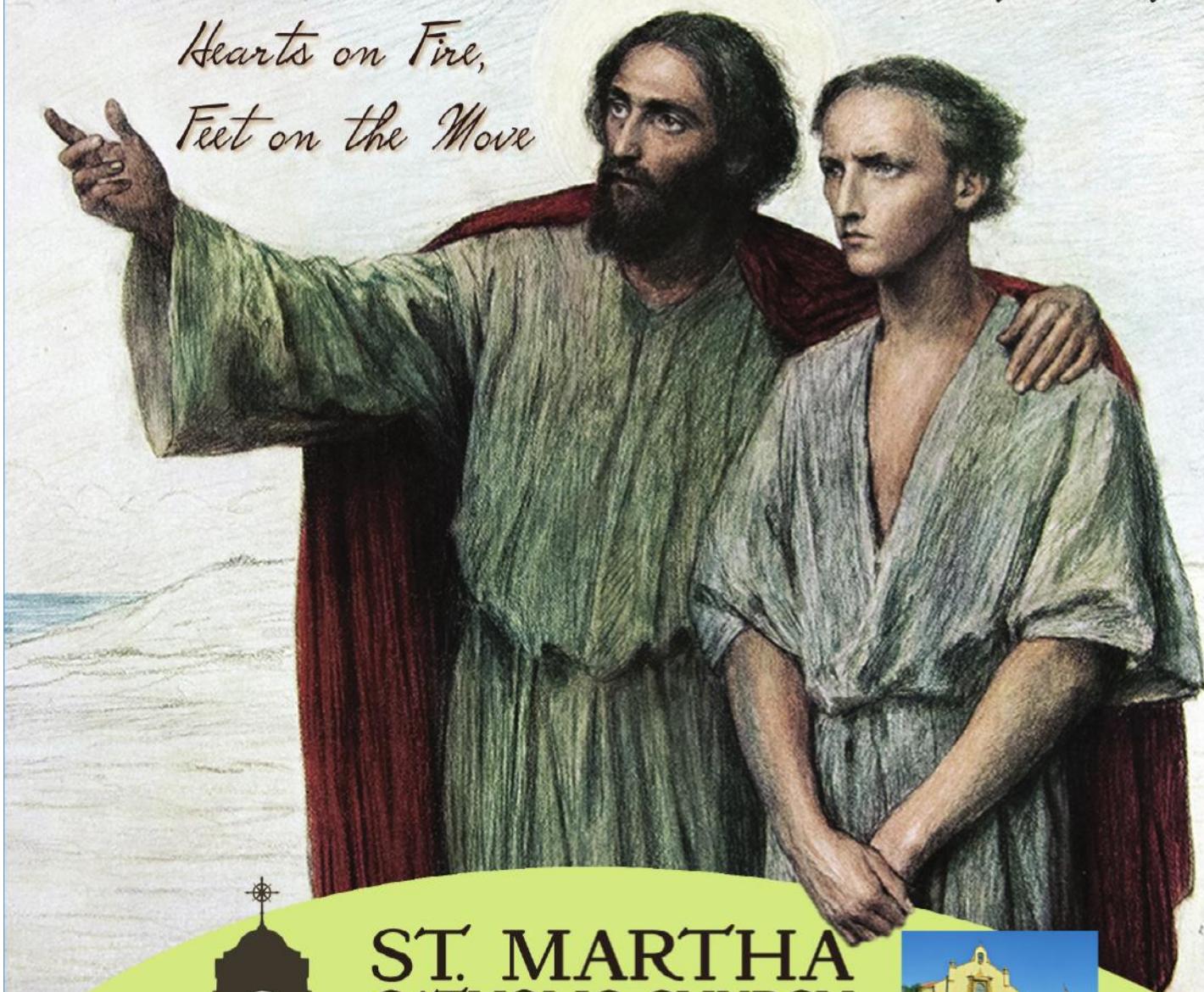


October 22, 2023

World Mission Sunday

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Hearts on Fire,  
Feet on the Move



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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

October 22, 2023

**Sunday Sermon – 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,**

**World Mission Sunday**

Each scripture reading at Mass today invites us to appreciate the connection between our personal, deeply-held loyalties and what projects we try to accomplish in life.

The first reading introduces us to Cyrus the Persian, a ruler who ends up being a surprising, yet still very effective, instrument used by the Lord to bring freedom to the Chosen People. {Cyrus, a foreigner and not a Jew, is loyal to his political and military duty, but he achieves what the Lord arranges for him to accomplish because he allows God to work through him.)

In the second reading, Paul and his companions are inspired by loyalty to their mission to proclaim the Good News. But as serious as they are about their own mission, their hearts are open and generous enough to appreciate how other people - the Christians in Thessalonica, specifically - are involved in that same work of proclaiming the Gospel in their own way and in their own place.

Most strikingly, in the Gospel reading, we hear what Jesus does when he knows he is walking into a trap. This trap presents what could be an unresolvable challenge to personal loyalty. What is owed to Caesar and what is owed to God? In response, Jesus speaks the truth in a simple way. He asks those around him to consider the standards by which they owe things to an authority, in other words, where their loyalties lie. Jesus helps them - and us - acknowledge that while we owe our loyalty ultimately to God, we often must honor that by respecting our duties toward others.

Discipleship requires us to consider to whom I belong; where my loyalties lie; and whom I must serve. Surely each of us is called and strives to remain faithful to some duties in our own place - towards our families, jobs, neighborhoods, and friends. But if we are to take our faith seriously, we are also concerned about others who are far away from us. These connections to others pull on us especially when we see them in light of our personal relationship with Jesus.

As Christians, we are invested with duties of love for people we have never met and to places we have never been, which is the theme at the heart of the readings for today, World Mission Sunday. That is part of the work of mission: to deepen the connections that already exist between me and someone far away from me to whom I am united in Christ.

Perhaps this person is already a Christian and so we are mystically united by our common baptism. Or maybe this person is just now learning of Christ {or desires to know of Christ} and that introduction will be made possible by the work of people who are sent to share the Good News with them. This appreciation might even help me to find the energy and interest to collaborate in work that I personally cannot do because I have responsibilities where I am and cannot go to those places and meet those people. But I can be part of the work through supportive prayer and practical charity.

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## The Society for the Propagation of the Faith [onefamilyinmission.org](http://onefamilyinmission.org)

May the grace we receive in this Eucharist help us all to learn the truth of these loyalties, responsibilities, and connections. And going from this place of worship may we find the energy to deepen our personal commitment to our common Christian mission to announce Christ and his Gospel to all the world.

Let us join our Holy Father Pope Francis in praying for and sharing resources with the young, persecuted, and poor Church in over 1,100 dioceses around the world that benefit from the World Mission Sunday collection, taken in every Catholic parish today, no matter how big or small.

**Hearts on Fire, Feet on the move** - for this World Mission Sunday (October 22)

Today, Pope Francis echoes the universal call of our Baptism – to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather with global Catholics on this World Mission Sunday, our prayers and contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith bolster the Pope's missions, enabling: over 844,000 catechists to share the faith, 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children, 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood, Education for 26 million children, Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics. By supporting this cause, we truly live out the call to be the spark that transforms lives. May your prayers and gifts create ripples of love and transformation. Thank you for your missionary zeal!

## We pray to the Lord for the end of war in Israel & Gaza Strip, Ukraine and other places of conflicts:

*O Lord, you have been our refuge through all generations!  
 You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.  
 Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress,  
 I call to you, because you answer me. Arrogant foes are attacking me,  
 O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me – they have no regard for  
 you. But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger,  
 abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
 show your strength on behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve  
 you just as my mother did. Give me a sign of your goodness, that my  
 enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, LORD, have helped  
 me and comforted me. (Psalm 86) O Lord, you have been our refuge  
 through all generations!*

## Mission Appeal – November 4-5, 2023

We will host Fr. Peter Short, Vicar General of the Diocese of Gallup, who will be the preacher at all our Sunday Masses (4:00pm & 5:30pm Vigil Masses on Saturday 4 and 7:30am, 9:00am in the church, 10:30am and noon on Sunday 5th) apart from 9:00am in the hall & 5:30pm on Sunday. Fr. Peter will do a special Mission Appeal for the Missionary ministry in the Diocese of Gallup.

**Next Sunday (October 29, 2023) – is 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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

## Children's Choir

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## Weekly Mass Intentions

- Sun, Oct 22** .... **Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21**
- 7:30am ..... [CF] ..... (L) Lexie Olds by the Family  
 7:45am ..... [GS] ..... (Hall/Span) Poor Souls in Purgatory by Javier Olivos  
 9:00am ..... [CF] ..... Harry E. Hammond by Ursula and Bob  
 9:00am ..... [GS] ..... (Hall) Edward Mongillo by Linda Romanowski  
 10:30am ..... [JR] ..... For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm ..... [FS] ..... Humbert Naglieri by Ida Naglieri  
 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... Edward Barrett by Edward and Elizabeth Jeselson
- Mon, Oct 23** .... **Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21**
- 7:30am ..... [JR] ..... James Guerin III by James Guerin II  
 8:30am ..... [JV] ..... The Giovanucci & Bruno Families by Rita Giovanucci  
 12:00pm ..... [JR] ..... Maria LoGrande by Maria Maglione  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... James P. Meade by Claire Mead
- Tue, Oct 24** .... **Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38**
- 7:30am ..... [GS] ..... Miguel Angel Labrador by Adriana Duarte  
 8:30am ..... [JR] ..... Judy Piercy by John and Lisa Weingartner  
 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... (L) Julia Wheal by James and Mary McGough  
 5:30pm ..... [JR] ..... Josephine Eguiguren by the Family
- Wed, Oct 25** .... **Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48**
- 7:30am ..... [JR] ..... Frances Stemley by David and Paula Shigley  
 8:30am ..... [GS] ..... Clark Webb by John Schofield  
 12:00pm ..... [GS] ..... Steven Ryan by Jane and Sam Norton  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... For a greater respect for all human life
- Thu, Oct 26** .... **Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53**
- 7:30am ..... [JV] ..... Norbert & Ingrid Fleischmann by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly  
 8:30am ..... [JR] ..... Anthony Herrera by Annette and Dennis Barth  
 12:00pm ..... [JR] ..... Sofia Wahl by Chris Deyerling  
 5:30pm ..... [FS] ..... Jamel L. Burne III by Mom and Dad
- Fri, Oct 27** .... **Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59**
- 7:30am ..... [JV] ..... Grace and Art Bienvienne by Jean Birkey  
 8:30am ..... [FS] ..... James Guerino III by James Guerino II  
 12:00pm ..... [CF] ..... Charles Brimble by Edda Brimble  
 5:30pm ..... [GS] ..... John Theis by Evelyn
- Sat, Oct 28** .... **Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16**
- 7:30am ..... [JR] ..... (L) Julianne Weinmann by Harmon  
 8:30am ..... [JV] ..... Teresa Buckley by Ida Naglieri  
 4:00pm ..... [FS] ..... (L) Fr. Bradley Starr by Visitor  
 5:30pm ..... [CF] ..... (L) Christopher Jayson by Mom and Dad
- Sun, Oct 29** .... **Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40**
- 7:30am ..... [GS] ..... Teresa Buckley by Ida Naglieri  
 7:45am ..... [CG] ..... (Hall/Span) Kevin Crowley by Ann  
 9:00am ..... [FS] ..... Robert Stemley by David and Paula Shigley  
 9:00am ..... [CF] ..... Michael Marsicano by Margaret Henderson  
 10:30am ..... [CF] ..... For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm ..... [JR] ..... Michael Houlihan by Michael and Margaret  
 12:00pm ..... [JV] ..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm ..... [JR] ..... Vincenza Asaro by Donna Murtha
- Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS)*

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The Package does not include transportation or meals.

Space is limited! Register today using the QR code.

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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 27-November 5, 2023

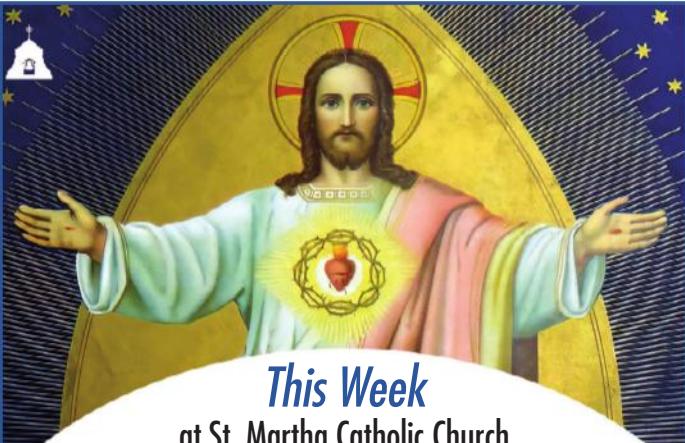
Help to save lives by praying for an end to abortion. The *40 Days for Life* is a coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer, fasting, community outreach and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion facilities.

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 22** • 10:15am - Religious Ed Classes - *Upstairs Classrooms*

**Mon, Oct 23** • *Saint John of Capistrano*

**Tue, Oct 24** • *Saint Anthony Mary Claret*

10:30am - *Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room*

**Wed, Oct 25** • 9:30-11:30am - *Walking with Purpose Geenen Hall*

**Thu, Oct 26** • 10am - *Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall*  
6pm - *Adoration*

**Sat, Oct 28** • *Saint Simon & Saint Jude*

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## Upcoming Events in the Diocese

**Vocations Weekend** - If you are a young man (high school age or above) and sense that the Lord is calling you to the priesthood, St. John Vianney College Seminary is hosting a free Vocations Weekend. The event begins with pizza and night prayer on **Friday evening, October 27**, and ends with Holy Mass and brunch on **Sunday, October 29**. Join with other discerners from around the state of Florida to experience a glimpse of seminary life, meet the young men who are already studying for the priesthood as seminarians, and join with them in prayer and fraternity during this profound weekend retreat. (The typical schedule for the weekend includes adoration, spiritual talks, daily Mass, personal testimonies from seminarians, meet and greet with the professors, a campus tour, games and sports.) For more information/ RSVP call **941.486.4720**, visit [venicevocations.org](http://venicevocations.org), or email Father Shawn Roser, the Director of Vocations at the Diocese of Venice at [roser@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:roser@dioceseofvenice.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**.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 22, 2023. This annual celebration joins Catholics worldwide into one community of Faith, inviting us to recommit ourselves to the Church's missionary call through prayer, participation in the Sunday Eucharist, and sacrifice.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday reflects on the theme, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). Our Holy Father invites us to set out "to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist."

Throughout the year, the Pontifical Mission Societies support the work of mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay pastoral leaders. These missionaries not only provide food, housing, education, and medical care to the most impoverished communities throughout the world; they offer hope and compassion.

The World Mission Sunday Collection, in the Diocese of Venice in Florida, will take place on the weekend of October 21 and 22, 2023. World Mission Sunday offers each one of us an opportunity to come together to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized. Thank you for your generosity to those in need and your prayers for those in mission territories.

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

**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).

**Magnificat Breakfast** - The next Magnificat breakfast for women, titled **"Be Blessed and Encouraged"**, is **Saturday, November 4** from **9:30am to 12:30pm** at the **Crown Plaza Fort Myers Gulf Coast**, formerly Holiday Inn Airport. The presentation is by **Father Ananda Anki Reddy**, Parochial Vicar at St. Andrew Parish in Cape Coral, who was born in India. Father Reddy loves to lead people in healing, adorations, and breaking open the word of God. The cost is \$26. Reservations can be made online until noon, Tuesday, October 31 at <https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets>. For more information, contact **Margaret Mengle, 239.826.7475**.



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