"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

John 3:16







March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

#### 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 (Hall) Vigil

 10:30am (Church) Vigil • 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

March 10, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Lent From Father George Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

This fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called *Laetare* Sunday which translates from the Latin language: as *joyful*. It shows its joy by anticipating in the resurrection of Christ, and by presenting great fruits of the Passion and the cross. All today's readings are about the mercy of God, which the loving God grants to the sinners. God's forgiveness and gift of reconciliation is a beautiful and joyful message.

Merciful God showed kindness to his people in Babylon, in the country of Chaldeans when the kingdom of the Persians came to power. After 70 years of exile in Babylon, king Cyrus, grateful to God for giving him all kingdoms of the earth, let Israelites return to their homeland. He allowed all Jews to go back to their country and even rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. This was the holiest and the greatest thing that any good Jew dreams about — to see Jerusalem and to pray to God in the Temple. Cyrus who allowed this to happen is therefore a symbol of God's mercy to his people.

St. Paul writes to the Ephesians that Jesus Christ, who was raised up and is seated with God in heaven is the one who reveals the same God of mercy. He says that Jesus, will show the **immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us**.

And Jesus himself tells Nicodemus that God sent his Son into the world so that the world might be saved through him. He contradicts the fake news being spread by those who hate God about so called *judgmental God* by repeating that he was sent to the world not to condemn the world but to save it. Those who believe in Jesus will be judged mercifully and will not be condemned. Again, we hear the good news, a joyful message that believers will not be condemned.

Soon we will be singing: Regina caeli laetare, alleluia (Mary, heaven's Queen, sing for joy, alleluia) during Easter time. But already, in Lent, we learn the purpose of our prayer, fasting and almsgiving which is the renewal of faith and Christian life, and we prepare for solemn celebrations of Easter. The preparations, which may not be so easy, become doable when we see their worthy aim.



Thursday mornings at 10am for Lectio Divina classes in Geenen Hall.



#### **Recent priestly appointments in our neighboring parishes in Sarasota - Rev. Celestino Gutierrez**, retired as Pastor of St. Jude Parish, Sarasota, effective February 19, 2024, and thus, is relieved of his duties as Pastor of St. Jude Parish, Sarasota.

**Rev. Jiobani Batista**, as Pastor of St. Jude Parish, Sarasota, effective March 11, 2024, and thus is relieved of his duties as Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish. LaBelle.

**Rev. Shawn Roser**, as Parochial Vicar of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, Fort Myers, effective March 11, 2024, and thus is relieved of his duties as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Lakewood Ranch and as Director of Vocations and Seminarian Formation for the Diocese of Venice.

**Rev. Alan Baldarelli** (newly ordained), as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Lakewood Ranch, effective March 11, 2024.

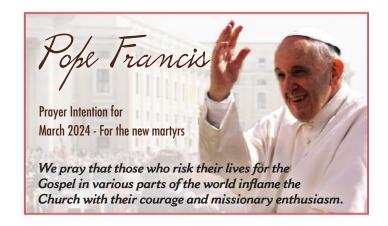
We are adding 10:30am Mass in the hall to our Sunday Mass schedule - We welcome all who come to St. Martha's church downtown Sarasota for your Sunday Mass! We are observing an increase in the number of Mass attendances in our parish, which is great! Especially, 10:30 in the church is quite popular with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

**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 – 4th 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 facilitator, 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 17, 2024) is the 5th Sunday of Lent.

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











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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 food 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.
Questions / more info,contact Director of Religious Education, Patricia Sileo at sileo@stmartha.org or 941.366.4210 ext 3236



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## **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sun, Mar 10 ......2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 7:30am ...... [CF] ..... Rvan Halstead by Mother 7:45am ....... [CG] ..... (Hall/ Spanish) (L) Barbara Romano by Nicole Romano 9:00am ....... [GS] ..... Elaine Worrell by Don Vercauteren 9:00am ....... [CF] ...... (Hall) (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom and Dad 10:30am ...... [JR] ..... For All Parishioners 10:30am ...... [FS] ...... (Hall) (L) God's Blessing for the Marenco Fam. by Fr. George 12:00pm ...... [JR] ..... Aldo Giovanucci by Rita Giovanucci 12:00pm ...... [JV] ..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions 5:30pm ....... [GS] ...... L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Fam. by Joe & Betty Plouffe Mon, Mar 11 .....Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54 12:00pm ...... [] ........ Julia and Fred Cebrowski by Stephanie & Milton Kruk Tue, Mar 12..... Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16 12:00pm ...... [] ....... (L) Louise and Joanie by Friend Wed, Mar 13 .....Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30 7:30am ......... [] ......... Jason Grannum by Mary Zhelesnik 8:30am ...... [] ...... Jason Grannum by Mary Zhelesnik 12:00pm ...... [] ...... (L) Pam Klopfer by Mom Thu, Mar 14.....Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47 12:00pm ...... [] ....... Richard Hunt by Delores Gast Fri, Mar 15.....Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 12:00pm ...... [] ........ Dec'd Mbrs of the Zucaro Family by Catherine Giblin Sat, Mar 16.....Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53 Sun, Mar 17 .....Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 10:30am ...... [] ........ For All Parishioners 10:30am ...... [7] ......... (Hall) (L) God's Blessing for the Marenco Fam. by Fr. George 12:00pm ...... [] ...... Constance and Frank Arndt by the Castelli Family 12:00pm ...... [] ........ (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions 5:30pm ....... [] ...... Fr. Patrick by Friend Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS)



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### The St. Martha Legacy Society Finance Seminar

Come attend a **complimentary** one-hour workshop, refreshments served

Wed, Mar 20 • 11am-12pm St Martha Parish Hall, Conference Room 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.



## **Defenders of Life**

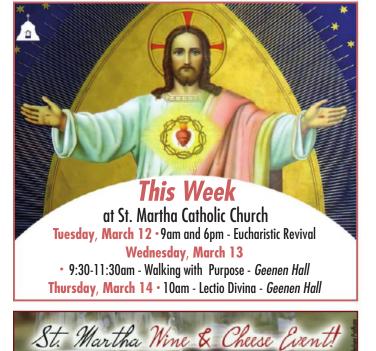
Lent 40 Days for Life Campaign began, Ash Wednesday, outside of Sarasota Planned Parenthood, 736 Central Ave. Please join us while we exercise our First Amendment Rights for peaceful prayerful assembly to be a voice for the voiceless, the unborn. March 18, 2024 from 9am-1pm is St Martha Day's to walk. 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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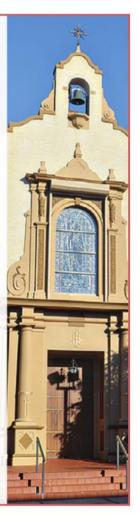
March 16 after the 4pm and 5:30pm masses in the Courtyard. It's a great way to meet other parishioners and to get to know the priests better.

#### St. Martha Clergy

Rev. George Suszko, S.A.C. Pastor Rev. Jan Rykala, S.A.C. Rev. Krzysztof *Chris* Frost, S.A.C. Rev. Joseph Vu, C.R.M., *Hospital Chaplain* Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C. *(Retired)* Rev. Deacon William Ladroga Rev. Deacon William Ladroga Rev. Deacon C. Patrick Macaulay Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens Rev. Deacon Vern Smith Sr. Cathy Bonfield, S.S.N.D. Br. Lawrence Skitzki, C.S.C. Br. William Dygert, C.S.C.

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#### March 10, 2024





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- Every Friday, Through, March 22nd
- 4:30-7pm
- Adults \$14, Children (8 and under) \$10
- Fish & Shrimp Combo S15
- Shrimp Dinner <sup>\$</sup>16
- Choice of hand battered fish (fried or baked). Shrimp, Coleslaw, roll, coffee
- Choice of fries or rice
- Full cash bar Weekly 50/50 raffle
- Knights of Columbus Council #3358 4880 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232
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