3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 22, 2017

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
9:00 a.m. (Family), 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

Prayer Line
941-306-6503

House Blessing
Contact Sara Brinn at the Parish Office

Exposition 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

Stations of the Cross
Monday through Friday at 11:15 a.m. in the Church.

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
From Our Pastor, Fr. Fausto ...

My Dear Friends,

The Gospel of today introduces Matthew’s style of writing for his group of Jewish Christians, pointing out to the Jews all the prophecies of the Old Testament (Jewish Scripture) which referred to Jesus. In this case, when Jesus seems to have lived in a house in Capernaum, on the North West Bank of the Sea of Galilee, the citation is taken from Isaiah (8:23-9:1).

Then Jesus calls His first apostles, especially the three who became His closest associates: Peter (colloquially the first “Pope”), James (the first “Bishop” of Jerusalem) and John (the “Beloved” confidant).

The compression of the story of their call by Jesus signifies in Matthew the complete detachment from money, family and even their own will (remember the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience taken by friars and nuns?) that Jesus wishes from His followers, so that the Kingdom of God may be preached to all nations without the hindrance of human preoccupations.

Naturally, we see in Matthew a healthy realism that we, the Church (Community of Believers) are a mixture of saints and sinners. Any of us can fall into sin. Anyone claiming visions from the Blessed Mother can be a false prophet. And the original sin of pride and manipulation can infect us all, especially the religious and the clergy, as that infamous convent of Jansenist nuns in Port Royale (France) of whom it was said: “These nuns are pure as angels but proud as devils.” Our Kingdom is one of love, forgiveness and sharing with the poor and the needy.

Today, January 22, is the feast of St. Vincent Pallotti, the founder of the Society of Catholic Apostolate, colloquially referred to as “Pallottines” (priests, brothers, sisters, lay associates).

St. Vincent was born in 1795 in Rome, Italy, where he died in 1850. Pope Pius XII declared Vincent “Blessed” in 1950, and Pope John XXIII declared him “Saint” in 1963. St. Vincent was an innovator. His studies of sacred Scripture, tradition and theology convinced him that the mission and responsibility of spreading the faith was incumbent on all baptized people, lay people as well as clergy. To carry out his ideas, he established the Society of the Catholic Apostolate.

Today, throughout the world, we Pallottines number about 2,400 priests and brothers, some 4000 sisters and approximately 175,000 associate lay persons. The mission of our Society is clear and simple: “The sanctification of all peoples and the spread of the Catholic faith, to be brought about primarily through the reunification of all Churches of the East and West.” Jesus’ prayer was: “that all may be one, Father, as you and I are one.”

As we celebrate the memory of this Roman priest, we are also, in a sense, celebrating our standing as disciples, indeed as apostles, heeding the command of Jesus to “go and teach.” Brothers Bill and Tom; Fathers Patrick, Wojciech, Sebastian and I are happy to serve you, the good God’s family of St. Martha, in reaching the goal of becoming “perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect.” We are happy to have in our service the help of our clergy and religious, Father Philip; Deacons Bill and Patrick; and Sisters Cathy and Marianne.

Monday, January 23 is the Day of Prayer for the legal Protection of Unborn Children, and when we remember in a particular way the slaughter of the innocents by abortionists. On Friday, January 20, we hosted the 19th Annual Prayer Walk for Life. Remember the Creator of Life who said: “I have seen before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. CHOOSE LIFE, then, that you and your descendants may live.” Thank you to all who walked with us for life in prayer at Planned Parenthood in Sarasota.

By the way, Jesus FORGIVES also the sin of abortion, so if you know that someone has left the Church or the Sacraments because of this sin, convince them to go to confession. It is so easy to go and feel accepted and embraced by God, and make up with that little angel who is in Heaven now protecting them and their children.

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18 to 25, is celebrated in the Christian world to bring to full realization the prayer of Jesus to God the Father: “May they all be one, as we are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that You sent Me.” (John 17: 22-23) A divided Christendom will bring derision of (and not conversion to) the Good News of Jesus. We, your clergy, wish that you parishioners of St. Martha will assist at Mass and receive Communion, or at least visit the Blessed Sacrament this week, for the unity of all Christians.

We have four daily Masses, 7:30, 8:30 a.m., Noon and 5:30 p.m., plus the Carosella Chapel where visiting and praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament can be done from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the office is open, for all parishioners and all downtown workers, so that at least on one day during the week you may pray or receive Jesus in your heart for the unity of all the baptized.

Each week, St. Martha schedules Mass times, weddings, funerals, nursing home visits, etc. by assigning a priest or deacon to each. We try and adhere to these schedules, but sometimes because of sickness, unexpected appointments or emergencies, changes must be made. We hope our parishioners understand these circumstances can arise and accept other clergy, not as substitutions, but opportunities of God! Thank you.

That time of year of catching colds and the danger of the flu is here! Some of us have already suffered! On behalf of all parishioners, please avoid shaking hands and/or kissing at the sign of peace and as you enter and leave the Church. I always encourage the Fist-Bump! (see picture).

We welcome all of you, winter visitors and residents. If you are new to our St. Martha, once you are settled in your new home, if you wish, call on a clergyman, deacon or priest to bless your home or condo, so that a guardian angel of the house will be protecting you and your family. Contact anyone of them or call Sara Brinn at the office to arrange the blessing.

We now have a new president, Donald Trump, and I...
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pray that all of us, Jesus’ people, be united in prayer for the well being of our great nation and messy world.

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

St. Martha Catholic School
Open House
Tuesday, January 31
8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
4380 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34232
941-953-4181
www.stmarthaschool.net

Thank You to Fr. Charles Coury for visiting St. Martha and hosting our 2017 Parish Mission!

SAVE THE DATE!!
FR. FAUSTO’S
FESTA ITALIANA
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

St. Mary Academy
Dreams Are Free

Open House
Tuesday, January 31
8:15 — 10:00 a.m.
Providing students with special needs the opportunity to succeed.

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MY CHOICE PREGNANCY CENTER
Supporting those who need our help is easier than you think. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:
*Work in the thrift store
*Counseling Pregnant & Parenting Women

Our thrift store needs donations. Many items are given to moms, the rest is sold to benefit the moms and babies in our area. The following are needed most: small kitchen appliances, towels, bedding, household items like pots and pans and dishes, furniture (we can't take TV’s, computers, or appliances). Donations can be dropped off at My Choice Pregnancy Center’s Angels Attic located at 5277 North Tamiami Trail in Sarasota, just south of University Parkway. To learn more about us and to get involved please call 941-351-3007 or visit our website at: www.mychoicepregnancycenter.com.
Hundreds participated in the annual Prayer Walk on Friday in Sarasota. But babies die from abortion throughout the year. Join us in prayer for unborn babies, in front of Sarasota Planned Parenthood on abortion day, any Friday, for any length of time, between 10am and noon. It's on Central Avenue between 7th and 8th streets (five blocks north of Fruitville, west of Orange). More than 125 babies have been saved from abortion by prayer and sidewalk counseling there. If you can't be there, pray for the babies wherever you are. If you have any questions, write respectlife@comcast.net.

MARRIAGE BANNS
Michael Kulikowski & Rachel Hoover (1)

A Message from our Bishop...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. For people living in the Latin American region, barriers to practicing the faith include lack of resources, shortages of vocations, and poor infrastructures that make relatively simple things, like participating in weekly Mass, very difficult.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America enables our fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in faith, but often lack resources, to participate more fully as disciples. Through this program, financial assistance helps ensure the availability of adequate catechesis, marriage and family life programs, as well as religious and seminarian formation. This collection has helped fund family evangelization teams in numerous parishes of this region as well as assisting with earthquake relief and construction projects resulting from disasters.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America will take place in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of January 21 and 22, 2017. Please be generous in this collection, and share your blessings with families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference! May God bless you and your family for your kindness to the Church in Latin America. Thank you!!

I take this opportunity to extend the assurances of my prayers for you and your family, and in-turn, ask for your prayers. Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year!!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Bishop Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Prayer for Those Living Alone

Heavenly Father, my true Provider, in all my daily needs, protect and guide me. Spare me from fire and flood, from thieves, fear and evil in any form. If sickness or accident befall me, send a messenger of love to attend me. When I am feeling low, lift up my heart. I live alone dear Lord, yet because I know your presence is ever near, I will have no fear.

Amen.

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI
JANUARY 22

St. Vincent Pallotti became a priest and dedicated himself completely to God and cared for souls. He was well aware of the many deprivations in the natural sphere that hindered the spread of the Faith. He thus obtained and spent huge sums for the poor and underprivileged. He founded guilds for workers, agriculture schools, loan associations, orphanages and homes for girls. His great legacy was the congregation which he founded for urban mission work, known as the "Society for Catholic Action". This indefatigable laborer for Christ died in 1850 from a severe cold, which he most likely caught on a cold rainy night after giving his cloak to a beggar who had none.
ANNIVERSARY MASS - All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 18 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11 at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. Registration is only through the parishes. Please call your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.

2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Calling all women - mothers, wives, grandmothers and daughters of all ages - you are invited to attend the 2017 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference which will be held Saturday, February 11, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is $20 (pre-registration on line), students $5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is $30, and $10 for students. This year's speakers are Dr. Ted Sri, Rachael Balducci, Susan Conroy and Lisa Cotter. This event usually sells out. For Conference details and to register go to dioceseofvenice.org/women2017

2017 MEN'S CONFERENCE - The Diocese of Venice extends an invitation to all men to attend the 2017 Diocese of Venice Men's Conference on Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is $20 (pre-registration on line), students $5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is $30, and $10 for students. The day includes internationally renowned speakers, Jeff Cavins, EWTN regular and creator of the popular Great Adventure Bible Study and the Bible Timeline, as well as Kevin Lowry and Mike Pacer. For Conference details and to register go to dioceseofvenice.org/mens.

CHRIST IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The prophet Isaiah again records a remarkable prophecy in our First Reading from the Book of Isaiah. Within the context of that Scriptural reading Isaiah says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” Just prior to that Isaiah speaks of two areas of Israel that are also the names of two of the twelve tribes of Israel — Zebulun and Naphtali. These tribes were located at the northern end of Israel adjacent to the Sea of Galilee. When the Assyrians invaded and occupied Israel, it was the northern tribes like Zebulon and Naphtali that suffered the most. It was they on whom the greatest gloom and darkness descended. However, the prophecy speaks of the coming of the Messiah, the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. Thus, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” Christ is still the light of the world, and He still provides this light and hope to those of us who may feel like we are in darkness and distress. We must embrace Him nonetheless and follow His way by becoming His disciple. If we do that, our lives will indeed be filled with light and great rejoicing. It is up to us to respond. In John 8:12, the Lord tells us, “I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in darkness but will have the light of life.”

And all families, we need God: all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. . -Pope Francis

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Jan 22  Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23
7:30 a.m.  [SS] Tony Caragiulo by Anna Caragiulo
8:00 a.m.  [PR] (Span/Hall) Poor Souls
9:00 a.m.  [GH] Bruce Ramsey by Jim & Bernie Gottschalk
9:00 a.m.  [WS] (Hall) Theodore Patt by Thomas Patt
10:30 a.m.  [FS] For All Parishioners
10:30 a.m.  [RN] (Lew) Betty Smith by Daughter
12:00 p.m.  [PW] (L) Barbara Zoravecky by Respect Life Ministry
12:00 p.m.  [PL] (Viet/Hall) Herman Heibel by Heibel Family
5:30 p.m.  [RN] Kelly Lewis by Parents

Mon., Jan 23  Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
7:30 a.m.  [RN] Kevin Crowley by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Meyers
8:30 a.m.  [GH] James P. DeBay by Marilyn Kneafsey
12:00 p.m.  [PW] James Larimore by Laura Brunson
5:30 p.m.  [PL] Marie Hoffberg

Tues., Jan 24  Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
7:30 a.m.  [GH] (L) Carol Blanton by Marge & Paul Lottie
8:30 a.m.  [RN] Kevin Crowley by Mr. & Mrs. David Fenelors
12:00 p.m.  [PW] Rev. L. Dudley Day, O.S.A. by Jack & Joan Gail
5:30 p.m.  [WS] Isais Mallor by Evelyn Moya

Wed., Jan 25  Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18
7:30 a.m.  [RN] Dorothy Grifford by Aldo & Lillian Massara
8:30 a.m.  [GH] John Stroebel by Kate & Dave
12:00 p.m.  [PW] Rev. L. Dudley Day, O.S.A. by Jack & Joan Gail
5:30 p.m.  [WS] Isais Mallor by Evelyn Moya

Thurs., Jan 26  2 Tim 1:1-18; Mk 4:21-25
7:30 a.m.  [GH] Bob & Marguerite Romaine
8:30 a.m.  [PW] David Bulthuis by Maureen & Terry Aldrich
12:00 p.m.  [RN] Susan Johnson by Kevin & Eileen Boyle
5:30 p.m.  [PL] Brian Shaw by Mary & Eddie McGrath

Fri., Jan 27  Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
7:30 a.m.  [RN] Poor Souls
8:30 a.m.  [GH] Barbara Patt by Thomas Patt
12:00 p.m.  [WS] Lillian O’Leary by Brooke & Dick Tananini
5:30 p.m.  [PL] Kevin Crowley by St. Martha Parish

Sat., Jan 28  Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
7:30 a.m.  [RN] William C. Wolff by Vernon Counts
8:30 a.m.  [GH] Linda Inverso by Sam & Jane Norton
4:00 p.m.  [PW] Joe Kenny by Chuck & Ruth Lewis
4:00 p.m.  [WS] (Hall) (L) Peter Linderman
5:30 p.m.  [FS] Rose Rutushni by Jeanene & Joseph Hofflinger

Sun., Jan 29  Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31: Mt 5:1-12a
7:30 a.m.  [RN] Kevin Crowley by Mr. & Mrs. David Fenelors
8:00 a.m.  [PR] (Span/Hall) (L) Elena Ordonez by Candace & Frank
9:00 a.m.  [PW] John Moffett by Jim & Bernie Gottschalk
9:00 a.m.  [FS] (Hall) Roger Shipe by St. Martha Religious Education
10:30 a.m.  [FS] For All Parishioners
10:30 a.m.  [PW] (Hall) William McGowan by Rita McGowan
12:00 p.m.  [GH] Richard “Richie” Cruet by Raymond & Sharon Cruet
12:00 p.m.  [PL] (Viet/Hall) Herman Heibel by the Heibel Family
5:30 p.m.  [WS] Raul Salazar by The Berman Family

Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr. Patrick (PW), Fr. Philip (PL), Fr. Wojciech (WS), Fr. Sebastian (SS), Fr. Pablo (PR), Fr. Jerry (GH), Fr. Notter (RN)

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Principal:  Ms. Rebecca Reynolds

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IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND OUR SCHEDULED MASSES, CONTACT OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES:

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Incarnation  Sarasota  921-6631
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs  Sarasota  755-1826
St. Patrick  Sarasota  378-1703
St. Mary Star of the Sea  Longboat Key  383-1255
St. Thomas More  Sarasota  923-1691
St. Joseph  Bradenton  756-3732
St. Michael the Archangel  Sarasota  349-4174
Our Lady Queen of Angels  Lakewood Ranch  752-6770

Our priests & deacons minister to the following local facilities: