

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

February 4, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
From Deacon Pat Macaulay
Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

Today's readings are about the hopefulness and the healing power of God. As the Alleluia refrain states: *Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.*

The reading from the book of Job depicts is an exquisite dramatic treatment of the problem of the suffering of the innocent and lives without hope. Hope as defined by the Catechism is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as or happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope is living a life believing in divine providence.

St. Thomas Aquinas stresses the importance of Hope and divine providence. He wrote: If divine providence is denied, no reverence or true fear of God will remain among men. Each man can weigh well how great will be the propensity for vice and the lack of desire for virtue which follows from this idea. For nothing so calls men back from evil things and induces them to good as much as the fear and love of God.

In the Gospel, in addition to healing Simon's mother-in-law, we see the universality of his healing power. The *whole town* as well as *preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee* represents the totality of humanity - *all who were ill or possessed by demons.* In effect, they gathered with hope and were healed!

Now, it is appropriate for me to address *demons*. Personally, I accept that when I am in a state of sinfulness (a state of not loving God or neighbor), my soul is demoniacally infected. To return to a state of Grace, I need to bring my soul to the Confessional and lay my sinfulness before Jesus for him to heal my soul's illness. Only then can I, like Simon's mother-in-law, be thankful and rise up and serve Jesus as well as my neighbor.

When we were baptized, we were inducted into God's Holy People. As such, each of us are required to serve Jesus by leading exemplary lives and thus attracting others to Him.

As St. Paul describes in the epistle, our lives must embrace the Lordship of Christ and be lives of hope and of thanksgiving. Like St. Paul, we must tell everyone the Good News. By bringing others to share in the Divine Salvation, we fulfill the Jesus' purpose!

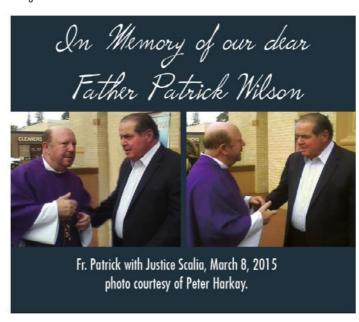
Be thankful and hopeful!



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From Father George

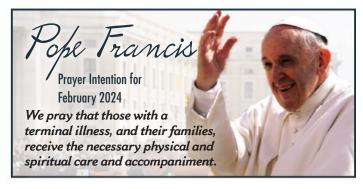
Fr. Patrick Wilson — 1st Anniversary of his death It has been a year since Fr. Patrick died on February 2, 2023, but we still miss him, and many of us who knew him for a long time or were very close to him need to commemorate about him. The beauty of the heavenly life in which we believe, and the reality of earthly life help us to commend him to the mercy of God and to thank God for the gift of Fr. Patrick's life and his Christian service.



The Small Groups will help you to revive your love to Jesus who instituted the Eucharist Groups of about 6 people will be created from all participants, we will watch the prepared material on video and with the help of the table facilitator, we will be sharing, discussing, listening and learning more about the Lord Jesus Christ and the Eucharist. The material (Video material, questions and comments) prepared by the Eucharistic Revival Committee on behalf of the US Bishops Conference will last about two hours. There will be seven sessions, once a week.

Bishop Robert Baron writes in his book, This is my Body: Though it has in recent years been lampooned as advocating a type of divine child abuse, the doctrine of the atonement stands at the heart of Christian faith and proclamation. The Father sent his Son into godforsakenness, into the morass of sin and death, not because he delighted in seeing his Son suffer, but rather because he wanted his Son to bring the divine light to the darkest place. (p. 59)

Next Sunday (February 11, 2024) is the 6th Sunday in Ordinary T ime With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, *Father George*







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Women's Retreat 2024

Friday, March 8 (early evening) through Sunday, March 10 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, Venice Hosted by: Epiphany Cathedral Parish • Facilitators: Epiphany Emmaus Retreat Team

Come Journey with Us On The Road to Emmaus!

Give yourself the gift of time away from the distractions of your daily routine to listen to Jesus and the Holy Spirit in an environment of sincere faith, fellowship, and worship.

Based on the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35 where Jesus joins two disciples on their way to Emmaus.

The benefits will be personal to you. Women receive tremendous healing, lifting of burdens, and experiences of love and joy. This retreat is an opportunity to experience, renew, and deepen your relationship with the Lord.

Limited Enrollment • registration \$225 • double room, \$300, private room • Deadline Feb 19

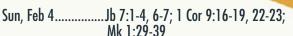
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Weekly Mass Intentions



7:30am [GS] Susan Anthofer by Dennis P. Cikovic 7:45am [CG] (Hall/ Spanish) Special Intentions

9:00am [FS] Daniel Quin by Patricia Scalia

9:00am [GS] (Hall) Special Intentions 10:30am [JR] For All Parishioners

12:00pm [RN] Aldo Giovanucci by Rita Giovanucci

12:00pm [JV] (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions 5:30pm [CF] Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family

Mon, Feb 5......1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

7:30am [GS] (L) Paul and Marge Lortie by Jack Buckingham

8:30am [JV] (L) Richard Borchers by Dave and Kate Shaver

12:00pm [RN] Louie Bell by Lily Bell

5:30pm [JR] Catherine Lauritano by Kathy Lauritano

Tue, Feb 6....... 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

7:30am [CF] Dr. John Hoertz by Thomas and Jacqueline Kelly

8:30am [RN] Ray Dizon by the Mroczkowski Family

12:00pm [GS] (L) Louise and Joanie by Friend

5:30pm [CF] Assunta & Pietro Di Tommaso by Franca Di Tommaso

Wed, Feb 7...... 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

7:30am [JR] John Mansolillo by Donald and Lynn Gliottone

8:30am [GS] Marina Conetta Manoli by Gary and Antoniela

12:00pm [RN] Louis Anchinsko by Marianne Richards

5:30pm [CF] James Meade by Claire Meade

7:30am [RN] Victor Polansky by Claire Collins

8:30am [CF] James Norris by Janet

12:00pm [JV] L & D Mbrs of the Efthimides Family by Emil Efthimides

5:30pm [FS] Joanne Mims by Eddie and Mary McGough

7:30am [JV] (L) Monica Lingen by Sister

8:30am [RN] Fr. Patrick Wilson by Friend

12:00pm [CF] Joseph Cino by Catherine Carrubba

5:30pm [GS] Billy Miller by Louise Miller

Sat, Feb 10......1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

7:30am [GS] Alphonse Moretti by Carmela Scarongella

8:30am [RN] Fabio Trujillo by Nancy Trujillo

4:00pm [FS] Anita Corben by Friend

4:00pm [JR] (Hall) Dec'd Mbrs of Russo & Sagnalla Family by Barbara

5:30pm [CF] Lucy Mendez by Michael Ortega

Sun, Feb 11.....Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31–11:1; Mk 1:40-45

7:30am [GS] A lina DeRivera by the Cantwell Family

7:45am [CG] (Hall/Spanish) Lena Spero by Ann Crowley

9:00am [CF] Maria Concetta Occhino by Gary and Antoniela

9:00am [FS] (Hall) Michael Houlihan by Michael Houlihan

10:30am [JR] For All Parishioners

12:00pm [RN] Aldo Giovanucci by Loretta Haddad

12:00pm [JV] (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions

5:30pm [CF] L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Fam. by Joe & Betty Plouffe

Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr Richard Notter (RN)

SAVE THE DATE

Event: Women's Emmaus Retreat Hosted by: Epiphany Cathedral Parish

Date: March 8-10, 2024

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice, Florida

More information will be published closer to the retreat.

This retreat weekend would make a wonderful Christmas aift for that special woman in your life.

Questions or More Info DONNA VODRASKA 941.496.4464 • 630.336.0918

EUCHARIST AND LITURGY IN LITERATURE

Presented by: Joseph Pearce

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

(All Parishioners)

Epiphany Cathedral Parish

Parish Center

310 Sarasota Street

Venice, FL 34285







- Seminars from 11am-12pm in the St Martha Parish Hall Conference Room
 - No Charge
 - Refreshment served
- To register please contact Samantha McDonald, parish office 941-366-4210 or smcdonald@stmartha.org



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Come attend two complimentary workshops of one hour each, free of charge, on financial topics that are important to your life..

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Wed, Mar 20 Financial Planning Michael Morse, Executive Director of the

Catholic Community Foundation at the Diocese of Venice, will provide you with the knowledge you need to make critical health, legal and financial decisions for yourself and loved ones.





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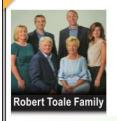
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