



St. Martha Catholic Church

The Pallottines (Society of Catholic Apostolate) / U.S.A. National Circus Church
200 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236

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

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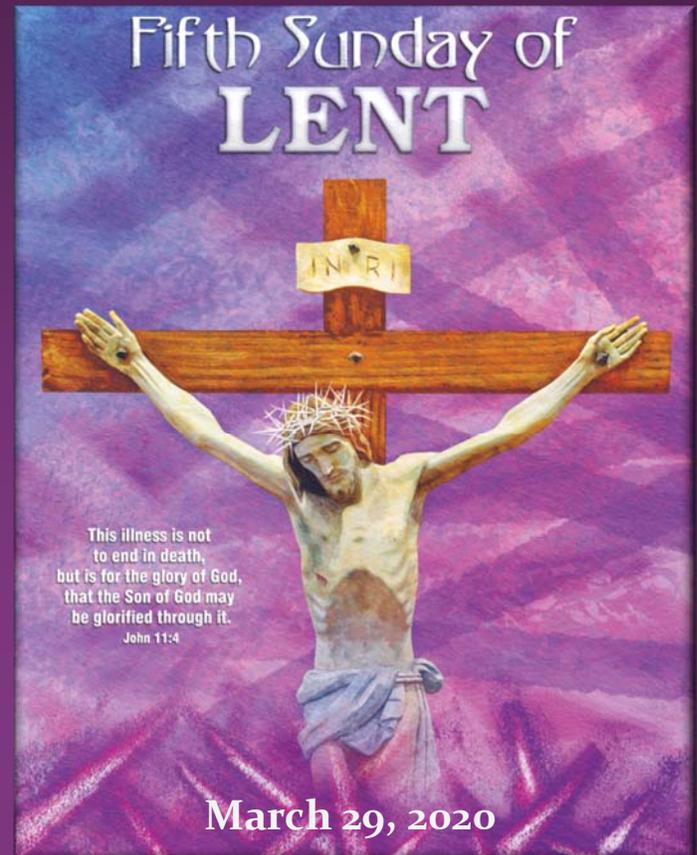
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.; (Vigil) 4 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 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, & 5:30 p.m.

Church doors opens 30 minutes before each Mass and are closed immediately afterwards.

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*)

CAROSELLA CHAPEL (*Located in the Parish Office*)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Monday - Friday, 11:15 a.m. (Church)

ROSARY & MORNING PRAYER DEVOTIONS

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

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Telephone 941-366-4210

Fax 941-954-8434

Website www.stmartha.org

Facebook St. Martha Roman Catholic Church

Hours Monday-Friday
9 a.m. - 12 n and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

BAPTISM

Classes are held on the 2nd Monday of each month from 7 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

HOUSE BLESSING

Contact Sara Brinn at the Parish Office

TV Mass

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. on CW Network
or dioceseofvenice.org/tv-mass

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

Fears, anxieties, stupidity. All are landmarks of our present scary Coronavirus plague! I call it plague, same as the ones that afflicted the world in the past millennium. Speaking of Italy, the most terrible one was in Milano (it did start in Lombardy also this year) in 1630, when two thirds of that region's population died. It was propagated by touch, and because of our Italian habit of touching, embracing and kissing, almost two out of three Italians died. Again it happened last month in Italy. So when the government recommended safe distancing and other precautions, especially for the elderlies (at 84 I'm in that category), we all must follow very promptly. No less than six feet between two people, and no more than ten people in any gathering. So let's be smart and prudent. In my long life I, as well as some of you, have seen churches closed and Holy Masses cancelled under bombing and the passage of the war fronts in WWII, or during the hurricanes. But this present epidemic is unprecedented in its gigantic tentacles and fast worldly travel.

And now let me ask: is God the Creator still in charge of this world? Yes. Then why are we in panic? Why do we lose hope? Jesus is carrying us in His Sacred Heart so full of undying eternal love for all of us! Let's trust Him!

We're trying to offer the Holy Mass and a daily prayer from all of us your, clergymen. Please watch our website at www.stmartha.org, our Facebook page at **St. Martha Roman Catholic Church** and subscribe to our YouTube channel at **St. Martha Catholic Church Sarasota, FL.**

If we are confined at home, pray our Catholic devotions, especially the four mysteries of the rosary. Above all, what a splendid opportunity we have to read the Bible from cover to cover! Make sure, if you have children, that they have contact with their school for homework, before driving insane all at home. And may God keep you all safe from all harm.

Today's Gospel, with Jesus raising Lazarus from the tomb, fulfills Ezekiel's prophecy (Ez 37:12): "I will open your graves and have you rise from them."

It is Jesus' greatest miracle, the gift of life, and it is a symbol of the gift of resurrection from the dead of all of us at the second coming of Jesus. Naturally, Lazarus did eventually die again, but on Jesus' last day, we all will rise body and soul, never to die again.

Notice in the Gospel how much Jesus loved Lazarus to the point of tears! Notice also the malicious gossiping of the bystanders against the Lord: We can never please everybody every time; so let us not put all our trust in people. We'll be miserable all our lives!

The most famous part of the Gospel, which is repeated at the Funeral Mass, is the powerful confession in the Resurrection expressed by our good Martha! Let all of us repeat again that Profession of Faith today to our good Jesus when He comes and unites with us in Holy Communion.

One day, all our worries and works of this earthly life will come to an end, as also our money and our good health. Only the runners will die healthy when they collapse with a heart attack.

On the day of our death, we will meet Jesus eye to eye, and He'll embrace us with eternal love and joy.

The solemn feast of Easter is fast approaching. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and the Blessed Palms will be on a table at each entrance gate of the Church beginning Saturday evening at 4 pm. We invite you to reach through the gate

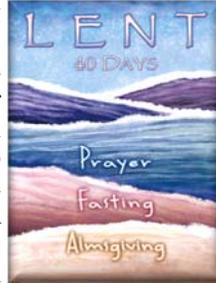
and take a Blessed palm home so that you may put them in your home next to your Crucifix. Whenever we have a fight (or if tragedy strikes close to home), just look at the Palms of Peace and Glory, kneel in prayer to God, be reconciled to one another with the kiss of forgiveness, and pick up the pieces of our shattered lives with courage and patience, following the example of Our Crucified Savior.

We cannot grow discouraged if we failed sometimes to keep our Lenten observance. Don't give up, but let us renew our promises with stronger resolve. Jesus is worthy of all sacrifices! Let us not follow the example of that little boy who gave up cookies for Lent, but he did eat one... He was so taken back by his weakness that, going for broke, he emptied the cookie jar!

Now that I am on the matter of a cookie, why don't we give an Easter cookie to Jesus? I am not talking of a special gift of money or material goodies to be donated to the poor or to the church; we must realize that 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 traditionally call Confession, is one of the best Lenten gifts we can give God. Some Catholics feel uneasy about confession for many reasons, such as:

1. I do not go because I forgot 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!
4. A few 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 worst 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 next life!

**Smile, God loves you and so does Fr. Fausto with your St. Martha clergy:
Fathers Patrick, Jan, Chris, John, & Jerry
Deacons Bill, Patrick & Robert
Brothers Lawrence & William and Sister Cathy**



For daily readings visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/032020.cfm>



**Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic
Beginning FRIDAY, MARCH 20th until AFTER EASTER**

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED...

- All regular scheduled Masses
- Religious Education and Youth activities
- RCIA and Bible Study classes
- Parish Ministry meetings and social events
- Services at Nursing Homes, Sarasota County Jail, and Sarasota Memorial Hospital

Parish Office is open Monday through Friday from Noon to 4 p.m.

The only gate open is by Church parking lot

Please call the Parish Office at 941-366-4210 before visiting.

We are monitoring the situation and posting updates:

Website: www.stmartha.org

Facebook: St. Martha Roman Catholic Church

You Tube: St Martha Catholic Church Sarasota, FL

We are committed to continuing the good work of St. Martha during this time of crisis. Our Parish is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to carry on its mission of bringing the word of God to our community.

Please consider using our online giving at

stmartha.weshareonline.org

or mailing your offertory donations to

200 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Martha Parish!

STAY CONNECTED!

**Celebrate Mass and stay connected
with your St. Martha parish and priests!**



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Sunday Offertory as of 7-1-2019 thru 2-29-2020

Sunday Offertory & Unrestricted Donations	\$1,125,603.90
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,202,620.19</u>
Operating Shortfall	-\$77,016.29

2020 Catholic Faith Appeal as of 3-19-2020

Goal	\$379,000.00
Contributions	<u>-\$104,005.47</u>
Needed to Reach Goal	\$274,994.53



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



ST. MARTHA SCHOOL BIG CASH RAFFLE

Please be advised that the annual Big Cash Raffle has been postponed until **April 27th**. In the event that we are not back in our school by that time, we will hold a virtual raffle that will be live streamed on our website, stmarthaschool.net

At this time we are asking that you keep your raffle tickets at home, if you have not turned them in. We will ask you to return the tickets to our school when our school office personnel return. Information on how and when to begin sending raffle tickets to the school will be released next week.

*We appreciate your patience at this time
and your continued support for our school!*



February 26 - April 5
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN Sarasota!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers! **With God's help**, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns:

16,742 babies saved from abortion
196 abortion workers converted
104 abortion centers closed

For the health and safety of all volunteers and their communities, we've decided to end the public vigil early. During the remaining days of the campaign, we will unite in prayer, fasting, and spiritual union from home to pray for an end to abortion and this pandemic.

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



- How do we know what happens in heaven?
- Did Jesus perform miracles when he was our age?
- What do you think was Jesus' favorite animal?
- Does your guardian angel have more than one person to guard?
- How did Jesus come up with the parables?
- Did you ever have a dream about talking to Jesus?
- Do you know why people don't take care of the world God has created?
- How long had God been living before earth was made?
- Why do bishops have to carry a big staff?
- Why do we sometimes ask in our heads if God is real?
- Who was Jesus' first disciple and who was Jesus' favorite disciple?
- If you could change the world, what would you change?
- What's something you have never done but want to?
- If you could be a superhero, what would you be?
- Have you ever been threatened because of your faith?
- Why do we celebrate Lent?
- What do you like better: pizza, cats or spaghetti?
- Why do we have to give up stuff and other things for Lent?
- Why was Jesus the only one who could die and it would take away sin?

ABORTION RECOVERY

Do you often think about an abortion you had years ago?
There is someone there to listen.

Call Sylvia at 941-412-5860 (English or Español)
or e-mail project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org.

All calls are confidential.



Have you considered a Charitable Remainder Trust?

If you want a portion of your estate to eventually go to St. Martha, but you also want to provide income for one or more surviving loved ones, you can establish a charitable remainder trust through your will. The trust pays income to your designated beneficiaries for a set period of time, usually the duration of their lives. At the death of the designated beneficiaries, the remaining principal is then distributed to St. Martha. This type of trust is an excellent way to provide for family members for the remainder of their lives, and then directing a portion of your remaining estate to St. Martha.

If you are interested in more information about a Charitable Remainder Trust, please contact Teressa McCoy in the Parish Office at 941-366-4210 or tmccoy@stmartha.org.

*Thank you for your support of St. Martha Parish.
Our parishioners are our only source of funds and your contributions keep the lights on, enable parish ministries,
and support our outreach to the poor.*



With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.

If you want to drink, that's your business.
If you want to stop, that's ours.
Alcoholics Anonymous
(941) 951-6810 — www.aasrq.org

Si tu quieres beber es problema tuyo.
Pero si quieres dejar de beber el problema es nuestro.
Alcoholicos Anonimos
941-355-3399 — www.aasrq.org

April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month, and in conjunction with the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Diocese of Venice has held a Mass for Victims of Child Abuse for the past 12 years. The Mass this year is scheduled at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20 at Epiphany Cathedral, however is subject to change based on the Coronavirus conditions at that time.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.



Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.



Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for the afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to you infinite.
Amen



We will all be spending more time at home and on the internet during this epidemic. Criminals may see this as a perfect time for email scams. Keep in mind these 7 ways to help avoid being taken advantage of:

1. Legit companies don't request your sensitive information via email
2. Legit companies usually call you by your name
3. Legit companies have domain emails
4. Legit companies know how to spell
5. Legit companies don't force you to their website
6. Legit companies don't send unsolicited attachments
7. Legit company links match legitimate URLs

What to Do If You Receive a Phishing Attempt:

- **Do not open it.** In some cases, the act of opening the phishing email may cause you to compromise the security of your Personally Identifiable Information
- **Delete it immediately** to prevent yourself from accidentally opening the message in the future.
- **Do not download any attachments** accompanying the message. Attachments may contain malware such as viruses, worms or spyware.
- **Never click links** that appear in the message. Links embedded within phishing messages direct you to fraudulent websites.
- **Do not reply**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun., Mar. 29	Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
7:30 a.m.	Frank Harrison by Sally Harrison
8:00 a.m.	(Span/Hall) All Healthcare Providers
9:00 a.m.	Rose Marie Ingrassia by John Destefano
9:00 a.m.	(Hall) Salvatore Scarongella by Marianna Stragapede
10:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
10:30 a.m.	(Hall) Ted Cover
12:00 p.m.	Maria Began by Mary Yaska
12:00 p.m.	(Viet/Hall) Linh hon Dominico by Quy Ngo
5:30 p.m.	Margaret A. Klingner by John DeStefano
Mon., Mar. 30	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11
7:30 a.m.	(L) Bob Frank by Paula & David Shigley
8:30 a.m.	Public health officials and all civic leaders
12:00 p.m.	(L) Marlene Hutchings by G&G Lupina
5:30 p.m.	Those who have been lost due to this virus
Tues., Mar. 31	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
7:30 a.m.	Healing of those afflicted with the virus
8:30 a.m.	Raymond & Patty Rettig by Family
12:00 p.m.	George Mould by Jim & Gladys Weir
5:30 p.m.	Doctors, nurses, and all caregivers
Wed., April 1	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
7:30 a.m.	Maria DeSanto by The Pallottine Fathers
8:30 a.m.	Dennis Peck by Maureen Peck
12:00 p.m.	Public health officials and all civic leaders
5:30 p.m.	Doctors, nurses, and all caregivers
Thurs., April 2	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
7:30 a.m.	Carol Comery by Claire Collins
8:30 a.m.	(L) Fr. Patrick Wilson by Piotr Banach & Family
12:00 p.m.	Those who have been lost due to this virus
5:30 p.m.	Doctors, nurses and all caregivers
Fri., April 3	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
7:30 a.m.	Maria DeSanto by The Pallottine Fathers
8:30 a.m.	Healing of those afflicted with the virus
12:00 p.m.	Lee Cranfield by Mary Ann Wirth
5:30 p.m.	Aimee Verhofstadt by Julie Klein & Rick Blakely
Sat., April 4	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
7:30 a.m.	Maria Neuschel by Magda Kovacik
8:30 a.m.	Lvg & Decd Members of Legion of Mary
4:00 p.m.	(L) Mary McGruder by Husband
4:00 p.m.	(Hall) Doctors, nurses, and all caregivers
5:30 p.m.	Edward & Edith Barone by Daughters
Sun., April 5	Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66
7:30 a.m.	Theresa & Stephen Terry by Family
8:00 a.m.	(Span/Hall) Healing of those afflicted with the virus
9:00 a.m.	Sir Mark Rodi, KGCHS by John DeStefano
9:00 a.m.	(Hall) Maria DeSanto by The Pallottine Fathers
10:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
10:30 a.m.	(Hall) Megan M. Lyons by The Mroczkowski Family
12:00 p.m.	Dr. Richard & Anne Glins by John & Carol
12:00 p.m.	(Viet/Hall) Linh hon Anna by Khoa-Quynh
5:30 p.m.	Lvg & Decd Members of Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty

*Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr. Patrick (PW), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF),
Fr. John (JC), Fr. Victor (VC), Fr. Jerry (JH)*

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Dn. Bob Gaitens	941-350-2634
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Archivist		941-366-4210
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Community Pregnancy Clinics		239-262-6381
Casa Santa Marta	Paula Jaramillo	941-366-4448
Choir/Cantor	Virginia Bray	941-366-4210
Council of Catholic Women	Marcia Stokes	334-648-4328
Development Committee	Stuart Love	941-780-7834
Eucharist Adoration	Vicki Hatch	734-646-6188
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Family Ministry	Gary Kerschner	941-961-8713
Herrig Caritas (9-11 a.m., M-F)	Tony Cocco, Chair	941-366-5620
Hospitality Ministry	Beth Cannata	941-321-2953
Jail Ministry	Bob Hiniker	863-558-0407
Knights of Columbus	Tony Cocco	941-504-6960
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Prayer Line	Diane Domagala	941-306-6503
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R.C.I.A	Sue Thompson	suehome2@verizon.net
Respect Life Ministry	Joseph Gina	941-702-1700
Rosary Makers	Don & Maxine Brand	941-755-9749
Solve Maternity Homes	Peggy Kerwin	941-748-0094
St. M. Early Learning Center	Jamie Van Dyke	941-366-1395
Ushers	John Whitfield	941-400-1472
Witness to Love	Jim & Agnes Rutushni	941-960-5128

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Parish & Homebound	Pam Paulson	941-366-4210
Hospital	Calvin Kreider	941-928-6995
Nursing Home	Pam Paulson	941-366-4210

NEIGHBORING DIOCESAN PARISHES

St. Jude	Sarasota	941-955-3934
Christ the King	Sarasota	941-924-2777
Incarnation	Sarasota	941-921-6631
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	Sarasota	941-755-1826
St. Patrick	Sarasota	941-378-1703
St. Mary Star of the Sea	Longboat Key	941-383-1255
St. Thomas More	Sarasota	941-923-1691
St. Joseph	Bradenton	941-756-3732
St. Michael the Archangel	Siesta Key	941-349-4174
Our Lady of the Angels	Lakewood Ranch	941-752-6770

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<i>Principal: Mrs. Rebecca Reynolds</i>		

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