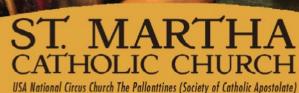
"We have found the Messiah. John 1:14





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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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ST. MARTHA

From Our Pastor, Father George

January 14, 2024 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time From Father Chris

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

Samuel is the first in a long line of prophets in biblical Israel. He lived in the 11th century B.C., at a time when the Ark of the Covenant was kept in a tabernacle at Shiloh. Dedicated to the Lord's service by his parents, the boy Samuel had been living at the shrine since he was a toddler.

In today's reading, Samuel hears a voice calling to him in the night and thinks it is Eli, but it turns out that God is calling him. Eli tells Samuel to answer the Lord, so that God may give him whatever message he intends.

Samuel does as Eli instructs, and the Scriptures go on to say that, Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect. As a prophet, his role was not so much to predict the future but to speak God's word to the people and to offer advice to Israel's first two kings.

Saint Paul also spoke God's word to his people. Today we heard part of his message to the Corinthians, reminding them that The body ... is not for immorality, but for the Lord. The Church in Corinth was dealing with several cases of public immorality, and they wrote to the Apostle seeking advice. He reminds them, and us, that the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. It is these very bodies that God will transform and raise on the Last Day. So we should treat them with the dignity they deserve.

In the Gospel today, two followers of John the Baptist, including Andrew, hear John refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God. And so they leave John and follow Jesus. As Samuel was led to God's voice by Eli's directions, so, too, are Andrew and the other disciple led to Jesus by John's words.

When he sees them, Jesus asks them, What are you looking for? Their response is simply to ask where he is staying and he invites them to come, and you will see. The evangelist tells us that they stayed with him that day. We don't know what transpired during their time together, but it was enough to lead Andrew to go and tell his brother Simon, *We have found the Messiah*. He, too, goes to Jesus. When Jesus meets Simon he gives him the name Cephas, which is translated Peter.

As God called Samuel and as Jesus called his disciples, so have we been called. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, made for the Lord. Here we take the Lord into our bodies, so that we might become more like him, and that we might ourselves be prophets of the Good News of our Lord.



Events to help us grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist

Are you longing for growth in your spiritual life? Come, join us! Join fellow parishioners for a special Lenten program. A chance to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

Participants meet **Tuesdays**, starting **February 13** at **9am** or **6pm**. This is a seven-week *Lenten* program that renews your worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

To register: 941.366.4210 or mbrand@stmartha.org.



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- Father Chris

From Father George

The community of people helps in the Eucharistic

Revival! At this time, I invite everyone in the parish to reflect on how other parishioners can help you to revive your faith in Jesus

Christ present in the Eucharist. By now you have received the letter 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

Bishop Robert Baron writes in his book, This is my Body:

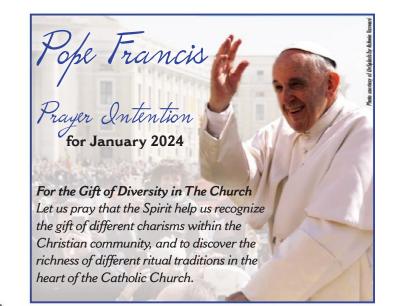
There is an essential deference between the historical body of Jesus, born of the Virgin and now reigning in heaven, and the "body" that appears sacramentally on the altar. (p. 83)

Anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. As we remember Martin Luther (born on January 15, 1929 – assassinated on April 4, 1968),

we join in national prayers for the end of racial discrimination, for justice and peace.

Week of prayers for Christian Unity Between January 18 and 25, 2024, all Christians (those who believe in Jesus Christ and are baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity) are praying for unity of the Church of Christ in the world. Jesus himself teaches us to pray: ...that they may be one, as we are one — I living in them, you living in me — that their unity may be complete. So shall the world know that you sent me, and that you loved them as you loved me. (John 17: 22b23)

Next Sunday (January 21, 2024) is the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, *Father George*











Complimentary Life Planning Seminar

St. Martha Catholic Church has partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida and local estate planning experts to host a complimentary seminar, which will provide participants with the knowledge they need to make critical health, legal, and financial decisions for themselves and/or a loved one.

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- How do I get my priorities in order?
- I've been going through the motions in my spiritual life—how does it relate to my day-to-day life?
- How do I get to know Christ in a personal way?



Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am Geenen Hall

Questions? Email us at stmarthawwp@yahoo.com or Visit our website at stmarthawwp.godaddysites.com

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 12 PM (Youth - High School Students)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 6:30 PM (All Parishioners) Epiphany Cathedral Parish, Parish Center 310 Sarasota Street, Venice, FL 34285

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun, Jan 14	. 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
7:30am [GS]	Joseph Gannon by Madonna Weir
	(Hall/ Spanish) (L) Charles and Lucilla Eschmann by Ann Crowley
9:00am [JR]	Carol Lewis by Jane Herbert
	(Hall) Ed O'Shea by Ann Crowley
10:30am [CF]	
	Rosetta Barbera by Cathy Giblin
	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm [CF]	Lisa Walsh by Lucy Nicandri
	.1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
7·30am []	(L) Yuri Sneed by Allison Sneed
8.30am []	Sebastino Mazzaglia by Gary and Antoniela
10.30am []	Gladys Palencia & Ernesto Arango by Patricia Griffiths
	.1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
	Dec'd Religious of Congregation of Holy Cross by Friend
8:30am []	(L) Michael Hohol by Eileen and Roger Turtch
12:00pm[]	(L) Louise and Joanie by Friend
	(L) Finn Stephens by John and Mary McGruder
Wed, Jan 17	.1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
	(L) Annette Barth by David and Paula Shigley
8:30am []	L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe
12:00pm []	(L) Stephen Hohol by Eileen and Roger Turtch
5:30pm []	Missing and exploited children by Joe and Betty Plouffe
	.1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
	Roberta Post by Marge and Paul Lortie
	Letizia Lijoi by Joe and Nora Stephan
12.00nm []	Jack Geffinger by Peggy
5:30pm	Philip Griffen by Mary and Eddie McGough
	.1 Sm 24:3-12; Mk 3:13-19
7.20 m []	Dr. John Hoertz by Thomas and Jacqueline Kelly
8:30am []	
0.300m []	David Barnett by Kathy and Jerry Zaferatos
12.00µIII [] 5.20nm []	The Poor Souls in Purgatory by Javier Olivos
Sat, Jan 20	.2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
	Kristina Sinon by Grandma
	Eileen Fabricatore by Paul Blank
4:00pm []	(L) Arthur Levin by Friend
4:00pm []	(Hall) Fr. Jerry Hogan by Friend
5:30pm []	Robert Bins by Christine Ellison
Sun, Jan 21	.Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
7:30am []	Ray O'Connell by Peggy and Mollie
	(Hall/ Spanish) Special Intentions
	LaVerne Sheppard by the LBK Bible Study Group
	(Hall) (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom and Dad
10:30am []	For All Parishioners
	Aldo Giovanucci by Loretta Haddad
	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
	L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Fam by Joe and Betty Plouffe
Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Faust)), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Bishop Frank Dewane (FD), o (FS)

Dinner & Dancing

February 3, 2024 from 6-10pm Father Fausto Parish Hall 6pm - Cocktails - 7-10pm Dinner & Dancing Tickets are ^{\$}30, sold after the 4pm and 5:30pm Masses on January 13 and after the 9am & 10:30am Masses on January 14 & 21. Tickets also available in the church office beginning January 12th.

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The duties include weekly visits with residents to lead a Communion Service in the activities room and make room visits to distribute the Holy Eucharist to the bedridden.

Visits last two hours.Volunteers are needed for Friday or Saturday morning scheduled visits.

No experience required.Training and mentoring provided.

Interested persons should contact Stuart Love, Volunteer Coordinator 941-780-7834 • volunteer@stmartha.org

HELPING HOMELESS FAMILIES

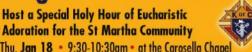
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FPSM is supported by 20 interfaith congregations, including St. Martha. If you are a family in danger of eviction, call 211.



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Knights of Columbus '3358 Host a Special Holy Hour of Eucharistic



Thu, Jan 18 • 9:30-10:30am • at the Carosella Chapel This traditional Catholic devotion time is spent reflecting in front of the Blessed Sacrament Catholics recognize as the real presence of Christ. Holy Hour contains many aspects, particularly prayer (both silent and communal) and the singing of hymns of praise. All members of the parish community are encouraged to join our brothers in this impactful service.

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Women's Retreat

- Saturday, January 27 following the 7:30am Mass
- Meet in the Parish Hall for a light breakfast, ends at 11:30am with lunch
- Women of the parish are invited to a morning of self-reflection to learn ways to bring us closer to God in 2024.
- Presented by Ellen Bachman, Brenda Dolan and Katie Morris
- We define who we are with a personality test and learn: how we all react differently and about missed opportunities as God sends us opportunities to serve Him daily. How do we know what they are? We will also hear about how to forgive and move forward in our life.

This event is sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women at no cost to you. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church. Or you can call Ellen at 941.721.7393 or Dawn at 941.549.9796

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