

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

"Many are invited, but few are chosen."

MATTHEW 22:14



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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 15, 2023

Sunday Sermon – 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and Jesus informs us, that we are guests who are invited for a feast, that the preparations are completed, and the host expects our arrival.

The theme of the feast was to focus the listeners’ attention on the messianic times, because the Old Testament described the salvation as the messianic feast. This peaceful vision was disturbed though by prophets’ predictions of the rejection of Israel. This parable of a wedding feast reflects perfectly the stages of the history of salvation: first refusal of God’s grace by the Jews and then an offering of God’s grace to the pagans. Jesus renewed this invitation of the Jews to the messianic feast, which had been offered them for centuries. He was rejected by the social and religious elite of the society of his nation, but despite of this, God’s plan of salvation is being realized.

The wedding hall is filled with those, whom the Israelites regarded as excluded from God’s kingdom and yet they were the ones chosen by Christ. Our parable reminds about the need of a positive acceptance of Jesus’ mission and about necessary effort of preparations for the feast. It speaks about faith and proper wedding dress, which is our personal effort into our salvation. The invitation to the kingdom is not a guarantee of gaining it. It’s not enough to admit that Jesus is the Christ and get familiar with his teaching. It’s necessary to fulfil the will of God, which he preaches. So, in order to reach the heavenly kingdom, you need God’s invitation (for nobody can save himself) and your own faith practice.

Thank you for the **Travelling Rosary Congress!** Thanks to everyone who helped and took part in our St. Martha’s 24 hours adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and for offering Rosary prayers for our families, the Church and peace in the world! May God bless you for your fruitful faith and prayers. I appreciate your personal sacrifice and your part in making it the Rosary Congress in our Diocese.

St. Martha’s Walk for Life - Monday, October 16, 2023 is the St. Martha’s day for prayer vigil outside a Planned Parenthood Center in Central Avenue, Sarasota from 9am to 7pm. This is a part of the 40 Days for Life campaign to save lives and end abortion. **Please show your support!**
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Real Presence of Christ - Bp Robert Barron in *This is My Body* says: ‘As the Vatican II fathers pointed out, Christ is indeed present in a variety of ways — in the very intelligibility of the universe, in the gathered assembly at Mass, in the reading of the Scriptures, in the person of the priest — but he is *really, truly, and substantially* present, that is to say, present in a qualitatively different way, in the Eucharistic elements (p. 70).

We pray to the Lord for the end of war in Israel and Ukraine and other places of conflicts:

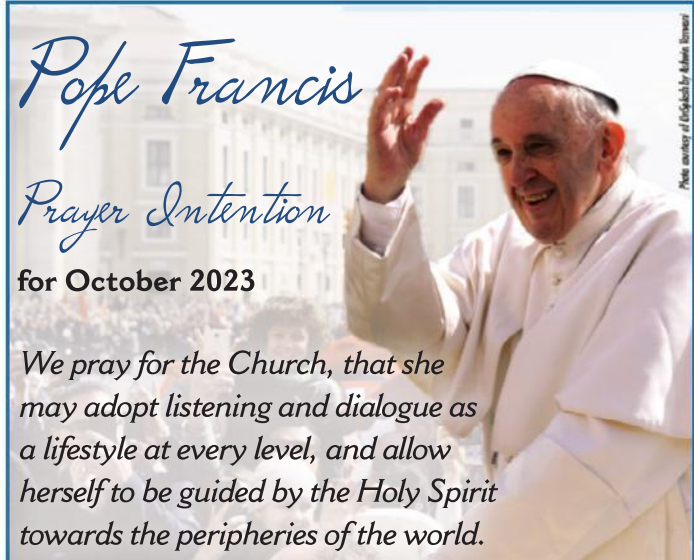
*O Lord, you have been our refuge through all generations!
You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.
Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy.
When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.*

*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!*

“So, in order to reach the heavenly kingdom, you need God’s invitation (for nobody can save himself) and your own faith practice.”
— **Father George**

Next Sunday (October 22, 2023) – is 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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



Pope Francis
Prayer Intention
for October 2023

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

"Witness to Love" Event and "Wine & Cheese Social"



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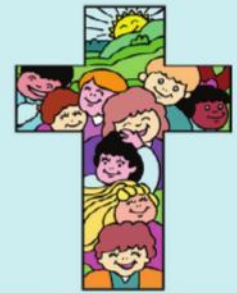


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The St. Martha Service Club is asking for items to make Blessing Bags for the clients of the Resurrection House.

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 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

Mon, Oct 16 **Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32**

- 7:30am [] CJ & Veronica Lambert Fam. by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly
- 8:30am [] (L) Dawn Lajoie by Peggy and Molly
- 12:00pm [] Larry Simmons by Felly Cruz
- 5:30pm [] Delores Wilson by Jean Berkey

Tue, Oct 17 **Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41**

- 7:30am [] Gene Przelenski by Mariam Summers
- 8:30am [] (L) Nora Stephan by Peggy and Mollie
- 12:00pm [] (L) Louise and Joanie by Friend
- 5:30pm [] Evelyn Biner by Ida Naglieri

Wed, Oct 18 **2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9**

- 7:30am [] (L) Marge and Paul Lortie by David and Paula Shigley
- 8:30am [] Susan Thurlby by John Schofield
- 12:00pm [] Larry Arronis by the Mroczkowski and Arronis Families
- 5:30pm [] Elizabeth Fett by the Sileo Family

Thu, Oct 19 **Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54**

- 7:30am [] (L) John Lortie by Marge and Paul Lortie
- 8:30am [] Sofia Wahl by Chris Deyerling
- 12:00pm [] Maria LoGrande by Maria Maglione
- 5:30pm [] John Theis by Evelyn

Fri, Oct 20 **Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7**

- 7:30am [] (L) Marge & Paul Lortie 66th Anniv by Marge & Paul Lortie
- 8:30am [] Louis M. Hewlett by Joe and Kathy
- 12:00pm [] Betty Geffinger by Peggy O'Connell
- 5:30pm [] Marie Hoffberg

Sat, Oct 21 **Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12**

- 7:30am [] Catherine & Moertl by Thomas and Jacqueline Kelly
- 8:30am [] Richard Moran by the Moran Family
- 4:00pm [] Winifred Pachonka & Artemis Raffoni by Gladys & Jim
- 5:30pm [] Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family

Sun, Oct 22 **Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21**

- 7:30am [] (L) Lexie Olds by the Family
- 7:45am [] (Hall/Span)
- 9:00am [] Harry E. Hammond by Ursula and Bob
- 9:00am [] (Hall) Edward Mongillo by Linda Romanowski
- 10:30am [] For All Parishioners
- 12:00pm [] Humbert Naglieri by Ida Naglieri
- 12:00pm [] (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
- 5:30pm [] Edward Barrett by Edward and Elizabeth Jeselson

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.

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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 15 • 10:15am - Religious Ed Classes - *Upstairs Classrooms*
4pm - Sophomore Confirmation Classes - *Geenen Hall*

Mon, Oct 16 • *St Hedwig*

Tue, Oct 17 • *Saint Ignatius of Antioch*
10:30am - Emmaus Bible Study - *Conference Room*

Wed, Oct 18 • *Saint Luke*
5:30pm - Red Mass & Reception to follow in *Parish Hall*

Thu, Oct 19 • *Saint John de Brébeuf & Saint Isaac Jogues*
10am - Lectio Divina - *Geenen Hall*

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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

Upcoming Events in the Diocese

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 or **941.484.9543**.

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.

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**.

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.



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