"Then -fesus said to her in reply, '6 woman, great is your faith! let it he done for you as you wish."

MATTHEW 15:28



August 20, 2023 20th Sunday of the Year



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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ST. MARTHA

From Our Pastor, Father George

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

Sunday Sermon – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

From Deacon Bill:

Have you wondered if Jesus wasn't particularly sharp with the woman in today's Gospel? I've wondered why He didn't listen to her pleading for a healing for her child. First He ignored her, and then He told her that He came to save the house of Israel and not the Canaan pagan community from which she came. Her tribe knew knowing about the

God of Israel in which Jesus was working. Even the disciples wanted to get rid of her by asking Jesus to give her what she wanted.

In the end, it was her persistence that won her Jesus' attention. It was her faith in Him that cured her daughter. It was her longing for the spiritual food that only Jesus could offer her that she craved. Jesus shows us something important here. Even though we who sit here today are in need of God's salvation (or we wouldn't be here in the first place) we are not in an exclusive club. All the world is in need of salvation. All the world needs Jesus' healing.

But the question arises, how is the rest of the world to receive that word of Jesus that will heal us, just as the woman's child was healed? The answer is: from you and me.

The woman may have asked for scraps from the table of Jesus, just as we pray to the Lord for our food of healing and salvation, but you and I have to feed others as well: feed them our words of comfort and healing. We are to provide real food for the hungry as best we can, but we are also to feed the hungry of spirit, to carry on His work by providing His miracles in our world. Easy words. Difficult to do.

We might think that we can sit back and give to various charities that feed the hungry out of our wallets and be remote from their problems. Finances are needed, but it's not enough. Working in a soup kitchen on a voluntary basis, feeding the homeless, working for Caritas, are noble things to do, and thank God for so many generous people who do them – but they are not enough. Food for the belly will last until the next meal, but spiritual food lasts forever.

But how do we feed the spiritually hungry ourselves? What kind of food is it that all of us can give them that will last forever? Let's begin in our homes. Jesus presents a challenge to those who are parents and grandparents and those who care for the young. Children are spiritually hungry, even when they don't realize it. What do we do to feed them? Are we living the Christian lives that we should, providing them with View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

good examples and teaching them about the great love that God has for them and how much they need Him? What about those in our families who do not know God? Do they see in us what it means to be a Christian? Would they want to be one by what they see in us? How do we feed them?

What about our jobs, or even classrooms? Do our co-workers or fellow students see us as examples to follow? Are we honest? Do we work or study at the best of our abilities? Or are we constant complainers,

people who put others down, people who are unreliable and put things off? What kind of "food" are feeding our fellow employees or fellow students? Are we giving them spiritual food by what we say and do as followers of Jesus, or we just feeding them "baloney?"

All of these questions challenge us to think about our role in life. We don't do it alone. Jesus provides us with the means and the miracle. We must take what He has given us from His table and share it with those in our worlds: family, job, school rooms, neighborhoods.

The next time that you think that you can do nothing to provide spiritual food for your neighbor, whoever that might be, think about this: you are Christ's feet, so that He can walk amongst His people; you are Christ's mouth, bringing words of comfort and peace; you are Christ's ears, providing sympathy to those who need someone to listen; you are Christ's instructor, teaching His people about God's great love for all of His people; you are Christ's hands, bringing His comforting touch and healing to the Canaanites of the world who are crying out for it; and you are Christ's great heart, bringing His love to everyone.

August 20, 2023

Our Schools resume! Welcome back all students, parents, teachers and staff of all schools which our parishioners attend! There was a special Mass on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady in Bishop Nevins Academy at which we prayed for the new Principal Teacher in St. Martha, Mrs. Mary Jo Hanson, a parishioner in St. Martha's parish and we prayed for all new students, teachers and staff members in the school. May God bless them!

Next Sunday (August 27) — is 21st Sunday of the Year. With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Father George

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at St. Martha Catholic Church Mon, Aug 21 Saint Pius X

Tue, Aug 22 Queenship of the Virgin Mary 10:30am -Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room

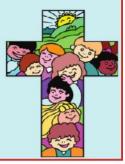
Wed, Aug 23 Saint Rose of Lima

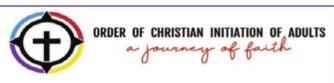
Thu, Aug 24 Saint Bartholomew 10am - Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall

Fri, Aug 25 Saint Louis of France & Saint Joseph Calasanz

Religious Education Classes

2023-2024 Religious Education / Faith Formation Registration can be found online at stmartha.org





Interested in the Catholic Faith and want to know more? Are you Catholic, but have not been Confirmed? Are you from another denomination and want to explore and embrace the Catholic Faith? The O.C.I.A. fall classes begin **Sep 4** • 6pm-7:15pm Contact Fr. George to meet and start your journey! frgeorge@stmartha.org

TO REGISTER

ST. MARTHA

Upcoming Events

Support Catholic Schools - The Diocese of Venice Catholic Schools have been invited to participate in Community Harvest, a program run by the 1905 Family of Restaurants group. During the month of September, guests at any of the group's restaurants (see below) will be asked to choose a recipient including Diocese of Venice Catholic Schools - from a list. Five percent of guests' checks go to their designated organization. If you visit any of the following restaurants during the month of September, please look for Diocese of Venice Catholic Schools on your ballot, and consider checking the box! Participating restaurants are in Sarasota and Tampa and include on St. Armand's Circle: Columbia and ChaCha Coconuts; in Tampa: Columbia Café, Goody Goody Burgers, Casa Santo Stefano, and Ulele.

Council of Catholic Women Comedy Night - The Venice Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has a night of fun planned for all with a night of wine, cheese, and comedy from 7pm to 9pm, Friday, September 29, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1301 Center Avenue, Venice. Come have a glass of wine, some cheese, and crackers and sit back and enjoy. Entertainment for the evening includes comedian Juanita Lolita who is an actress, writer, and nationally touring stand-up comedian. Juanita was voted *Best of the Bay*, Tampa's Funniest Female and was a finalist in the *World Series of Comedy* in Las Vegas. Tickets are ^{\$}25 and tickets can be obtained by stopping by the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish office, or by calling Ellen Bachman at 772.485.9922 or Fran Frederick at 941.223.7003.

Golf Tournament - The St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School Golf Benefit Tournament takes place on Saturday, October 7, at the JW Marriott's Rookery at Marco, 3433 Club Center Blvd., Naples. The tournament will have an 8:30am shotgun start with a scramble format. Teams and singles are welcome. The cost of \$175 per person includes golf fees, prizes, buffet lunch, and more. More information at Saintelizabethseton.com/Golf, email office@seseton.org, or call 239.455.2262.

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.



4th Degree - Installment of Officers

Msgr. Charles L. Elslander Assembly 0167 - 4th Degree holds their Annual Installment of Officers Sunday, **August 20** at **2-6pm** Food will be served and a cash bar available. All are welcome to attend. For more info, contact FN John T. Gearon Jr at 941.210.3500 Knights of Columbus • 4880 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota



Evangelization Training!

Incarnation Parish, Finegan Center September 30, 2023 8:30 - 6:00 Mass, Workshop & Live Lab

Interested in learning about Catholic Street Evangelization? Featuring Adam Janke St. Paul Street Evangelization

Mass at 8:30 AM Bishop Frank J. Dewane Incarnation Chapel 2929 Bee Ridge Road Sarasota

\$15 per person includes breakfast and box lunch To register, use the QR CODE or dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/ evangelization-training

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Summer Bible Study Series

When:Wednesdays following the 9am Mass Aug 16, 23 • Sep 13, 20 • Oct 18, 25

What: Understand women better in the Old Testament and the New Testament

Where: St Michael the Archangel Church 5394 Midnight Pass Rd., Siesta Key Contact: St. Michaels for more information stmichaelssiesta.com • 941- 349-4174

Need Help?

Need assistance for food, tele-mental health

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Please call Catholic Charities 844.385.2407





We are looking for a friendly and personable person to serve as an usher at weekend liturgies.

As a member of a four-person team, duties include welcoming, assisting with seating, collecting the offertory, distributing bulletins, and insuring a safe environment for all worshippers.

Visits last $1^{1/2}$ hours.

Volunteers are needed to join the 9am & 12pm usher teams. No experience required. Training provided.

Interested persons should contact Stuart Love, Volunteer Coordinator 941-780-7834 • volunteer@stmartha.org

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4171 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34232 941.371.4917





Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun, Aug 20Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28 7:30am [CF] Marek Gawalek by Carolyn and Joe 9:00am [FS] Michael J. Roma by Eileen Roma 10:30am [GS] For All Parishioners 12:00pm [GS] Salvatore Barbara by Ida Naglieri 12:00pm [JV] (Hall/Viet) Special Intentions 5:30pm [JR] L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe Mon, Aug 21Jqs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22 7:30am [JV] Eleanor Streppone by John Schofield 8:30am [JR] L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe 12:00pm [GS] Carl Mahanti by Peggie and Mollie 5:30pm [GS] Clement Kennington by Ann Murray Tue. Aug 22.....Jas 6:11-24g: Mt 19:23-30 7:30am [GS] (L) Fr. Jan by James and Marcia Norris 8:30am [GS] Tom Knieriem by Sam and Jane Norton 12:00pm [CF] (L) Louise and Joanie by Friend 5:30pm [CF] Michael Zanetti by Kay Delaney Wed, Aug 23.....Jgs 9:6-15. Mt 20:1-16 7:30am [GS] Felix Cortes by the Biolette Family 8:30am [CF] Bob Corey by John and Shelly Corey 12:00pm [CF] Julia White by Felicidad Cruz 5:30pm [JR] Martha Mary Varano by Bobbie German Thu, Aug 24Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51 7:30am [CF] Michael Talty by Madonna Weir 8:30am [JR] Marie Hoffberg 12:00pm [JV] Laura Gargour by Aldo 5:30pm [FS] Gene Mason by Walter Serwatka Fri, Aug 25Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40 7:30am [JV] For a greater respect for all human life 8:30am [FS] Larry Arronis by the Mroczkowski & Arronis Families 12:00pm [JR] Larry Arronis by the Mroczkowski Family 5:30pm [CF] Paul Edward Welch by Sheela Welch Sat, Aug 26Ru 2:1-3 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12 7:30am [CF] Frank Todaro by Dick and Kathy Weber 8:30am [JV] (L) Fr. Jan by Peggy and Mollie 4:00pm [JR] John Meuschke by Mary Jane and Thomas Pagano 5:30pm [FS] L & D Mbrs of the Julie Tierney Family by Friend Sun. Aug 27Is 22:19-23: Rom 11:33-36: Mt 16:13-20 7:30am [JR] Paul Krakenberg by Family 9:00am [CF] Edward B. Maher by Ann Crowley 10:30am [FS] For All Parishioners 12:00pm [CF] Ricardo Urdaneta by Alina and Ricardo Urdaneta 12:00pm [JV] (Hall/Viet) Special Intentions 5:30pm [GS] Grace Borsky by Walter Serwatka Father George (GS), Father Jan (JR), Father Chris (CF), Father Joseph (JV), Father Fausto (FS)

The Church of St. Patrick

Out & About Social Club

would like to invite St. Martha Parishioners to join on September 13th for a bus trip to the theatre at Broadway Palms to see the below production of Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express:



The Broadway Palms is proud to present: This clever adaptation of the Agatha Christie classic boasts glamour, intrigue, suspense and humor.

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