

St. Martha Roman Catholic Church

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The Passion of St. John the Baptist, August 29

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9 a.m. - Noon & 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

*Church opens 30 minutes before each service
and closes afterwards.*

SATURDAY

7:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.; (Vigil) 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY CHURCH

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon & 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 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 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, & 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. - Noon; Fridays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(The Carosella Chapel is open for quiet prayer during office hours.)

Church:

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on the first Friday of the month

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 a.m. - 10 a.m.; 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Reconciliation Room)
Sunday - Friday: 11:30 a.m. - Noon (Church Entrance)

BAPTISM

Classes are held on the 2nd Monday of each month
from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Conference Room.
Baptism will take place regularly every Sunday at
5 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,

The Sunday theme today is HUMILITY, the virtue that is very much misunderstood and, I might say, in short supply nowadays.

The readings give us the true meaning of this virtue, both from the divine and the human point of view “What is too sublime for you, seek not; into things beyond your strength, search not.” Sirach warns us, and the meaning of God’s message is clear:

“Humility is to accept the **real you**, as made by God.” What is the **real you**? Who am I? A creature of the Almighty God, and whoever I am, I am totally and exclusively a 100% gift from God. My soul, life, brain, talents, beauty, health, genes, etc., ... come from God alone, thru the mediation of my parents. Everything that I am has been built by me (or wasted by me) on this divine foundation; without such foundation I would be a nonexistent nothingness!

It is true that I have cooperated with God in making myself what I am, but without God sustaining my breath every single second of my existence, I could not bloom and prosper. “Take away your breath, and you will die,” the Psalmist says. The sin of pride is to forget about this fundamental truth, and try to substitute ourselves for God: “You shall be like God” was the original sin, and still is the base on which our sinful life is built.

Whenever we are tempted to “**play God**,” let us remember that our lives are totally dependent on God, and that we are but ashes.

Why then does St. Thomas Aquinas define humility as: “The recognition of our own excellence?” For two reasons: the first one is that we are so precious in God’s heart that He sent His son to save us! The second reason is that God loves every one of us so much that He has filled us with many talents and favors! Now then, we are excellent because of God not ourselves: what do we have or what are we, if not all coming from God? Humility, then, means that we recognize God’s all-loving embrace and support, that’s all!

Jesus also added a human point of view showing the silliness of those who act pompously, and so expose themselves to ridicule by all. The parable of such pompous people is so vivid and immediate that we need not waste more time on it. The aim of Jesus is to reveal to us that from both points of view, either divine or human, humility is a virtuous attitude that makes us dear to God and people alike.

Our St. Martha Religious Education begins a new season on Sunday, September 18. It is not too late to register your children by contacting the Parish Office. The 9:00 a.m. Family Mass in Fausto Center will also begin on September 18. We would like to see all the parents and the children at this Mass as an example for the little ones.

Next Sunday is Caritas Sunday, when the

members of Caritas, all volunteers, seek your donations at the doors of the Church, to help them to continue to assist the needy in our area. Last month you, dear parishioners, gave Caritas the generous amount of \$4,710. Thank you and please be generous!

Just a reminder of two upcoming events. The first being the Solemn Blessing and dedication of the Zazarino Center on Monday, September 12 immediately after the 8:15 a.m. school Mass and will be celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane in St. Anne Hall. The Knights of Columbus will lead the procession for the dedication and blessing of the new Zazarino Center.

Second, this year marks the 15th Anniversary of the attacks of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will pray the Benediction at the Interfaith Commemoration Service in honor and remembrance of all those who lost their lives and are still affected by the attacks. The service will be held Sunday, September 11 at Patriot Plaza, Sarasota National Cemetery at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this Ecumenical gathering.

**Smile, God loves you and so does Fr. Fausto with your St. Martha clergy:
Fathers Patrick, Wojciech, Sebastian, Philip & Jerry
Deacons Bill, Patrick, & Kevin
Brothers Bill, Tom & Lawrence
Sisters Cathy & Marianne**

A warm “Thank You!” to
Connie Holcomb and Walter Serwatka
for donating a very beautiful, very modern
Last Supper which we are going to display
in the community room of the Zazarino Center.



ST. MARTHA ANGEL FUND

Learning our Catholic faith when children are young can help build their faith and character. We need your help to keep the St. Martha’s Angels in our school. Any amount that you can find in your heart to contribute to these angels will be gratefully appreciated.

ST. MARTHA YOUTH GROUP



ROCK THE UNIVERSE At Universal Studio

Saturday, September 10th
Depart 2:00 p.m. - Return 2:00 a.m.

Cost is only \$45

**Bus transportation from
St Martha Church included.**

Space is limited.
Email to reserve your spot!
sileo@stmartha.org

This Week in Our Parish

Sun., Aug 28

11:30 a.m. Confession - Fr. Sebastian

Mon., Aug 29 - *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

Tues., Aug 30

Wed., Aug 31

Thurs., Sep 1

Fri., Sep 2

8:00 p.m. AA (Spanish) - Geenen Hall

Sat., Sep 3 - *St. Gregory the Great*

9:00 a.m. Confessions - Fr. Sebastian

9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary - Meeting Room

3:00 p.m. Confessions - Fr. Sebastian



THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AUGUST 29

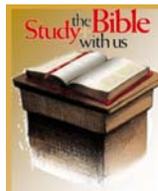
John rebuked Herod the tetrarch for his incestuous and adulterous marriage to Herodias, who was both his niece and his brother's wife, and so Herod had him imprisoned. At Herod's birthday celebration, when Herodias' daughter Salome danced, Herod promised to give her anything she wanted. After consulting with her mother, Salome asked for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod honored his oath and had John beheaded. May we imitate John's courage to demand that those in authority be held accountable for their actions.

Living with Christ



ST. MARTHA CHURCH HAS AN APP!

St. Martha Catholic Parish App can be used to find Mass times, Parish Staff Directory, Events Calendar as well as facilitate communication between the different groups and ministries in the parish. 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!



ELIZABETH JOHNSTON'S BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Monday, September 12 at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13 at 9 a.m.

Join us as we read, study and pray the Book of Psalms facilitated by Elizabeth Johnston. Study materials will be provided but be sure to bring your Bibles. All are welcome!



Our Sympathy is extended to the families of all those who have recently passed. We pray for you and your loved ones, especially for:

Francis Cikovic	Bruce Ramsey	Dorothy Krauley
Donald Herman	Rose Quigley	Antoinette Payne
Pearl Thompson	Martin Bullock	David Crawford
Terry Hudspeth	Thomas Nelson	Charles Brown, Jr.
Dick Welch	William Wolff	John Carsello
Francesca Lawson	Marie Louise Kerella	



Year of Mercy Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016

"In his mercy, he never tires of stretching out his hand to lift us up, to encourage us to continue our journey, to come back and tell him of our weakness, so that he can grant us his strength. — Pope Francis



Being pro-life is about the humility of which today's readings speak. Humility allows us to see each other and ourselves honestly, as neither more nor less than what we are. Because we see the worth of our own lives and those of our neighbors, we are not led by pride to either oppress or ignore those lives. Rather, humility leads us to serve those lives.

FOR ADULTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Do you know someone who is age 18 or over and may be considering joining the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? If so, then please consider bringing them to one of the informational meetings to be held:



Sunday, September 11 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass or Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.

These meeting will provide information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program and the Sacramental Preparation Classes for adults. Meetings will be held in the conference room next to Father Fausto Parish Center.

All who wish to investigate the Catholic faith for the first time or those who wish to complete their sacraments of Communion and Confirmation are encouraged to attend. Please contact Maggie Gallucci 941-355-5957, maggie.gallucci@gmail.com or Sue Thompson suehome2@verizon.net for more information.

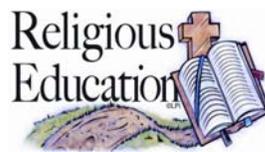


ST. MARTHA USHER MINISTRY

This ministry is looking for new members for the weekend Masses. Ideally, four ushers are needed at each Mass. If you would like to meet new parishioners, and make visitors feel welcome, please consider joining this group. For more information, call Bob Morrissey at 726-9107.

Prayer Before Surgery

Loving Father,
I entrust myself to your care this day;
guide with wisdom and skill
the minds and hands
of the medical people
who minister in your Name,
and grant that every
cause of illness be removed,
I may be restored to soundness of health
and learn to live in more perfect harmony
with you and with those around me.
Through Jesus Christ.
Amen.



ST. MARTHA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2016/2017

Registration is now open for the 2016/2017 Religious Education classes. Class will begin after the Family Mass in the Parish Hall on September 18, 2016. Families need to be registered parishioners of St. Martha Parish. Classes are available for children Grades K-12. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online at www.stmartha.org. For more information contact Patty Sileo, Director of Religious Education at 366-4210, or email: sileo@stmartha.org.



ANGEL'S ATTIC NEEDS CLOTHES

St. Martha CARITAS partners with several agencies to help serve the needy in Sarasota. Angel's Attic is a major source of clothing for the Caritas clients. Angel's Attic is in need of clothes. Please consider donating your gently used "casual" clothes to Angel's Attic, located at 1255 Seeds Ave., Sarasota. Their hours are Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 am to 1 pm. Thank you.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Couldn't you spend one hour with me?"

The Carosella Chapel, in the Parish Office, is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All are welcome to visit and pray. Bring your prayer requests and intentions and write them in the prayer book outside the Chapel.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to Noon and Fridays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Eucharistic Adoration ministry is made up of parishioners who commit to a specific hour each week. They are in need of permanent and substitute adorers. Contact Candes Lamb: 941-753-3404.

If we open the door to Jesus and allow him to be part of our lives, if we share our joys and sorrows with him, then we will experience the peace and joy that only God, who is infinite, can give. - Pope Francis

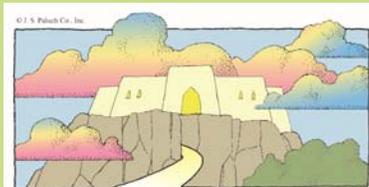
Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 3 - Magnificat Breakfast All women are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Magnificat from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport, Ft. Myers. For information or to register, please call Joanne at 239-631-6661 or Shirley at 239-949-7015.

Sunday, September 11 - A Blue Mass for all Manatee County First Responders will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs at 10 a.m. in thanksgiving for the sacrifices made by those who serve and protect us. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

Saturday, September 24 - Catechist Enrichment Day at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Naples from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All catechists are invited to attend this event which includes breakfast, exhibits, a keynote speaker and interactive workshops. Call Kristi at 239-261-5831 for more information.

Saturday, September 24 - The Bible and Prayer Program presented by Dr. Scott Hahn's Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish, Sarasota. Develop a deeper understanding of the scripture and be trained to bring this teaching back to your own parish. Cost is \$40 and spaces are limited, call the Diocese of Venice Office of Evangelization at 941-484-9543 for information or to register.



Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 28 de agosto de 2016

Ustedes, en cambio, se han acercado a Sión, el monte y la ciudad del Dios viviente.
— Hebreos 12:22a

HUMILDAD

¿Has estado alguna vez con un grupo de personas –quizás en un crucero, en una reunión social, o en la iglesia– y descubres que has estado hablando con un autor muy conocido, un alto ejecutivo de una empresa poderosa, un gran intelectual o una figura política? Tu primer pensamiento es que ojalá no hayas dicho nada embarazoso, pero el segundo es tu asombro al notar que se comporten como una persona “normal”. ¿Qué es lo que hace a una persona “normal”? Las lecturas de hoy nos dan una pista cuando ponen de relieve la importancia de la humildad. Es tan difícil no decirle a la primera persona que nos escuche lo ocupados que estamos, lo mucho que trabajamos, cuánto dinero donamos y cuán importantes son nuestros títulos en el trabajo. Pensamos que estas distinciones tienen influencia en las personas, y si no se lo decimos, ¿cómo van a saberlo? Pero si nuestras acciones demuestran nuestros valores, la gente reconocerá lo que valemos, por sí solas. Las palabras de Jesús nos muestran que es mucho mejor dejar que los demás reconozcan nuestros méritos que apenarnos porque alguien no los reconoce.

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HUMILITY

The First Reading in today's Holy Scripture is from the Old Testament Book of Sirach. At times this Bible book has also been called the Wisdom of Sirach. Similar to Proverbs, Sirach is a series of teachings recorded between 200 and 175 BC. The first verse of this reading captures one of the key elements of stewardship. It says, “My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.” The word “humility” literally means “of the earth” or in a phrase which might mean more to us “down to earth.” The good steward realizes that he or she receives everything from a loving and generous God. That can be a humbling recognition. “True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less,” is how the eminent author and theologian C.S. Lewis put it. We are important in the eyes of God. Jesus emptied Himself in our behalf. He was humility incarnate. Washing the feet of His Apostles, He comes to us at every Mass in common bread and wine. If we practice and pursue stewardship as a way of life, we choose to let others be more important; we are not controlling; we support others in silent ways. Are you willing to let God take charge of your life? Being a steward means that. That is the message from Sirach, and it is a message given us by Jesus over and over.



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