden
12:00 p.m.	[PL] (Viet/Hall) Special Intentions
5:30 p.m.	[SS] Shaun McGruder

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Fr. Sebastian (SS), Fr. Jerry (GH), Fr. Remigius (RS)*

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