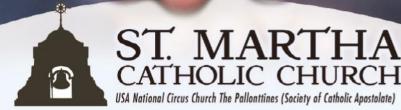




"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

MT 13: 31-32



Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm *Vigil* • 5:30pm *Vigil* **Sunday** 7:30am • 9am • 10:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

12pm Vietnamese Parish Hall

Weekday 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

Confession - Reconciliation Room

Saturday 9-10am • 3-4pm Sunday-Friday 11:30am-12pm

Eucharistic Adoration - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

Rosary

Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

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From Our Pastor, Father George

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

Sunday Sermon — 16th Sunday of the Year

From Father George:

A Polish Philosophers and publicist, commenting on the Corona-virus pandemic we went through, said: it didn't end the world, it didn't begin the new era, nor it was a watershed event which invalidated the usual. It was difficult and bad time during which we held from making any new and obliging decisions, but we persevered in what we had, using all the resources at our disposal or seeking those already existing but neglected. He described this pandemic as a phenomenon which was ruled by the natural laws, and which in itself brought natural effects.

Yet even though the cataclysm caused by the pandemic was evil, it didn't escape the Divine Providence, of which we know that it is universal, direct and particular.

In the Gospel, Jesus said that God knows that bad weeds were sown among the good seeds by an enemy, yet he doesn't want to remove them in case the wheat will be pulled up with them. He leaves it for the harvest time when he will separate the weeds for burning and gather the wheat into a barn. This says a lot about God's providence. God knows about good and evil, sometimes it seems that God allows evil to happen, but God looks after his children, and he doesn't want any of his children to be hurt. Jesus assures us that God answers our prayers. The judgment will inevitably come on evil, but it comes at God's appointed time.

Divine Providence is Universal - it doesn't want to exclude anyone. People of different opinions and cultures can receive the Divine grace and protection. Divine Providence is above exclusion zones, various borders, lock-down regions or cities. Universal Divine Providence takes care of all children of God no matter who and where we are.

Divine Providence is Direct - it speaks to us personally heart to heart. It doesn't depend on any institution, political allegiance or influencers. Our Church in this regard is also rather a field of wheat than the harvester. It opens or even creates the ways of spiritual encounters with God, it doesn't judge who is closer to God. This is decided by God who comes to each person and by the response of this person. The Church can help us to respond to God.

Divine Providence is Particular - it comes to us even in the smallest need. Even in today's global world, God's Providence takes care of our personal needs and challenges. We can pray to God for our personal needs: family, job, health and many others so called small things.

Persevere in what you have - revive your faith and re-kindle your love. Make your faith strong again, able to motivate you to do good things and also to motivate you to face these difficult times. May your love to God make you to trust him again. We may see a lot of darnel growing among the wheat and Covid-19 was and still is probably one of those darnels, but we need to remember that God still loves us.

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July 23, 2023

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any of his children

- Father George

to be hurt.

Congratulations to newly ordained priests! Reverend Alejandro Roldán and Reverend Daniel Scanlan have been ordained priests by Bishop Frank J. Dewane on Sat. July 15, 2023, the newest members to the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. May God bless them!

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 23. Congratulations grannies and granddads on your special day! God almighty, bless all Grandparents and keep them in Your care. Bless them with peace, health and healing. Reward them for their Faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and

thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers.

Distribution/Receiving of the Holy Communion during each Mass in St. Martha In our church we have priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who give out the Host. Additionally, if you take place in the first pew on the right side of the church, when you look at the altar from the side of congregation, on both side pews on the same side, you will have a priest coming to you to give you the Host before he goes to distribute Hosts to everyone else. No one else is allowed to give out Host or part of it to another person. Remember that this causes disturbance in the church community. (Fr. George)

May God bless all holiday makers! St. Patrick's prayer: Love, blessed Trinity of three, Bound in unity, Who guides

my journey. I will arise with strength of heaven, Trusting in Your light, To guide my journey, Shine before me, Lead me home. Power to guide me, might to hold me, Wisdom teach me, watching o'er me. Ear to hear me, hand to guard me, Love to conquer every fear.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season 0 God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, 0 loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, our beloved Mother we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a storm-less eternity awaits us.

Amen.

Next Sunday (July 30) — 17th Sunday of the Year With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Father George





Monday, July 24 Saint Sharbel Makhluf Tuesday, July 25 Saint James, Apostle

10:30am - Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room

Wednesday, July 26 Saints Joachim and Anne - Parents of Mary

Thursday, July 27

10am - Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall 6pm - Adoration

Saturday, July 29 Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

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Please keep our World Youth Day Participants in your prayers. Tim, Tristan, and Trinity Shipe will be joining the Diocese of Venice Group in Lisbon Portugal.

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First Wednesday of the month • 5:30-7pm

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Room: Group Study 2, 2nd floor • Bring your Bible

Questions: Perla Johnson 972.322.1095 or psarabiaj88@gmail.com



Communal First Saturdays

Saturday, August 5th and every 1st Saturday thereafter is an opportunity to answer our Lady's call.

Our Lady said, Many souls will be saved and there will be peace. If we satisfy her special request for Communal First Saturdays.

Fulfill the First Saturday Devotion at the Church of Incarnation through these four practices:

- · Holy Rosary 7:30am
- Holy Mass with Communion of reparation 8:30am
- Confession after Mass and
- An additional fifteen minute scriptural meditation on the mysteries of the rosary in Our Lady's company 9:20am with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our Lady of Fatima

If you are interested in volunteering to help bring this message to the Parrish contact **Joe** at **941.444.0506** · **devoted2mary@gmail.com**



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Upcoming Events

Theology on Tap Sarasota - All young adults are invited to the Garden for food, refreshments, presentations, and discussions about the Catholic Faith.

Third Thursday, Monthly at 7pm Mandeville Beer Garden

428 N. Lemon Ave, Sarasota

Prison Ministry - Volunteers Needed! Join the team of Diocesan volunteers who enter county jails and state prisons within the Diocese of Venice to do pastoral ministry, distribute the Eucharist and facilitate programs. Priests, Deacons, and Lay volunteers are encouraged to assist in this ministry. You will participate in an orientation before entering the facility and will shadow experienced volunteers until you feel comfortable. Times and days vary by facility. Please contact Joe Mallof 224.217.7139 or Bob Hiniker 863.558.0407 to learn where you can fit into this joyful opportunity.

Youth and Young Adults - Totus Tuus Summer Camp Program! Totus Tuus (a Latin phrase meaning totally yours) is a summer Catholic youth camp program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechists, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The week long Parish summer catechetical camp program assists parents and parishes in evangelizing and catechizing youth by complementing the work they are already doing at the parish and at home. To register for one of the camps, or for additional information, please visit the Diocese of Venice website.

Rooted - St. John XXIII Parish in Fort Myers hosts a once-a-month gathering for young adults called *Rooted*, in the church at 4pm on the second Sunday of each month (August 13, 2023). The gathering includes praise and worship, along with Eucharistic Adoration. In addition, the outreach program is looking to expand its offerings to young adults, such as college students, those 20-30, young adults who are married with/without children (children welcome), and older adults aged 30 years and up. If you are interested in helping to organize, lead, or participate in this effort, please contact Kelly Evers, St. John XXIII Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at kelly@johnxxiii.net or 239.561.3022.

Vocational Retreat - St. Paul Catholic Church is hosting a one-day Vocational Retreat, Encounter with Christ from 8am to 7pm, Saturday, August 26 for males and females ages 15 to 30. The retreat takes place in the Parish Hall located at 1208 East Oak Street, Arcadia. The cost for the day is \$20 and includes meals and materials. Pre-registration is available by emailing retreatreg20@gmail.com. For further information contact the parish office at 863.494.2611.

EWTN Family Celebration - EWTN is hosting a one day event beginning at 8am and ending with a Eucharistic Procession at 6:30pm on August 26 at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex, 22100 Richard Arrington Blvd. North, Birmingham, Alabama. The day includes an opportunity to meet EWTN hosts and authors, for Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and to attend Mass with Bishop Steven Raica. There is no cost to attend. Please visit ewtn.familycelebration or 1.800.447.EWTN for further information, or to register.

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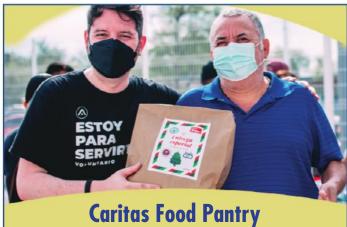
In the ongoing effort to protect the life of the unborn, we are fortunate to have Community Pregnancy Clinic in Sarasota

The Clinic, located near the local Planned Parenthood facility, provides a wide variety of services to pregnant women.

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Parish Office at 941.366.4210

Weekly Mass	Intentions
	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 Madelyn Heibel by the Heibel Family
	David Jones by Michael and Margaret
10:30am	
	David DiCanmillo by Molly Dooher
	(Hall/Viet) Special Intentions
5:30pm	(L) Conor Stephens by Mary and John McGruder
Mon, July 24	Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
	Tom Patt by Paul and Marge Lortie
	Grace and Arthur Bienvenue by Jean Berkey
12:00pm	Alex Ross by Marion Ross
	Lea Vitello by John Buoni
	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
	Tom Patt by David and Paula Shigley
	For a greater respect for all human life
	(L)Louise and Joanie by Friend (L)The Matthew White Family by Gigi and Poppa
	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
	(L)Natalie L'Hommedieu by David and Paula Shigley
	Daniel Gobic by Miro Marina
12:00pm5:30nm	(L)Ana Jayson by sen (L)Ana Maria Aguire by the Cueva-Eguiguren Family
	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
	Marianne Higgins by Paul and Marge Lortie Geraldine Gallagher by Theresa Skahell
	Eric Dale by Paul Nardini
	John Joseph Germaine by the Olah Family
	Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
	Madelyn Heibel by the Heibel Family
8:30am	
	Stephen Pachanka by Jim and Gladys Weir
5:30pm	Madelyn Heibel by the Heibel Family
Sat. July 29	Ex 24:3-8; Jn 11:19-27
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	(L)Valerie Tuvache by Gerard and Francoise Klein
	John Borome by the Borome Family
5:30pm	Harris Williams by Marie
Sun, July 30	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
	Molly Heraty by Peter Heraty
	Harry E. Hammond by Ursula and Bob
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	Andrej Grzesło by Wife and Sons and Family
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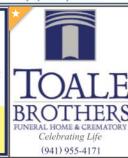


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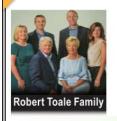
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