

Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm (Church) Vigil

4pm (Hall) Vigil • 5:30pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am • 9am (Church) • 9am (Hall) • 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

March 3, 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

From Father Chris

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

The Temple and its surrounding complex on Jerusalem's Temple Mount was a very holy site to the Jews of antiquity. From the time of Solomon, this location had been a place of prayer, pilgrimage and sacrifice. It had undergone multiple attacks, desecrations, destructions and reconstructions. At the time of Jesus, Jews would have been gathering in the second Temple — built by Herod, and eventually destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

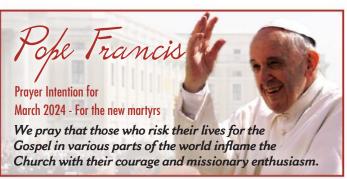
It was here that Mary and Joseph had presented their Son to the Lord and were greeted by Simeon and Anna. It was here that Mary and Joseph found their twelve-year-old Son. It was here that Jesus preached and prayed. Since many pilgrims came to this holy site to fulfill prescriptions of the law and to offer sacrifice, local merchants thought it an ideal location for doing business — changing money and selling sheep, oxen and birds for ritual sacrifices.

On this occasion, near Passover, Jesus again returns to Jerusalem and becomes rightfully angry at the sight of such commerce and chaos in his Father's house. He drives out the merchants and animals, spills the money and overturns tables. It must have been quite a sight! How had such a holy place been turned into a marketplace?

All those merchants and Jewish pilgrims would have been familiar with the Ten Commandments which we heard in today's first reading. The first three go into great detail about respect for God the Father — that there be no other gods, that God's name not be taken in vain, and that the Sabbath be kept holy as a sacred day of rest. They would have known that love and care for one's neighbor would have mattered equally. Yet, the commandments were rejected, the Temple was defiled, the poor were ignored and the Messiah in their midst was condemned to death.

We, too, live in a world in which commandments are broken and the sacred is profaned. Right and wrong seem to be blurred at times. In this Lenten season, let's think about some ways in which we can draw deep within ourselves and resolve to *turn over some tables*. When should we speak out against injustice? Where can we identify idolatry? And in the privacy of our thoughts, how can we cast out the trivial and make room for the sacred? Let us resolve to begin with prayer — asking for Christ-like wisdom instead of human wisdom.







From Father George

Please, pray for our G2 children - who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation today Sunday, March 3, 2024. in St. Martha's church. May they experience a merciful love of Jesus, the Good Shepherd and learn about forgiveness through their First Confession.

We are adding 10:30am Mass in the hall to our Sunday Mass schedule - We welcome all who come to St. Martha's church downtown Sarasota for your Sunday Mass! We are observing an increase of the number of Mass attendance in our parish, which is great! Especially, 10:30am in the church is quite popular with parishioners. So, starting from next Sunday (March 10) there will be two 10:30am Masses: one in the church and the other one in the parish hall.

Lenten Resolutions - We are told to look again at the three main spiritual Lenten exercises: **fasting, praying and almsgiving**. But any other personal resolution is good because it shows that we have ambition to change, and we can show faithfulness to our promises. When we keep our word, we show that we are responsible believers, even if we manage to be faithful for one day.

Lenten Stations of the Cross - On Fridays in Lent, we will have a prayerful meditation on the Stations of the Cross after the 8:30am Mass.

The Small Groups continue through Lent and help to revive our love to Jesus who instituted the Eucharist — 3rd Session. - You can join in any time either in the Tuesday morning session at 9:00am or in the Tuesday evening session at 6:00pm. During these small Groups sessions of about 6 people, we watch the prepared material on video and with the help of the table facilitators, we share, discuss, listen and learn 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.

Next Sunday (March 10, 2024) is the 4th Sunday of Lent. With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, **Father George**



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The Diocese of Venice will soon take up the yearly collection in support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS). During the Season of Lent, it is time to consider the Gospel's call to serve the poor and vulnerable.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds Catholic agencies whose programs help families suffering from war, famine, extreme poverty, and environmental destruction. CRS programs that focus on environmental destruction include rehabilitating water systems, building water access points, and delivering feed supplements for livestock affected by lack of water and pasture. In addition, families are taught how food hygiene and gardening skills will grow nutrient-rich foods year-round and lower the risk of food borne diseases. Millions of people living in places affected by soil depletion and drought have benefited from these lifegiving programs.

The CRS Collection in the Diocese of Venice will take place the weekend of March 9 and 10, 2024. Please consider generously supporting this meaningful and vital collection.

Your contribution can have a lifesaving, positive impact on the lives of people affected by natural disaster and poverty throughout the world. Won't you help?

I take this opportunity to assure you and your family of my continued consideration as well as my prayers during this Lenten Season. Thank you for the good that you do for others!

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The harvest is indeed great, but more laborers are needed.

St. Martha Service Club

Hearty Meals Project

- During Lent, the St. Martha Service Club is collecting non-perishable food items for the Hearty Meals Program for the clients of Resurrection House.
- Students decorate lunch bags and fill with non-perishable foo items. These lunches are given to Resurrection House for distribution.

Please drop items off at the St. Martha Parish Office:

- Donations of single serve items: tuna packets, peanut butter packets, crackers, granola bars, applesauce, dried fruit, etc.
- To make a monetary donation, please send a check to: St. Martha Church, 200 N. Orange Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236 Attn: Patricia Sileo with memo Hearty Meals Project.
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Weekly Muss			
Sun, Mar 3	.Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25		
7:30am [GS]	. Ryan Halstead by Mother		
7:45am [CG]	. (Hall/ Spanish) (L) Barbara Romano by Nicole Romano		
9:00am [JR]	.(L) Barbara Kraft by Margaret Stauffer		
9:00am [GS]	. (Hall) (L) Charles Dubs by Fr. George		
10:30am [CF]			
	. Edward Maggi by Rita Giovanucci		
	. (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions		
	. Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family		
	.2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30		
	. (L) Chuck Costner by Marge and Paul Lortiey		
	. Susan M. Baumler by Jeffrey & Tracy Kirchner		
	. Anne Neary by Margaret Neary		
	. The Desmonet and Theis Families by Evelyn		
	. Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35		
	. (L) Bill Odenweller by David and Paula Shigley		
	. For a greater respect for all human life by DOV		
	. Robert and Ann Corey by John Corey		
	. Tony Caragiulo by the Caragiulo Family		
	.Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19		
	. Louise Cronan by Culm Dobbyn		
	. Ba Cd Maria Tran Thi Tho by Thuy and Daniel Hartnell		
	. Charles Brimble by Edda Brimble		
	. Bill Wensinger by Debbie Griffith		
Thu, Mar 7	.Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23		
7:30am [JR]	. Jessica McCarty by Claire Collins		
	. (L) Terry & Lindy Donahue Anniversary by Terry and Lindy		
	. Catherine Lauritano by Mary Lauritano		
	. Scott Joesting by Gary and Antoniela Hopkins		
	.Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34		
	. Lillian Massara ['] by Aldo		
	. Michelle Peterson by Mary Zhelesnik		
	. Missing & exploited children by Joe & Betty Plouffe		
5:30pm [JR]			
	.Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14		
,	. Famiglia Scarongella by Carmella Scarongella		
	. Claire McGovern by Marge Keffer		
	. Mary Roderick by Ellen Roderick		
4:00pm [GS]	. (Hall) Epifanio Cedro by Felly Cruz		
	Larry Jaworske by Joe and Debbie Angeleri		
	.2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21		
	. Ryan Halstead by Mother		
	. (Hall/ Spanish) (L) Barbara Romano by Nicole Romano		
	. Elaine Worrell by Don Vercauteren		
9:00am [CF] 10:30am [JR]	. (Hall) (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom and Dad		
	. (Hall) (L) God's Blessing for the Marenco Fam. by Fr. George		
	. Aldo Giovanucci by Rita Giovanucci		
	. (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions		
	. 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), Bishop Frank Dwane (FD)			
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Defenders of Life

Lent 40 Days for Life Campaign began, Ash Wednesday, outside of Sarasota Planned Parenthood, 736 Central Ave. Please join us while we exercise our First Amendment Rights for peaceful prayerful assembly to be a voice for the voiceless, the unborn. March 18, 2024 from 9am-1pm is St Martha Day's to walk.

We would love you to join us and bring friends with you.

The goal is by having a prayerful, loving, hope giving presence that women and men will choose life, babies will be saved and the community will be made aware what is going on in this center of death. Women are being lied to and babies are dying. Many Abortion Clinics have closed all over the world because of the 40 Days for Life peaceful, loving PRAYERFUL presence. Please just show up and pray.





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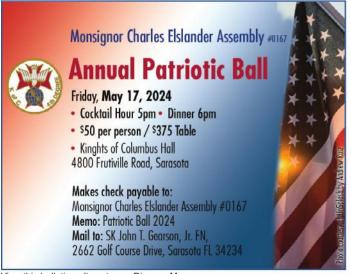
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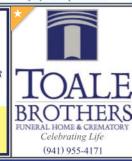


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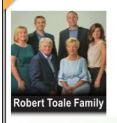
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