"Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

MATTHEW 23: 10-12





November 5

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

November 5, 2023 Sunday Sermon — 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time From Deacon Vern Smith

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

The readings of this Sunday drew the attention of preachers (including myself) of the Word to do an introspection. In the first of the three readings, the Lord cautioned priests about the consequence of not listening to Him (cf. Mal. 2:1-2). St. Paul, in turn, recalls that, while in Thessalonica, he and his colleagues backed their preaching with exemplary actions (cf. 1 Thess. 2:9). Then, in the gospel reading, Jesus sternly criticized the scribes and Pharisees: 'they preach, but do not practice' (Matt. 23:4).

The need to practice what one preaches is clearly stated in the ordination rite of a Catholic deacon. While presenting the Book of the Gospels to the deacon, the ordaining Bishop instructs him:

Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.

Obviously, the above instruction to 'practice what you teach' applies also to priests and bishops, since the diaconate is the first level of the threefold sacrament of Holy Orders. Practicing what one preaches has, at least, the double effect of: (a) giving credence to the message preached and (b) sustaining the preacher's grace of salvation.

a. Credence to the Message: Since actions speak louder than words, the

preacher's message makes a greater impact on his audience if he practices what he preaches. The importance of good actions to back what one preaches could be seen from the fact that many good deacons, priests or bishops still make positive impact on their 'flock', even when they are not gifted preachers. Every time we are standing at the ambo preaching to you, the parishioners, some of us might not have the most eloquent of preaching, however many of our parishioners have testified to the great impact in their lives due to a strong prayerful life, our demeanor of gentleness, humility, kindness, compassion, patience, as well as our unceasing care for the poor and needy. We might come across to many, as living a saintly life, and so a few words from us can be enough to make a good impact.

b. Sustaining the grace of salvation: St. Paul was rightly concerned that there is the possibility of laboring to preach to save other souls, while losing one's own soul in the process.

Consequently, he resolved, with the help of God's grace to discipline himself lest he became a cast out: 'Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ... but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified' (1 Cor. 9:16, 27). Thanks to God's grace, the success of St. Paul in practicing what he taught could be seen from the fact that he confidently told the Corinthians: 'Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ' (1 Cor. 11:1).

Finally, then, pray that deacons, priests and bishops will be enabled by the Holy Spirit to always practice what we teach; that in doing so we will make ever greater impact on many souls and, ultimately, be eternally rewarded by the Lord Amen!



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!

Special Mission Appeal – Welcome Fr. Peter Short

We are hosting Fr. Peter Short, Vicar General of the Diocese of Gallup,

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who preaches at all our Sunday Masses apart from 9am in the hall & 5:30pm on Sunday. Fr. Peter is doing a special Mission Appeal for the Missionary ministry in the Diocese of Gallup.

We pray for our Dead

During November, we are called in a special way to remember "our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection" (Eucharistic Prayer II of the Mass). You may want to say the prayer: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they

rest in peace! Light a candle for them, visit the place of their burial. Pray glorious mysteries of the Rosary for them. Pray Biblical Psalm 50 on their behalf or your own payer.

Next Sunday (November 12, 2023) — is 32nd Sunday of the Year With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Father George

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Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:15 AM - 10:00 AM

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Emmaus Journey Bible Study

Bring your Bible and a desire to share and learn with fellow participants with facilitator and parishioner Lindy Donahue. All are welcome! Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am (including Summer) St. Martha Catholic Church, in the Conference Room Contact Lindy 724.263.8285 • lindydonahue@mac.com

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.



This Week at St. Martha Catholic Church

Sun, Nov 5 • 10:15am - Religious Ed Classes - Upstairs Classrooms Tue, Nov 7 • 10:30am - Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room Wed, Nov 8 • 9:30-11:30am - Walking with Purpose Geenen Hall Thu, Nov 9 • 10am - Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall Fri, Nov 10 • Saint Leo Sat, Nov 11 • Saint Martin

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Thanksgiving Feed the Hungry Campaign

- Thanksgiving, Thu, Nov 23
 11am 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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Interested in the Catholic Faith and want to know more? Are you Catholic, but have not been Confirmed? Are you from another denomination and want to explore and embrace the Catholic Faith?

Contact Fr. George to meet and start your journey! frgeorge@stmartha.org

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



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at St. Martha

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

and the Number 1 reason to join WWP: Jesus wants your friendship and your focus on Him this year.



Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am in Geenen Hall More Info stmarthawwp@yahoo.com

Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

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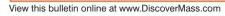
hildren's St. Martha Church is looking for children interested in joining our Children's Choir composed of children in grades 1 through 9 who have a love for singing and praising God.

Contact Joy Leitner at mjoylfl@comcast.net

Wedding Banns

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