

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023



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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

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 8, 2023

Sunday Sermon – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

From Father Chris

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

Most of us are familiar with the old pious platitude, “Easier said than done.” Saint Paul encourages the Philippians today to have no anxiety at all. Right Saint Paul, easier said than done!

Some synonyms for anxiety are concern, unease, apprehension and worry. Another one, though, is disquiet. It is hard for us not to be anxious at times. We become anxious about people – about our children, our spouse, our aging parents. We also become anxious about things – about work, mortgages and car payments.

When we become anxious, we disturb the quiet within, thus we become disquiet. Saint Paul seems to imply today that in order to enter into prayer, into dialogue with God, we need to set aside our anxiousness. This is not easy for us. The distractions of our daily lives often overrun our quiet moments with God, but this we must guard against.

Dialogue with God does not need to be complicated. We tend to overcomplicated things, to excuse ourselves from following through. We might agree that this is true in various aspects of our lives. But prayer does not need to be complicated. We can pray anytime, anywhere.

We can begin our day with opening our eyes, praising the Lord for another day. We can reflect on the day ahead with the Lord while we get dressed. During our commute to work or while running errands, we can invite the Lord into a difficult encounter we keep having. At lunch, we can ask the Lord’s blessing on our food and those who gather to share a meal together. Before we fall asleep, we can review the day and give thanks for what went right and ask forgiveness for what went wrong.

In the quietness of our encounter with the Lord, we will know the Lord’s peace, and that peace will guard our hearts and minds in Jesus.

So let us not grow anxious about too many things. Instead, try to commit to a rhythm of prayer each day. Then, as Saint Paul teaches us today, the God of peace will be with us and we will bear good fruit.

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**From Father George**

**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. Below is the schedule of our Rosary Congress:

**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 - Emily Anton
- Group 10: 4-5am - Emily Anton
- Group 11: 5-6am (*in Spanish*) - Oswaldo Bencono
- Group 12: 6-7am - Marie Ann & Sean White
- Group 13: 7-7:25am (*in English*) - Rebecca Thomas
- 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
- 5:30pm – 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 15, 2023) – is 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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

# St. Martha School and Boosterthon Fun Run Day



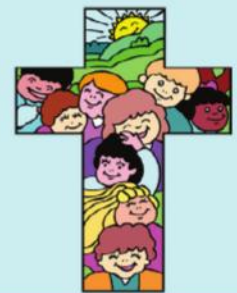
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St. Martha Church is looking for children interested in joining our Children's Choir composed of children in grades 1 through 9 who have a love for singing and praising God.

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

- 7:30am ..... [GS] ..... Ryan Halstead by Mother
- 7:45am ..... [CG] ..... (Hall/Span) 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

**Mon, Oct 9** ..... **Jon 1:1-2, 11; Lk 10:25-37**

- 7:30am ..... [CF] ..... John & Ann Begley Families by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly
- 8:30am ..... [GS] ..... Nora Ferguson by the Heibel Family
- 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... In thanksgiving by Peggy
- 5:30pm ..... [CF] ..... (L) Intention for Margaret Henderson by Margaret Henderson

**Tue, Oct 10** ..... **Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42**

- 7:30am ..... [GS] ..... Dec'd Religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross
- 8:30am ..... [CF] ..... L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe
- 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... Larry Simmons by Magda Kovacic
- 5:30pm ..... [CF] ..... (L) Fr. Rowen Murphy by Lynn McDonald

**Wed, Oct 11** ..... **Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4**

- 7:30am ..... [CF] ..... (L) In thanksgiving for Kristie by Jennifer and Rob
- 8:30am ..... [GS] ..... Nayla Larkham by Nora Stephan
- 12:00pm ..... [CF] ..... Marie Hofferger
- 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... (L) Loran McGruder by Mary and John McGruder

**Thu, Oct 12** ..... **Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13**

- 7:30am ..... [GS] ..... (L) Merly Jobin by Mini
- 8:30am ..... [CF] ..... Dudley Smith by Ollie and Debbie Griffith
- 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... Virginia K. Scheriff by Gary and Sonia Galante
- 5:30pm ..... [FS] ..... Poor Souls in Purgatory by Javier and Gloria Olivos

**Fri, Oct 13** ..... **Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26**

- 7:30am ..... [JV] ..... (L) Veronica Costner by Marge and Paul Lortie
- 8:30am ..... [FS] ..... Martha McHale by Susan Girard
- 12:00pm ..... [CF] ..... Raymond Maloney, Jr. by Silvana Nandin
- 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... L & D Mbrs of the Julie Tierney Family by Friend

**Sat, Oct 14** ..... **Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28**

- 7:30am ..... [CF] ..... Jay Donahue by Terry and Lindy Donahue
- 8:30am ..... [JV] ..... (L) Katy Malone and James Denke by Katy Malone
- 4:00pm ..... [CF] ..... Irene Zita by the Borome Family
- 5:30pm ..... [FS] ..... Robert Romaine by Fr. Robert Romaine and Gail

**Sun, Oct 15** ..... **Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14**

- 7:30am ..... [JV] ..... (L) Margerita Salgado by Daughter, Ana
- 7:45am ..... [CG] ..... (Hall/Span) Loving Memory of Baby Maynard by Mom
- 9:00am ..... [GS] ..... Edward P. Maher by Ann Crowley
- 9:00am ..... [FS] ..... (Hall) Elena Ordonez by the Ordonez Family
- 10:30am ..... [FS] ..... For All Parishioners
- 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... Saverio Naglieri by Ida Naglieri
- 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
- 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... Gregory Sullivan by Terry Petrella

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

**Luau on the Lawn**  
Family Promise of Sarasota-Manatee invites you to join us for our fundraising Event  
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## 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 8** • 10:15am - Religious Ed Classes - *Upstairs Classrooms*  
After 5:30pm Mass - Traveling Rosary Congress - 24 hours

**Mon, Oct 9** • *Saint Denis and Saint John Leonardi*  
*Columbus Day* - Church Office Closed  
Traveling Rosary Congress - 24 hours

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

**Wed, Oct 11** • *Saint John XXIII*

**Thu, Oct 12** • 10am - Lectio Divina - *Geenen Hall*

**Sat, Oct 14** • *St Callistus I*

### St. Martha Clergy

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Rev. Jan Rykala, S.A.C.  
Rev. Krzysztof Chris Frost, S.A.C.  
Rev. Joseph Yu, C.R.M.,  
*Hospital Chaplain*  
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Rev. Deacon C. Patrick Macaulay  
Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens  
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**for October 2023**

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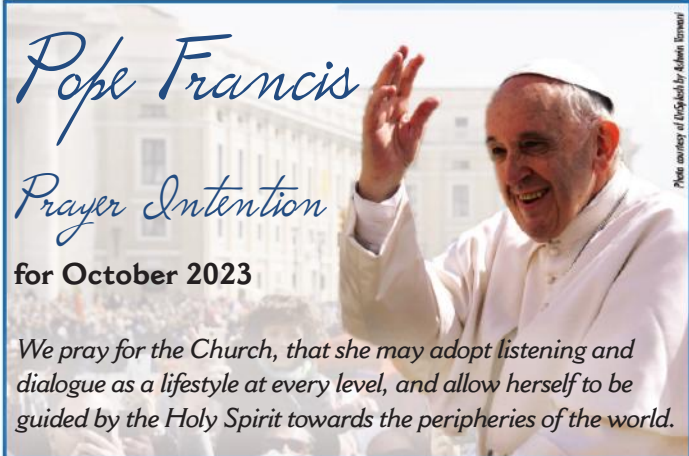


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## *Upcoming Events in the Diocese*

**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](mailto:adoptfla@yahoo.com).

**Veterans Day Mass** - This year marks the 14th consecutive year the Diocese of Venice is holding a **Memorial Mass** on Veterans Day in honor of the men and women who have served our country and continue to serve and protect us today. Bishop Frank J. Dewane celebrates the Mass on **Saturday, November 11 at 3pm**, at the **Sarasota National Cemetery**, 9810 State Road 72/Clark Road, approximately five miles east of I-75. The Priests, Deacons and Knights of Columbus in the Diocese join Bishop Dewane for this important event. All are invited to attend, and active military personnel are asked to wear their uniform. Attendees are also encouraged to wear sunscreen and bring a hat. There is ample seating and parking at the cemetery. For further information, please contact [ardy@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:ardy@dioceseofvenice.org) or **941.484.9543**.

**Oktoberfest - San Pedro Parish** in North Port is hosting an *Oktoberfest* celebration on **Friday, October 13** from 5-11pm and **Saturday, October 14** from 11am-11pm. There will be food, music and lots of fun so join us at San Pedro Parish, 14380 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Proceeds support the Parish Restoration Fund. Sponsorship and vendor exhibits are available by calling 941.426.2500 or email [events@sanpedrorcc.org](mailto:events@sanpedrorcc.org).

**Hispanic Fall Festival - St. Jude Parish** is hosting the **19th Annual Hispanic Fall Festival** on **Saturday, November 4** from 10am - 6pm [at St. Jude Parish, 3930 17th St., Sarasota. The festival is an event that celebrates the history and culture of the Latino community. The festival includes live music, dances, food from each Latin country the parishioners are from including different countries from Central and South America, Spain and United States. For more information, please call **941.955.3934**.

**National Eucharistic Revival, Parish Year** - The second phase of the National Eucharistic Revival began **June 11, 2023**, and will foster Eucharistic devotion at the Parish level. All can participate! For educational resources on the Diocese of Venice website, please click Year of Parish Revival - Diocese of Venice.



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