

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 19, 2023

Sunday Sermon — 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time **From Deacon Bob**

MT 25: 14-30

The Parable of the Talents is one of the more famous parables in the Bible. While we often associate the talents to be the gifts of God, and

that we need to use those talents God as provided us to glorify Him, we also can consider the talents being the knowledge of God and sharing His message with others.

My wife Margaret when talking about us as parents says that our number one job as parents is to get our three children to heaven. I then typically quip that if the kids upset me enough, I will send them there way before God intended. Hence it is a good reason why the Bible refers to wisdom as her! But Margaret's statement has profound wisdom. Particularly considering today's Gospel when we consider the talents as the knowledge of God and sharing His message.

A former pastor of mine used to say that "life is just a pilgrimage to God." Again, a very profound statement! That is exactly what life is! The true purpose of life when we step back and truly analyze it, is to help others and ourselves be with God forever! Is that not why Jesus came two thousand years ago? He came to teach us how to be with Him forever.

Jesus whole purpose was to get us to heaven. He taught us through parables like we heard today and last week. And He also showed us by His example. He took the form of a slave, and gave freely of His human self, to show us how to die to ourselves and live in Him. There is a prayer during Mass that either the priest of the deacon says quietly as they pour wine and water into the chalice. The prayer is "by the mingling of this water and wine, may we share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."

So when we come to Mass and partake in the Eucharist, the Church itself is praying for us to share in His divinity! In a particular way, the entire Church is praying that we take our knowledge of Him and share it with others. As the same prayer prays that we too will be with Him forever.

As we all know, the best way to share our knowledge of Him is by example. There is no better way to share knowledge. Margaret along with being a mom is a schoolteacher. Over the years she has taught me there are three ways to learn: auditorily, visually, and kinesthetically. Some people learn by hearing, others learn by seeing, but all of us learn by example and doing. This is referred to as kinesthetics.

Jesus tells us today we have been given the knowledge of how to get to heaven. As we make the sign of the cross: in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: it is not He, me, and the heck with thee. But it IS He, me, for the sake of thee! The Bible verse today says He harvests where He does not plant and gathers where He did not gather. If we, as HE asks us to today, use our Knowledge of Him (our talents): we then as the parable tells us will be His good and faithful servant and share in His Joy.

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha, From Father George

Happy Thanksgiving Day! May God bless us and grant us safe travelling to our destinations for this coming week, joyful family gatherings, generous gift of sharing meals and love with each other, good rest and renewed spirit of the community.

Think about your own Eucharistic Revival! So far, we had a national and diocesan Eucharistic Revival events. At this time, I invite everyone in the parish to reflect on your own faith in Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist. Spend some time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, say your thanks to Jesus present there for you. Soon you will hear more about the small groups of the Eucharistic Revival in our parish, please consider joining them and benefiting from listening and learning more about the Lord and the Eucharist.

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analyze it, is to help others
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- Degcon Bob

We are rebuilding the church choir for 10:30am Sunday Mass!

In response to the good number of requests in the parish, I would like to invite volunteers who want to sing in the choir, to bring their names and contact phone numbers to the parish office, please!

Virginia Bray - our parish Music Director will contact you, invite you to the audition and will inform you about the next step.

We are hoping that together with the choir members, who sung in it before the Covid-19 pandemic, we will hear the choir at our Mass soon

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 129 (Out of the depths I cry to you Oh, Lord...) on their behalf or your own payer..

Next Sunday (November 26, 2023) — is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Universe

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



Confirmation Retreat

On Sat, Nov 11, 2023 - St. Martha hosted 170 High School Sophomores, from nine Northern Deanery Parishes for a Confirmation Retreat which was held at St. Martha School's *Zazarino Center*.



K-1 Class of Religious Education & Faith Formation



For class on Sunday, November 5, the K-1 class children watched two short videos about being THANKFUL!

We learned that we should be grateful for the things that we have, and not worry about the things that we don't have. Take alook at our "Thankful Tree" masterpieces!

Every time we look at them, we will remember this lesson & remember to thank Jesus for giving us our families.





Weekly Mass	Intentions
•	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
	1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30
7:30am [GS]	Oscar Pernett by Adriana Duarte
	(Hall/Span) Josie Russo by Family
	Jerry DiMora by Mimi and Jim
	(Hall) Elizabeth Barrett by Friend
10:30am [JR]	
	Frances Naglieri by Ida Naglieri
12:00pm [VA]	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm [CF]	L & D Mbrs of the Burch Fam by Joe & Betty Plouffe
	. 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
	John Fox Weir by Wife
	Christopher Mata by Anna and Billy Rose
	Fr. Patrick Wilson by Peggy and Mollie O'Connell
	Jacqueline Solis Rodrigo by Jenny Javier
lue, Nov 21	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
	Maribel Arregoces by Adriana Duarte
	L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Joe and Betty Plouffe
12:00pm[CF]	Max and Anna Bogacz by the Family
	James Guerino by James Guerino II
Wed, Nov 22	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
	Bill Wilkens by Niece, Claire
	Paul Krakenberg by Family
	Robert Mayer by Mom and Dad
	Ricardo Urdaneta by Alina and Ricardo Urdaneta
	Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
	Doreen Ryan Fischer by Jim and Elaine McCormack
8:30am [GS]	Dorothy and John Garibaldi by Joan and Rene
	Patrick Fury by the Ramirez and Fury Families
	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
	Sofia Wahl by Chris Deyerling
	Vincent D. LoCicero by Cedric and Paula Dendy
	Ed Mongello by Rita Giovanucci
	(L) Intention for Margaret Henderson by Margaret Henderson
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
	The Campanale Family by Carmela
	For a greater respect for all human life
	Matthew Zita by the Borome Family
	Edward Kos by Sally Harrison
Sun, Nov 26	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
	Margita Uhrinova and Rev. Andrew Cvincek by Duci Kovacik
	(Hall/Span) Vinnie Russo by Family
	James Meade by Sean and Mary Ann White
	(Hall), Rita Wentzel by Diane Stenglein
10:30am [FS]	
	James and Elizabeth Petrella by Terry Petrella
	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
· ·	Carlo & Katherine Nicandri by Lucy Nicandri & Richard Davis
Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (J Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Faus	R), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), to (FS), Fr Au (VA)



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

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

and embrace the Catholic Faith?

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

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

RESPECT LIFE

DECLINE TO SIGN!

The abortion industry has launched a petition initiative for a radical proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution. If successful, the amendment would mandate unlimited abortion in Florida. It not only could enshrine the return to partial-birth abortions in the state, it would override parental consent for an abortion.

The Florida Council of Catholic Bishops stated in a recent message: "Declining to sign this petition is not impeding the democratic process. It is taking a stand against what would be a terrible state policy."

The petition would expand abortion businesses in Florida and limit state government restrictions on abortion.

DECLINE TO SIGN!





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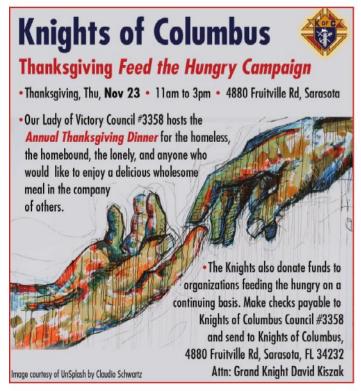
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Upcoming Event in the Diocese

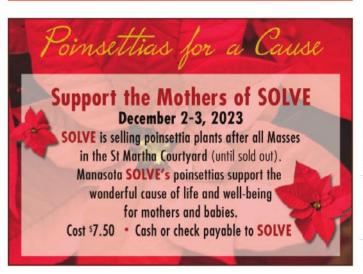
Out and About The Diocese - Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 207 S. 9th St., Immokalee, is hosting a Fall Festival from Wednesday, November 22 to Sunday, November 26. The festival features a modern midway with rides, games, food, and fun. Advance sale tickets are available at the Parish office. More information 239.657.2666.

Faith & Wine Lee County - Our 10th season will once again have faith-filled speakers and wonderful evenings together. The first evening is Tuesday, November 30, at Resurrection Parish, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers. The speaker is Maria Vadia and the topic is Healing: Your Inheritance. Gatherings continue monthly through March. For speaker biographies and registration information, go to faithandwineleecounty.com.

Faith & Ale Lee County - A Catholic Men's group invites you to join in fellowship on Thursday, December 14 from 6-8pm at Church of the Resurrection Parish Center, 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers. The speaker is Adam Nguyen, Sr. Manager of Engineering & Construction at the Lee County Port Authority. Adam was born and raised in Saigon, Vietnam and immigrated to the U.S. in 1985. He is a member of St. John XXIII Parish and serves as the president of the Vietnamese Catholic Community at the Parish. Adam will be speaking about My Escape from Postwar Vietnam where he shares his own journey to the U.S. Pizza and refreshments are included for a \$10 donation. Online reservations required faithandale.com.

Gloria Concert - St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples, is hosting a Gloria Concert at 6:30pm, Thursday, December 14. The free concert includes all the Parish choirs of various languages as well as a children's pageant. Contact Nancy Spolsino 239.774.3037 for more information.

Save the Date - The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County invites all to the program Jewish and Catholic Perspectives on Sin and Forgiveness on Sunday, January 21 from 2:30pm at the Nina Iser Jewish Cultural Center, 4720 Pine Ridge Road, Naples. Father George Ratzmann, Pastor of St. William Parish in Naples, and Rabbi Mark Gross of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, present their commentaries on the topic. Table discussions follows the presentations with refreshments. RSVP 239-263-4205.





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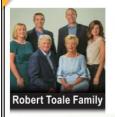
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