



21st Sunday of the Year

"And so I say to you,
you are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.."



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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 -21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

- Revive faith and rekindle love

1. It has taken many years before I learned to begin my adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the silent proclamation similar to Peter's confession. It's so different when I begin my adoration with the words like: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I think that every time we come to adore the Blessed Sacrament especially when it is exposed in the monstrance on the altar, we should start our adoration by repeating Peter's confession. Often

when I knelt before the monstrance, I said something on the line: Oh God, there is so much I need and only your blessing can help me and then I would list my requests. I don't think I was fully satisfied with that sort of adoration of the Lord. I think that whenever I manage to remember to begin my adoration with Peter's proclamation I feel more satisfied, and I think that Good Lord likes these adorations better.

2. Peter was led by Jesus, strengthened by his companions who followed Jesus with him and inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Peter came to believe in Jesus, in his Divinity and Jesus told him that: *My heavenly Father revealed this to you, not flesh and blood.* We shouldn't trust too much *the body and blood*, in our quest for God we should always follow the truth.

- Isaiah tells us that not every person in high position deserves our attention, there are those like Shebna who do not speak the truth. There are also false prophets in the public who lie to us about things, and we need to be careful as to whom we follow. View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



The first step in the process of recognizing the Divine presence is

to check that what is preached to us is true. If we want to find out God's inspiration, we need to confirm that the things we believe are true. That they were true yesterday and are true today.

Otherwise, we will be led astray.

- The entire second reading today is Paul's confession of his faith in God. Paul teaches us there that God is completely independent of anything and anyone, and that nothing and nobody is equal to God. This is very important. In our faith life we need to go through the process of clearing the image of God. Very often the image of

true God is different from the image of our God. We, sometimes inherit or learn, or experience something that twists the true image of God. Jesus gives us the true image of God, the gospel's image of God.

3. This is important for today's world of learning and understanding, which forgets to worship God for this Divine element in the history of humankind. Many people explore the secrets of the planet earth and human life, the secrets of the skies and cosmos and yet refuse to learn the secrets of Divinity. Thank God, we have Jesus who gives us this light and grace

of God and who empowers us with the inner strength to open and learn the secrets of heaven. Let's pray that God will revive our faith and re-ignite our love, as he did to Peter. Let's pray that our faith and love to God will be as courageous as that of Peter.

Next Sunday (September 3) - is 22nd Sunday of the Year.

With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Father George

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- Father George



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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**

Back to School at St Mary Academy















St. Mary Academy had a great first week of school. The teachers and students had a great time sharing what they did over the summer and began a great year of learning, spirituality, and fun!



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Wee	kly Mas	s Intentions
	•	Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
		Paul Krakenberg by Family
		Edward B. Maher by Ann Crowley
		For All Parishioners
12:00pi	m [CF]	Ricardo Urdaneta by Alina and Ricardo Urdaneta
12:00pi	m[JV]	(Hall/Viet) Special Intentions
		Grace Borsky by Walter Serwatka
Mon. A	\ua 28	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
		(L) Vivian Elder Sheridan by Jack Sheridan
8:30am	[JR]	Tristan Barth by Mom and Dad
		Rose Livo by Margaret Henderson
		Bob Corey by John and Shelly Corey
Tue A	un 29	1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
7·30am	-	Eduardo Hontiveros by Maria Patricia Lim
		Anthony LoConte by the Family
		Tom Patt by Ann Crowley
		Riley and (L) Marcia Hardy by Jane and Sam Norton
		1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
7.20am	ייייייייייייייייייייייייייייייייייייי	David Broussard by Gina Cirillo
		Louis Zazarino by Bill Rex
		Marguarite Romaine by Fr. Robert Romaine and Gail
		Jacqueline Solis Rodrigo by Jenny Javier
111U, A	Ug 31	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
		Martha Mary Varano by Cindy Lang and Jim Allen
		Brian Kneafsey by Marilyn Kneafsey
		Patty Collins by Katy Malone Joan Frazer by Claire Meade
		1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
		George Dunn by Rita Dunn
		(L) Beth Cannata by Bill Rex
		Jennie Carosella by Friend
		Antonette Santone by William O'Brien
		1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
		Bob Corey by John and Shelly Corey
		Larry Corsaro by the Corsaro Family
		Dec'd Mbrs of the Carrano Family by the Family
		(L) Eric Helms by Mary and John McGruder
Sun, S	ep 3	Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
		(L) Mark & Patty Sellner 40th Anniv. by Mark & Patty Sellner
		(Hall/Span) (L) Fr. Rowen Murphy by Lynn McDonald
9:00am	[GS]	Albert Spero by Ann Crowley
		For All Parishioners
11:00aı	m[JV]	(Hall/Viet) Special Intentions
		John and Matilda Wojcik by Bob and Ursula
5:30pm	[FS]	L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe
Father (George (GS), F	ather Jan (JR), Father Chris (CF),
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The Vietnamese Community









Celebrating mass with Bishop Frank Dewane, Pastor Father George Suszko, and Father Joseph on Sunday, August 13th

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Thank YOU!

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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

August 18, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent days, the nation has watched as a terrible and devastating fire struck the Hawaiian island of Maui. Though the full extent of the impact is not yet known, over 110 people have died and there is extensive destruction, especially in the community of Lahaina.

Throughout Southwest Florida, there is an understanding of the dangers of natural disasters, and many can remember the destruction in our local communities from Hurricane lan, less than a year ago. A great deal of help was needed, and the goodness of others was clearly evidenced.

Our Catholic Faith calls each of us to care for those in need, and at this time in particular, for those who are suffering in the wake of this terrible fire on Maui. Recognizing the need of those who have been so severely impacted by the fire, a second collection will be held in Parishes of the Diocese of Venice on the weekend of August 26-27. Funds collected will be sent to Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Honolulu to help address the significant need.

Your generosity and your prayers for the people of Maui are deeply appreciated. May Almighty God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of in Florida

Father Joseph (JV), Father Fausto (FS)





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Rev. George Suszko, S.A.C. Pastor

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FLORIDIANS SHOULD DECLINE TO SIGN PETITION FOR DANGEROUS PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women.

Floridians should not sign the petition.

Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn.



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Upcoming Events

Red Mass - The Red Mass, a medieval tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, has been observed annually in the Diocese of Venice since 2008. This year, the Red Mass will be celebrated on October 18 at 5:30pm at St. Martha Catholic Church. The Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, will be the Main Celebrant. A reception hosted by the Catholic Lawvers Guild (CLG) follows immediately at the Parish Hall. More information, Atty. Paul Consbruck at 866.558.7285; 941.966.6706 or adoptfla@yahoo.com.

Dinner for Life - Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to spend your evening? Do you want to support a great cause and enjoy a delicious meal? If so, you are invited to attend a **Dinner for Life**, a special event to celebrate and support the Culture of Life in our community on Friday, October 7 at 5pm at the Columbus Banquet Hall, located at 4880 Fruitville Road, Sarasota. Appetizers are served followed by a delicious prime rib dinner at 6pm. You can also enjoy cocktails served at the cash bar. Featuring guest speakers from **Solve Maternity** Homes and 40 Days for Life, you will also hear from Father Chris of St Martha Church, who shares insights and experiences on the importance of defending the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. This fundraising event supports these two non-profit organizations providing Christ-centered care to pregnant mothers. Tickets are \$40 or \$320 for a table of eight. Advanced tickets purchased at the Parish Office of St Martha Church.

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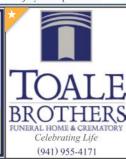


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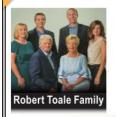


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