

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

“Which of the two did  
the will of his father?”

MT 21:31



## ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

USA National Circus Church The Pallantines (Society of Catholic Apostolate)



### 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

### St. Martha Catholic Church

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**Parish Office Hours** Monday-Friday 8am-12pm and 12:30-4pm





*From Our Pastor, Father George*

October 1, 2023

**Sunday Sermon – 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,**

I would like to give you an example of how you say yes to the Lord and how you do his will in life. One courageous couple, Joseph and Victoria, did it, even under the threat of losing their lives. They lived in southern Poland during the World War II, during which the German Nazis, who occupied Poland for six years from 1939 until 1945, enforced their own cruel law on the people of Poland to denounce any Jewish people to the authorities and not to give them any shelter. If any household were caught at hiding a Jewish person, they were all executed. Joseph and Victoria, who was pregnant, had six children already and they were hiding eight Jewish people in the attic of their home. In 1944 somebody reported them to the German Police and the police came, discovered the eight members of the two Jewish family, they shot them dead right there and then they shot dead the whole Ulma family including children.

On Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, the beatification Mass was held in Markowa in Poland, where all this horrific martyrdom had taken place, and at this Mass Joseph and Victoria Ulm with their seven children have been pronounced Blessed.

There was a comment of the priest from the Diocese in Poland who led the Beatification process, where the Ulm Family lived and were beatified by the Vatican Legate Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, who said:

They are now Blessed for they died because they gave clear witness to the Christian love which flew from their faith.

They are now Blessed, for they showed their Christian love in accepting to hide the members of two Jewish families.

They are now Blessed, for the German Police shot them dead for hatred to the Catholic faith.

We can pray to God through the intercession of the Ulma Family that God almighty will strengthen our love of God and love of neighbor, grant us courage and perseverance in faith even in adversities.

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**From Father George**

**It's great to see our church re-roofed, with repainted exterior walls and a newly repainted interior!** Thank you to all who generously support our parish and help to carry out such necessary repairs of our buildings. May God bless all who do the hard work and all who make it possible with your financial maintenance of St. Martha parish campus. Your generosity is appreciated.

**Come to the church and take part in *Traveling Rosary Congress***, which includes Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the praying of the Rosary for families, the Church, and peace in the world." We will hold the chain of Rosaries in St. Martha's church from October 8 to 9, 2023. Each hour of Adoration will start with the Rosary at the round hour and then will be followed by silent adoration until before the next round hour when the next group begins the Rosary and their adoration. In such a way 22 groups will fulfill St. Martha's

24 hours part in the Traveling Rosary Congress. Our Adoration will start after the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, October 8 and will conclude with the 5:30pm parish Mass on Monday, October 9. Here is the schedule of our Rosary Congress to help you to participate if you want to join in. Contact the Parish Office if you do.

**Sunday, October 8, 2023:**

- Group 1: 7-8pm (*in Spanish*) - Mangin Family
- Group 2: 8-9pm (*in English*) - Knights of Columbus
- Group 3: 9-10pm (*in Polish*) - Fr. George
- Group 4: 10-11pm (*in English*) - Linda Briscoe
- Group 5: 11-12pm (*in Vietnamese*) - Fr. Joseph and Vietnamese Community

**Monday, October 9, 2023:**

- Group 6: 12pm-1am (*in English*) - John & Mary McGruder/Fr. George
- Group 7: 1-2am (*in English*) - Evelyn Misner
- Group 8: 2-3am (*in English*) - David Hill
- Group 9: 3-4am
- Group 10: 4-5am
- Group 11: 5-6am (*in Spanish*) - Oswaldo Bencono
- Group 12: 6-7am
- Group 13: 7-7:25am: (*in English*)

**7:30am – Parish Mass**

- Group 14: 8-8:25am: (*in English*) - Parish Rosary Group

**8:30am – Parish Mass**

- Group 15: 9-10am (*in English*) - Deacon Bill Ladroga
- Group 16: 10-11am (*in English*) - Susan Schussler
- Group 17: 11-11:55am (*in English*) - Emmaus Bible Study

**12:00pm – Parish Mass**

- Group 18: 1-2pm (*in Vietnamese*) - Vietnamese Community
- Group 19: 2-3pm - Carmen Henry
- Group 20: 3-4pm (*in French*) - Linda Blouin
- Group 21: 4-5pm (*in English*) - Bill Brien
- Group 22: 5-5:25pm: (*in English*) - Diane Bush


**530pm – Parish Mass**

**Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season:** *O 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, O 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 stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.*

**Next Sunday (October 8, 2023) – is 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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

# St. Martha Religious Education Classes

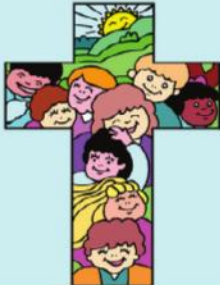
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[frgeorge@stmartha.org](mailto:frgeorge@stmartha.org)

## Religious Education Classes

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## Children's Choir

St. Martha Church is looking for children interested in joining our Children's Choir composed of children in grades 1 through 9 who have a love for singing and praising God.

Contact Joy Leitner at [mjoylfl@comcast.net](mailto:mjoylfl@comcast.net)



## St. Martha Youth Ministry Service Club

The St. Martha Service Club is asking for items to make Blessing Bags for the clients of the Resurrection House.

The Resurrection House is a resource center offering help and basic services to the most needy in our community.

Please drop items off at the St. Martha Parish Office:

- Gloves, Scarves
- Trial-Sized: Chapstick, Combs, Moisturizer, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Grooming Kits, Instant Coffee, Tea, Juice Boxes
- Beef Stick, Dried Fruit, Trail Mix, Nuts, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Cookies, Snack Packs, Candy Bars, Mints, Gum
- Single-Serve, nonperishable food (canned tuna, canned chicken, etc.)








## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Sun, Oct 1** ..... **Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11, Mt 21:28-32**

7:30am ..... [JV] ..... Carmela Coluccio by James and Phyllis Okun  
 7:45am ..... [CG] ..... (Hall/Spain) (L) Michael Wolfe  
 9:00am ..... [FS] ..... Harry E. Hammond by Ursula and Bob  
 9:00am ..... [CF] ..... (Hall) Special Intentions  
 10:30am ..... [GS] ..... For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... Gregory Sullivan by Terry Petrella  
 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe

**Mon, Oct 2** ..... **Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10**

7:30am ..... [JV] ..... John and Vena Kelly & Fam. by Thomas and Jacqueline Kelly  
 8:30am ..... [GS] ..... Molly Heraty by Peter Heraty  
 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... Janet Sylvester and Al Wise by Jim Sylvester  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... Thomas Geist by Karen Geist

**Tue, Oct 3** ..... **Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56**

7:30am ..... [CF] ..... (L) R. I. Milliman by Friend  
 8:30am ..... [JV] ..... Marie Hofferger  
 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... Jim Putman by Joe and Harmon Heed  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... Missing and exploited children by Joe and Betty Plouffe

**Wed, Oct 4** ..... **Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62**

7:30am ..... [GS] ..... James W. Meade by Claire Meade  
 8:30am ..... [CF] ..... Brian Kneafsey by Marilyn Kneafsey  
 12:00pm ..... [CF] ..... Jean Nota by Columbus Association  
 5:30pm ..... [CF] ..... Missing and exploited children by Joe and Betty Plouffe

**Thu, Oct 5** ..... **Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12**

7:30am ..... [CF] ..... Ingrid Fleischmann by Kevin Rutkowski  
 8:30am ..... [JV] ..... Victoria Sancho by Kate Shaver  
 12:00pm ..... [CF] ..... In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Caroline  
 5:30pm ..... [FS] ..... Jacqueline Letourneau by Linda Blouin

**Fri, Oct 6** ..... **Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16**

7:30am ..... [JV] ..... Tim Donahue by Mom and Dad  
 8:30am ..... [FS] ..... Nora Ferguson by the Heibel Family  
 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... Barbara Maggio by James Maggio  
 5:30pm ..... [CF] ..... Robert Furman by Rick and Melissa Furman  
 7:30pm ..... [JV] ..... (Viet) Special Intentions

**Sat, Oct 7** ..... **Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24**

7:30am ..... [GS] ..... (L) Maria Maldonado by Friend  
 8:30am ..... [JV] ..... Nino Montipoli by Joe and Harmon Heed  
 4:00pm ..... [GS] ..... Roland Kruse by Wife  
 5:30pm ..... [CF] ..... Salvatore Barbara by Ida Nagliere

**Sun, Oct 8** ..... **Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43**

7:30am ..... [GS] ..... Ryan Halstead by Mother  
 7:45am ..... [CG] ..... (Hall/Spain) Special Intentions  
 9:00am ..... [GS] ..... Laura Gormley by Al Delange  
 9:00am ..... [JV] ..... (Hall) Maria Saglimbeni by Brent and Patty Sinclair  
 10:30am ..... [CF] ..... For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm ..... [FS] ..... Anthony LoConte by Family  
 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm ..... [CF] ..... L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe

*Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS)*

*St. Martha Wine & Cheese Event!*

**Come celebrated with us!**

**October 7** after the **4pm** and **5:30pm** Mass, in the **Courtyard**  
*It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners, guests, and priests.*

**Please consider including St Martha in your will, trust, or designating us as a beneficiary!**

**Thank YOU!**

**To Learn More 941.441.1124**

**ST. MARTHA**  
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The Adoration Society of Catholic Apostles

**Come Join**  
**The Rosary Makers**

**The first Friday of the month from 10:30-11:30am**  
**at St. Martha's Geenen Hall**

Join us for coffee and sweet treats  
while learning how to make **Cord Rosaries**.

They are distributed to the hospital, nursing homes,  
and have been sent to different countries to spread the  
**love of the Blessed Mother and her Son Jesus Christ.**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**September 27-November 5, 2023**

Help to save lives by praying for an end to abortion. The **40 Days for Life** is a coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer, fasting, community outreach and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion facilities.

People of faith also are invited to fast throughout the **40 Days for Life**. We believe that when God's people fast our heavenly Father will hear and heal our lives, our churches, our communities, our nation and our world.

The visible, public centerpiece of the campaign is a focused 40-day, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a Planned Parenthood Center, as well as other abortion facilities. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who participate can send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work and patronize the abortion centers. Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand.

Please join other St. Martha parishioners on our dedicated parish day,  
**October 16, 9am-7pm**, at Planned Parenthood on Central Avenue, Sarasota.



## This Week

at St. Martha Catholic Church

**Sun, Oct 1** • 10:15am - Religious Ed Classes - *Upstairs Classrooms*

**Mon, Oct 2** • *The Holy Guardian Angels*

**Tue, Oct 3** • 10:30am - Emmaus Bible Study - *Conference Room*

**Wed, Oct 4** • *Saint Francis of Assisi*

**Thu, Oct 5** • *Saint Faustina Kowalska*

10am - *Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall*

**Fri, Oct 6** • *Saint Bruno*

10:00 am - *Rosary Makers - Geenen Hall*

**Sat, Oct 7** • *Our Lady of the Rosary*

After the 4pm & 5:30pm Mass - *Wine & Cheese - Courtyard*

### St. Martha Clergy

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

Rev. Jan Rykala, S.A.C.

Rev. Krzysztof Chris Frost, S.A.C.

Rev. Joseph Yu, C.R.M.,

*Hospital Chaplain*

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

*(Retired)*

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Rev. Deacon C. Patrick Macaulay

Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens

Rev. Deacon Vern Smith

Sr. Cathy Bonfield, S.S.N.D.

Br. Lawrence Skitzki, C.S.C.

Br. William Dygert, C.S.C.

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### Diocese of Venice

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### Outreach Ministries

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| Altar Society . . . . .                | Parish Office . . . . .        | 941.366.4210           |
| Archivist . . . . .                    | Parish Office . . . . .        | 941.366.4210           |
| Arimathean Ministry . . . . .          | Parish Office . . . . .        | 941.366.4210           |
| Catholic Charities . . . . .           | Joan Piere . . . . .           | 941.366.4210           |
| Community Pregnancy Clinics . . . . .  |                                | 941.260.5427           |
| Casa Santa Marta . . . . .             |                                | 941.366.4448           |
| Choir/Cantor . . . . .                 | Virginia Bray . . . . .        | 941.366.4210           |
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| Eucharist Adoration . . . . .          | Parish Office . . . . .        | 941.366.4210           |
| Extraordinary Ministers . . . . .      | Dc. Pat Macaulay . . . . .     | dcpatrick@stmartha.org |
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| Respect Life Ministry . . . . .        | Kate Shaver . . . . .          | ksshaver@comcast.net   |
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### Neighboring Diocesan Parishes

|                                     |                          |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
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| St. Michael the Archangel . . . . . | Siesta Key . . . . .     | 941.349.4174 |
| Our Lady of the Angels . . . . .    | Lakewood Ranch . . . . . | 941.752.6770 |

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St. Mary Academy . . . . . Principal: Mrs. Rebecca Reynolds 941.366.4010

### Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School

4171 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34232 . . . . . 941.371.4917



## Upcoming Events

**Dinner for Life** - We invite you to attend a *Dinner for Life*, to celebrate and support the Culture of Life on Saturday, **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**, and 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 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 at the Parish Office of St. Martha Church call 941.330.1752.

**Golf Tournament** - **The St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School Golf Benefit Tournament** is on **Saturday, October 7**, at the **JW Marriott's Rookery at Marco**, 3433 Club Center Blvd., Naples, 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. Information [Saintelizabethseton.com/Golf](http://Saintelizabethseton.com/Golf), [office@seseton.org](mailto:office@seseton.org), or **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. Contact **Joe Mallof 224.217.7139** or **Bob Hiniker 863.558.0407**.

### Witness to Love

#### Marriage Preparation Mentor Couples Needed

Our *Witness to Love* marriage preparation program is looking for married couples to serve as mentors and work *couple-to-couple* with the engaged.

##### Details:

- Meet once a month for 8 months
- Mentors receive training, view on-line videos, and use workbooks
- This covers the practical issues that most married couples encounter
- Couples must be in a valid Catholic marriage for at least five years
  - Couples must Attend Mass regularly
- Couples may not be related to the engaged couple

We've worked with many couples preparing for marriage. It's a joy to see them coming to the Church for a sacramental marriage instead of a civil marriage!

**If interested, please email Deacon Bill: [dbill@stmartha.org](mailto:dbill@stmartha.org) or call the Parish Office at 941.366.4210.**

## Women in the Bible Summer Bible Study Series



**When:** Wed, Oct 18 and 25  
following the 9am Mass

**Where:** St Michael the Archangel Church  
5394 Midnight Pass Rd., Siesta Key

**Contact:** St. Michaels for more information  
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DIocese OF Venice IN Florida  
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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month in October and observes the first Sunday of that month as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to teach, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable and promote a greater respect for life.

The Catholic Church remains at the forefront in speaking out on the issue of the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death, and at every point in between. The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value. Fulfilling Christ's command to love one another takes shape in our practice of this radical solidarity: solidarity by making the well-being of others our own.

On the weekend of September 30 and October 1, 2023, Parishes across the Diocese of Venice will conduct a special collection to enhance this life-affirming work. The funds remain in the Diocese of Venice and facilitate a Culture of Life as a faith community in Southwest Florida and support Respect Life Programs, among them, Walking with Moms in Need.

Please continue to pray for a greater appreciation of the sacredness of all human life and be as generous as you can in this annual collection. Let us remain united in prayer and action. May God bless you for your dedication and generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida

## Luau on the Lawn

**Family Promise of Sarasota-Manatee**  
invites you to join us for our fundraising Event

### Luau on the Lawn

**Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 11am-2pm**

at **Pine Shores Community Center** 6120 Crestwood Avenue, Sarasota

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