all Saints

October 29, 2023 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25

all Souls



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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 29, 2023 Sunday Sermon – 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

From Deacon Pat Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

The readings are about God's Law, God's Love!

Psalm 18 is by King David and was written about 1,000 years before Christ. In it he acknowledges his successes. But he attributes them to the graces he has received from God.

In the Exodus reading, Moses quotes God in such a way that leaves no doubt that God wishes everyone to treat others, regardless of their social status or their material wealth, with compassion.

So, what does this mean for us?

St. Paul teaches that guided by the Holy Spirit he lives in imitation of Jesus. He is happy that those he converted in Thessalonica imitate him and people the Thessalonians converted, live in imitation of them. All serving one another!

So, that is what we, two millennia later, are called to be: Imitators of Christ!

That's fine! But how do we do that?

Jesus answers that question in the Gospel: You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the areatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

The verb here is Love! And the way it is expressed here it is the Divine Love God gives us unselfishly and unconditionally. It inspires us to give of ourselves unselfishly for the good of others.

When we were Baptized and the Holy Spirit was introduced into our souls, we, or our parents for us, affirmed that we would *Love the Lord and our Neighbor as Christ taught us.* The essence of this teaching is found in the above Gospel passage. As a first step, each of us must admit that without God's grace we are powerless to even begin to imitate Jesus. We need to pray to the Holy Spirit for this grace.

The greatest example of a person, in my lifetime, fulfilling this Love of God, is St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Quoting her: *I see Jesus in every human being*, said Mother Teresa, *I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus.*

One of my Spiritual Directors suggested that as part of my Morning Prayer, I should reflect on the day ahead; the events in which I will be participating and the people with whom I will be in contact. Ask Him to inspire you to reflect His love during those occasions? In the evening as part of my Night Prayer, I should thank God for His inspiration when I followed Him by acting kindly towards others. Also, I should acknowledge those occasions during my day where I neglected to give His love to others, ask forgiveness; and pledge to do better.

This advice has helped me on my spiritual journey and I pass it on to you.

So, returning to the theme of this week's readings, we find that God's Law is not restrictive! Quite the opposite! It requires us to **Love Unselfishly**! View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



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– Deacon Pat

From Father George

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!

Solemnity of All Saints – Wednesday, November 1, 2023

This Solemnity is the Day of Obligation, through which we praise God together with the triumphant Church of all Saints in heaven. We will have a Vigil Mass of All Saints on Tuesday, October 31 at 5:30pm and then on the day there will be: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm Mass.

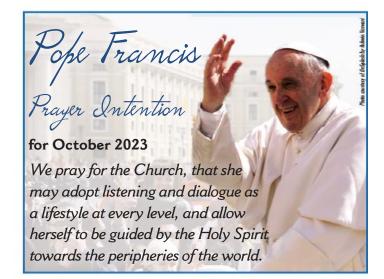
Mission Appeal – November 4-5, 2023

We will host Fr. Peter Short, Vicar General of the Diocese of Gallup, who will be the preacher at all

our Sunday Masses (4pm & 5:30pm Vigil Masses on Saturday 4 and 7:30am, 9:00am in the church, 10:30am and noon on Sunday 5th) apart from 9am 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 (November 5, 2023) - is 31st Sunday of the Year

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



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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun, Oct 29	. Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40		
7:30am [GS]	. Teresa Buckley by Ida Naglieri		
	.(Hall/Span) Kevin Crowley by Ann		
9:00am [FS]	. Robert Stemley by David and Paula Shigley		
9:00am [CF]	. (Hall) Michael Marsicano by Margaret Henderson		
10:30am [CF]	. For All Parishioners		
	. Michael Houlihan by Michael and Margaret		
12:00pm [JV]	. (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions		
5:30pm [JR]	. Vincenza Asaro by Donna Murtha		
Mon, Oct 30	.Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17		
	. Bro. Julian Przybyla, C.S.C. by Brothers of Holy Cross		
8:30am [JV]	Elisa Guerino by James Guerino II		
12:00pm [GS]	. Rosa Maglione by Maria Maglione		
5:30pm [JR]	. John Theis by Evelyn		
	. Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21		
	. Rose Luedtke by Aunt Joan		
	. Fr. Mark Beard by Adriana Duarte		
	Robert C. Reid by Mom and Dad		
	. (Vigil) John Theis by Evelyn		
	.Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a		
	. Giuseppe Ussano by Carmen		
	. Charles Koenig by Sharon Koenig		
10:30am [CG]			
	Robert Vidger by Regina and Dale		
5:30pm [GS]			
	.Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40		
7:30am [JR]			
8:30am [CF]			
12:00pm [CF] 5:30pm [FS]			
Fri, NOV 3	.Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6		
	Helene Welch by David and Paula Shigley		
	. Alison Cummings by Jo and Harmon		
	Betsy and Lou Smith by Daughter		
	. L & D Mbrs of the Julie Tierney Family by Friend		
	.Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11		
	. The Stragapede Family by Carmela		
	. Jerry Reddy by Mom and Sisters		
4:00pm [CF]			
	. Dr. Carlo Cueva by Family		
Sun, Nov 5	.Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12		
	. Ryan Halstead by Mother		
	. (Hall/Span) Poor Souls in Purgatory by Javier Olivos		
	. Robert Wheeler by Don Vercauteren		
	. (Hall) Chesterine & Henry Drabicki by the Ordonez Family		
10:30am [FS]			
	. (L) Alina & Ricardo Urdaneta 40th Anniv by Alina & Ricardo		
	. (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions		
	. 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)			

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: dcbill@stmartha.org or call the Parish Office at 941.366.4210.

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress Indianapolis - July 17-24, 2024 with the Most Rev. Frank J Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice

This represents the culmination of the Church's three-year effort to emphasize the Real Presence of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharistic.

It is a pivotal moment in the Church, and a unique opportunity to draw into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Our Lord.

The Pilgrimage Package is \$1,049 includes National Eucharistic Congress 5-day pass with access to all speakers and events, and four nights' accommodations in a 4-star hotel within walking distance of the convention center.

The Package does not include transportation or meals.

Space is limited! Register today using the QR code.

Contact Carrie Harkey, harkey@dioceseofvenice.org Register Today



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.





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Thanksgiving Feed the Hungry Campaign

- Thanksgiving, Thu, Nov 23 11 am to 3pm 4880 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota
- Our Lady of Victory Council #3358 hosts the
 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless,
 the homebound, the lonely, and anyone who
 would like to enjoy a delicious wholesome
 meal in the company
 of others.

• The Knights also donate funds to organizations feeding the hungry on a continuing basis. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council #3358 and send to Knights of Columbus, 4880 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232 Attn: Grand Knight David Kiszak

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Wedding Banns

(2) Brian Warren & Melissa Akal 11/11/2023
(2) Richard Rosabella & Christine Norton 11/11/2023
(2) Ryan McComb & Hannah Starr 12/2/2023
(2) Michael Duhig & Christina Kim 12/30/2023

Upcoming Events in the Diocese

Hispanic Fall Festival - St. Jude Parish is hosting the 19th Annual Hispanic Fall Festival on Saturday, November 4 from 10am - 6pm lat 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.

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 1-75. 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.** Top Ten Reasons

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at St. Martha's

- 10 Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
- **9** WWP fits into your busy schedule.
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- WWP is a no-judgment zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's Word.
- 6 We offer "rolling admission." Visit and join anytime.
- 5 Meet new women for fellowship and connection.
- 4 Be better prepared to share the Biblical principles of our faith.
- 3 There is no actual walking involved.
- We share our everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity and accept one another for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

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