

St. Martha Roman Catholic Church

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SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VERY REV. FAUSTO STAMPIGLIA
S.A.C., PASTOR

WELCOME TO ST. MARTHA CHURCH
WE WARMLY WELCOME NEW
PARISHIONERS AND SEASONAL
VISITORS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
BECOMING A MEMBER OF OUR
PARISH FAMILY, WE ASK YOU TO
REGISTER BY COMPLETING A
REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE ON
THE WEBSITE OR AT THE PARISH
OFFICE.



MASS SCHEDULE—Church opens 30 minutes before each service and close 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., Noon, & 5:30 pm
Parish Hall - 8 a.m. (Spanish), & Noon Vietnamese)

WEEKDAY: 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 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

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

From Our Pastor, Fr. Fausto ...

MY DEAR FRIENDS,



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! I remember vividly that early morning of June 5, 1944, when we children housed in the time of war, in St. Joseph School in Rome, left in a great rush from the Sunday Mass to applaud the American soldiers entering Rome. With the entrance of our liberators, we ended famine, fear, bombings and oppression! What joy and excitement. **May God bless America,** and

may we Americans be faithful always to our Motto **"In God We Trust!"** Please remember also to be careful with fireworks and, if you drink, let the designated sober person drive! **Drunken driving kills innocent people! Monday Masses will be 7:30, 8:30 am and Noon. There is no 5:30 pm Mass.** Because of this Holiday **our Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4.**

AS I FINISH MY 25TH YEAR AS PASTOR OF ST. MARTHA, I want to thank all of you who have helped me so much by your examples of faith, loyalty, generosity and commitment, and who have thereby enabled me to feel that together we have achieved a good strong parish and school. Forgive my failings, sins and foolishness! Thank you!

TODAY'S GOSPEL IS SHOWING US HOW JESUS was not only a formidable improviser and charismatic preacher, but also a good organizer, like in our case, sending 72 followers to prepare the ground for His coming. Mind you, though, that such organization reflects the primitive conditions of a strategically important, but truly impoverished colony of Rome. That is why some of Jesus' directives mean very little to us, except that part that still

changed society, like, for example, the going two by two, which we still follow today for reasons of mutual support, and true witnessing to Christ's presence: *"Where two or three gather in my name, I am in their midst."*

Also, how true even today is Jesus' lament: "The harvest is rich but workers are few," and the only true remedy to lack of vocation is prayer: "ask the harvest-master to send workers to His harvest." Jesus affirms the principle that God's ministers should get a worthy remuneration for their apostolic ministry. Following the law of love, Jesus again forbids His followers to inveigh or curse back when rejected, leaving vengeance and judgment to God. Finally, what a consolation for all of us Christians to know that our names are inscribed in heaven, beyond any transitory sinfulness, failure or success in this life!

THE MYSTERIOUS SIGN OR MIRACLE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST has the power to keep us spellbound and mesmerized in the depth of our minds and soul. I am happy to bring again to you the explanation of this "Sacred Banquet," the "Holy Mass." I wrote some time ago in this bulletin, in answer to an inquiry from a young parishioner, who asked me to explain, in simple terms, **why we call the Eucharist a sacrifice**, and she said: **"I thought it was a banquet."** It is both! But how can we explain in simple human words a divine reality so inscrutable and mysterious? It seems that there is no simple way to do it!

But, we may have a glimpse into this **Sacrament** if we go back to the way the ancient Hebrews worshiped God in Jerusalem (or the idols in the case of the Gentiles).

Imagine an ancient Roman father whose daughter has been chronically sick, and so she was thought to be under the spell of an evil idol. To placate such a superhuman enemy, the father would go with family, friends and slaves to the temple of that idol, bringing, for instance, a lamb to show his willingness to deprive himself (**sacrifice of a valuable animal**), in order that the evil spell on his daughter would end.

As we all know, a mammal which loses all blood dies, and so the ancient priest, after first having lighted a wooden fire, over a stone altar, set in the middle of the temple, would **cut the throat of a lamb**, letting the blood go down a trench around the base of the altar, **so that the soul of the animal would drain away**, causing the death of the animal, which would then be put on the fire; the sweetbreads and skin would be burned completely, the edible parts would be removed after barbecuing, and divided between the priest and the family.

A sacrificial banquet would then follow at the home of the Roman father. The priests usually sold their sacrificed meat to local butcher shops, which they sold at a big discount, because there was no refrigeration in those times. By the way, this custom of selling the meat, sacrificed to the idols, **caused great controversy among the first Christians**, splitting the Gentile converts, accustomed to this cheap meat, from the original Christians, who were all Jews, and accustomed to eating only the meat sacrificed to the Almighty in the temple of Jerusa-

lem. **For the Jews, the sacrificial meat banquet was the fitting conclusion of the worship just done**, and a continuation of the sacrifice offered to God. They felt that eating the meat sacrificed to the idols in their Pagan Temple was idolatry.

The first Church Council of Jerusalem (49 A.D.) was concerned about this matter, and other Gentile practices as well, and a decree was promulgated saying: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit, and of us, not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood ..." So the separation of blood from the animal was **The Sacrifice**, and eating of the meat was **The Banquet**. This is why we speak of the sacrifice of the Cross, because as the Gospel of John tells us: "... one soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out" (Jn 19:34); Jesus' blood, His lifeline, was separated from His body.

And now, finally, **we may understand why Jesus, at the Last Supper, separated His body (bread) from His blood (wine)** into two separate blessings (Mk 14:22-25), as He had already prophesied in His talk in John 6, which shocked his audience in Capernaum to the core of their unbelieving hearts: **"The bread that I will give is my flesh ... whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day ..."** Many of his disciples were murmuring about this; Jesus said to them: **'Does this shock you?'** As a result of this talk, many disciples no longer accompanied Him."

TODAY IS CARITAS SUNDAY, when the members of Caritas seek your donations at the doors of the church to help them to assist the needy of our area. Please be as generous as you can. God will reward you.

For the next fiscal year 2016-17, we are in need of new Finance Council members to help me with the stewardship of our parish resources. The candidates must have a strong business or finance background. Qualified women or men should pray if they can donate the time to this important position. Thank you.

Smile, God loves you and so does Fr. Fausto with your St.

Martha's priests, clergy and Staff:

Fathers Patrick, Wojciech, Sebastian, Philip & Jerry;

Deacons Bill, Patrick, & Kevin;

Brothers Bill, Tom, Paul & Lawrence

Sisters Cathy & Marianne

Sara Brinn, Office Mgr./Parish Secretary

Virginia Bray, Music Director

Gina Snode, Bus. Manager/Bookkeeper

Patricia Sileo, Religious Education Dir.

Maria DeSanto, Director of Dev.

Teresa McCoy, Finance Assistant

Pamela Paulson, Reception/Data Entry

Sabrina Gibson, Reception/Data Entry

Rose Ann Runnells, Sacristan

Tom Patt, Sacristan

Prayer Line: 941-306-6503

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2016 St. Martha Summer Activity Week
CAVE QUEST



*Following Jesus...
The Light of the World!*

**July 25—29
9:00 a.m.- Noon**

**For children age 4-10
Cost: \$50 per child**

(Scholarships are available)

Registration packets are available in the
School & Parish Office
Counselor positions are limited. If interested,
contact msmith@stmarthaschool.net
as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact Patty at
366-4210 Ext. 3236 or sileo@stmartha.org

This Week in Our Parish

Sun., July 3

11:30 am Confession— Fr. Wojciech

Mon., July 4—Independence Day—Church Office Closed

Tues., July 5—St. Anthony Zaccaria & St. Elizabeth of Portugal

6:30 pm Symbolon-Part Two—Conference Rm.

Wed., July 6—St. Maria Goretti

Thurs., July 7

Fri., July 8

8:00 pm AA (Spanish)—Geenen Hall

Sat., July 9—St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

9:00 am Confessions— Fr. Wojciech

10:00 am Legion of Mary—Meeting Room

12:00 pm Legion of Mary Curia—Geenen Hall

3:00 pm Confessions— Fr. Fausto



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

“Those who celebrate the sacrament of
Marriage say, ‘I promise to be true to you,
in joy and in sadness, in sickness and in
health; I will love you and honor you all the
days of my life.’...They say this because
they need Jesus’ help to walk beside one

another in trust, to accept one another each day, and
daily to forgive one another. And this is important! To
know how to forgive one another in families because we
all make mistakes, all of us!

- Pope Francis

From Bob and Jan Lang,
parents of Fr. Lawton Lang,
ordained to the priesthood
on Saturday, June 18, 2016:

We would like to thank
everyone at St. Martha’s for
the support Lawton has had
over the years of his formation, and especially at his
first Mass and reception. Thank you.



Gluten Free Hosts



If you have an allergy to gluten, St. Martha
does have gluten free hosts. Please see the
sacristan or a deacon in the sacristy before
Mass and request a gluten-free host be con-
secrated during the Mass.

**A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE
OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

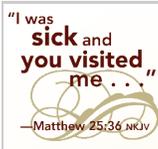
Almighty eternal God, source of all compassion,
the promise of your mercy and saving help
fills our hearts with hope.
Hear the cries of the people of the Middle East;
bring healing to those suffering from the violence,
and comfort to those mourning the dead.
Empower and encourage the nations of the world
in their care and welcome for refugees.
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms,
and strengthen the resolve of those committed to peace.

O God of hope and Father of mercy,
your Holy Spirit inspires us to look beyond
ourselves and our own needs.
Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek
reconciliation with enemies.
Inspire the Church around the world with compassion
for the people of the Middle East,
and fill us with hope for a future of peace
built on justice for all.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son,
Prince of Peace and Light of the World,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.



ST. MARTHA HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

**Saturday, July 23, join us to celebrate
the feast of St. Martha (which falls on
July 29).** The Hospitality Ministry will
host a celebration in the Parish Center after
the 4:00 and 5:30 a.m. Masses. Wine, beer
and snacks will be served. Please join the
priests and other parishioners in honor of
our St. Martha.



HOSPITAL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION ARE NEEDED!
WE CARE ABOUT YOU ...CALL US WHEN YOU ARE SICK

One of the Corporal Works of Mercy highlighted during this Jubilee Year of Mercy is: VISIT THE SICK. Receiving Holy Communion when you are in the hospital can be very comforting. We need more volunteers to take Communion—once a month, or once a week—to those in the hospital. Please help; if you can find time for the sick, call Calvin Kreider at 928-6995. You can also let the parish Hospital Ministry know if you or a loved one is taken to the hospital by calling the Parish Office. We would like to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please let us know.



As we celebrate Independence Day, recall that our Declaration invokes the "right to life" as an "unalienable right" granted to all "by their Creator," not their government.

What God gives, government cannot take away. This is the foundation of our freedom "that God grants our human rights, and that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted." This is the basis of the freedom we enjoy. Preserving that freedom requires preserving the fundamental rights that are its foundation, starting with life itself.



WE ALSO NEED EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR NURSING HOMES

Can you find time on a Sunday to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and bring communion to people in nursing homes? Because of summer vacations we are looking for ministers to volunteer and bring communion to Catholics in nursing homes on Sundays, weekly or monthly. It is a fulfilling and rewarding ministry. If you can help please call Dale or Sue on 350-9466.



I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING A ST. MARTHA MINISTRY PLEASE CALL ME WITH INFORMATION!

Name: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Ministry of Interest (See list in the back of bulletin):
 1. _____
 2. _____

Complete this form and drop it in the collection box and someone will call you!



SYMBOLON
 THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

SYMBOLON PART II DISCUSSION GROUP

TUESDAY, 6:30 PM. IN ST. MARTHA CONF. ROOM

| Date | Session | Topic |
|---------|--------------------------|--|
| July 5 | A Love that Lasts | The Call to Self-Giving Love |
| July 12 | A Love that Lasts | God's Plan for Sexuality |
| July 19 | Catholic Social Teaching | Building a Civilization of Love |
| July 26 | Catholic Social Teaching | Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person |

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A THEOLOGY OF A HOLY DOOR FOR THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



A holy door or porta sancta has been used since the fifteenth century as a **ritual expression of conversion**. Pilgrims and penitents pass through it as a gesture of leaving the past behind and crossing the threshold from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom, and from darkness to light. Often these rituals are associated with prayer, pilgrimage, sacrifice, confession, and indulgences.

But the door finds meaning **only when the believer associates the door with Christ. Jesus is the Door!** In the words of Pope Francis, "There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into the life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation. To him alone can the words of the Psalmist be applied in full truth: 'This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter' (Ps 118:20)."

Saint John Paul II offers a similar exhortation: "To focus on the door is to recall the responsibility of every believer to cross its threshold. To pass through that door means to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; it is to strengthen faith in him in order to live the new life which he has given us. It is a decision which presumes **freedom to choose and also the courage to leave something behind**, in the knowledge that what is gained is divine life [cf. Mt 13:44-46]" (Saint John Paul II, Incarnationis Mysterium, 8, in the year 2000).

John's gospel clearly depicts this relationship between Jesus and us. "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:7-10).

It is fitting that a Holy Door be situated within a church building. **The door of the Church** is the ianua ecclesiae – **"the silent witness to all the moments of our lives"** (USCCB, About the Jubilee Door, 1999). Often sacramental rituals begin at the door – here, the priest or deacon welcomes the parents as they bring their child for baptism; here, he greets the bride and groom as they begin the wedding liturgy; here, he greets the catechumens at the Rite of Acceptance; and, finally, the priest greets the casket at the beginning of the funeral liturgy.

"And this is important! To know how to forgive one another in families
because we all make mistakes, all of us!!
- Pope Francis

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 3—Fortnight for Freedom Picnic - The Diocese of Venice invites everyone to a Fortnight for Freedom picnic at Epiphany Cathedral Parish Hall, Venice, following the 5:30pm Mass. Please RSVP at www.dioceseofvenice.org/events

Parish Vocation Ministry—is a new initiative of the Vocations Office to promote a culture of vocations in every parish in the Diocese. The Parish Vocation Team would be dedicated to raising awareness for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, promoting prayer for vocations and inviting young people to consider the call God has for them. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please contact the Vocations Director, Fr. Eric Scanlan, with your name, parish, and phone number at scanlan@dioceseofvenice.org or call the Vocations Office at 941-411-1124.

Women of Grace 2016 Retreat—August 5-7 at Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, FL. Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy: Our Refuge on the Battlefield of Life. Presenters: Johnnette Benkovic, Fr. Joh Paul, Mary Zeller, MFVA; Susan P. Brinkman, OCDS, Thomas K. Sullivan. For more details go to www.womenofgrace.com

SOLVE Maternity Homes Seventh Annual Rummage Sale—Friday, July 15, from 8 am to 3 pm, and Saturday, July 16, from 8 am to 1 pm, in the Parish Center at Saints Peter and Paul the Apostles Catholic Church, 2850 75th St. West, Bradenton. Donations will be accepted at the Parish Center on Saturday, July 9, between 9 am and 2 pm., and July 11-13, between 9 am and 6 pm. Small household items and clothing accepted. NO COMPUTERS, TVS, SOFABEDS, OR TV WALL UNITS. All proceeds benefit the moms and babies of SOLVE. Information: 941-761-3224.

Holy Door Hours—In the Diocese of Venice, two Parishes have been designated pilgrimage sites and have a Holy Door: Epiphany Cathedral, Venice, and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Boca Grande. Those wanting to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy at Epiphany Cathedral, call 941-484-3505, and for Our Lady of Mercy, please call 941-964-2254. Pope Francis has offered the faithful the opportunity to receive plenary indulgences by making a pilgrimage to designated churches around the world.

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.

**The Wednesday Word: Encountering Christ,
prayerfully preparing for the Sunday Mass go to:
www.wednesdayword.org**

THE MARKS OF JESUS

Our older parishioners probably will remember Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Venerable Fulton Sheen was an American bishop who became known for his preaching, especially his work on radio and television. In fact, in the 1950s and into the 60s, he may have been the most recognizable Catholic in the United States.

Archbishop Sheen said: "Show me your hands; do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet; are they wounded in service? Show me your heart; have you left a place for divine love?" St. Paul makes a similar statement in today's Second Reading: "From now on let no one make troubles for me, for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body." Are we living as good stewards, as disciples such that we, too, bear the marks of Jesus?

We are not speaking of real scars, but we are talking about how the Lord has called us to follow Him, has asked us to take up the cross and follow Him as a matter of fact. If we strive to give, to serve and to have faith as Archbishop Sheen indicates, then we, too, can rejoice as the Lord says to us: "Your names are written in heaven." We are called and we need to respond to that call.

From the Catholic Steward



*Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost...*
Prayer for Generosity, St. Ignatius Loyola

Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 3 de julio de 2016

No permita Dios que yo me gloríe en algo que no sea la cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.
-- Gálatas 6:14



"LA PAZ"

El saludo de la paz en la Misa fundamenta un mensaje de las lecturas de hoy: la paz es relacional. Cuando le damos la paz a la persona que está cerca de nosotros en la Misa, compartimos el roce de un apretón de manos o un abrazo, el contacto visual sincero y palabras amistosas.

Las Escrituras hablan de una paz similar. La primera lectura de Isaías describe la paz como la ciudad sagrada, Jerusalén, un lugar de prosperidad y de consuelo donde "Los siervos del Señor conocerán su poder".

El entendimiento cristiano de la paz cambia ligeramente. San Pablo escribe sobre "la paz y la misericordia" para todos los que son nuevas criaturas. Jesús describe un sentimiento de paz que se posará sobre los que aceptan a sus discípulos y a su mensaje.

La paz es tanto la ausencia de conflictos como una bendición personal. Que siempre y sinceramente traigamos paz a nuestras propias vidas mientras la compartimos con los demás.

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