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From Our Pastor, Father George



Dear Parishioners of St. Martha, Sunday Sermon — 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

From Father Chris:

No pain, no gain is a common phrase which reminds us of the fact that sacrifice is almost always required in order to accomplish things that are important. The saying holds true with regard to growing in our love for the Lord and living as faithful disciples of Jesus as well.

In the first reading, we are given a look into the heart of the prophet Jeremiah, and the trials and suffering he experienced as a result of being faithful to God's call to serve as a prophet. The words of Jeremiah are powerful and poignant, You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

These aren't words of surrender or defeat on the part of Jeremiah, but an honest expression of the struggles and personal price he paid as a result of speaking the word of the Lord to the Israelites to call them to turn away from sin and renew their faith and trust in the Lord.

And although Jeremiah suffered as a result of his fidelity to God's call to serve as a prophet, his words make it clear that he also experienced an inexplicable joy as a result of being faithful to God's plan for his life: I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The second reading speaks of sacrifice as a fundamental requirement for leading lives which are holy and pleasing to God. Saint Paul urges us not to be conformed to this present age. This requires making the decision each day to set aside personal ambitions and desires and to make our number one priority that of being faithful to God's will for our lives.

Finally, the teaching of Jesus in today's Gospel that whoever wishes to follow him must take up their cross and follow him leaves no room for doubt that sacrifice is a fundamental and non-negotiable requirement for being a faithful disciple. So if we want to live as faithful disciples of Jesus and come to experience the inexhaustible treasure and blessings of the kingdom of God more fully, we have no choice but to take up our cross each day and follow Jesus. In other words — no pain, no gain.

September 3, 2023

Traveling Rosary Congress. Bishop Frank J. Dewane wrote in his letter about two months ago: "Preparations are being made for October 7-13, 2023, Traveling Rosary Congress. This Year's theme is *To Jesus Through Mary*. The Rosary Congress is held in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to prayer and conversion. It includes Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the praying of the Rosary for families, the Church, and peace in the world. Participation of our various Parishes in this Traveling Rosary Congress is heartily encouraged."

We will hold the 24 hours Rosary Congress in St. Martha's church on October 8-9, 2023. Each hour of Adoration will start with the Rosary at the round hour and then will be followed by silent adoration until before View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

the next round hour when the next group begins the Rosary and their adoration. In such a way 21 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 parish Mass on Monday, October 9 at 5:30pm. 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. Some slots are already taken but most of them are for taking.

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 Group 5: 11-12pm

Monday, October 9, 2023:

Group 6: 12pm-1am

Group 7: 1-2am

Group 8: 2-3am

Group 9: 3-4am

Group 10: 4-5am

Group 11: 5-6am

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 14: 9-10am

Group 15: 10-11am

Group 16: 11-11:55am

12:00pm — Parish Mass

Group 17: 1-2pm

Group 18: 2-3pm

Group 19: 3-4pm

Group 20: 4-5pm

Group 21: 5-5.25pm: (in English

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 (September 10, 2023) — is 23rd Sunday of the Year With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Father George



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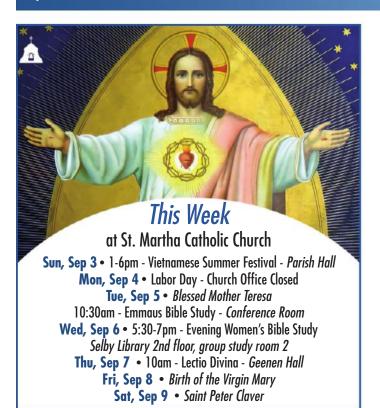
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This opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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





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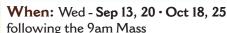
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An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place 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 Lawyers 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 quest 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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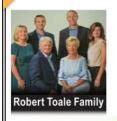
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