

October 13, 2024

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“For human beings  
it is impossible,  
but not for God.  
All things are possible  
for God.”**

– Mark 10:27



## ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH



### 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

**Confession** - Reconciliation Room

Saturday 3-4pm • Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

**Rosary** - Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

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**Parish Office Hours** Monday-Friday 8am-12pm and 12:30-4pm

## From Our Pastor, Father George

October 13, 2024 is the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time Mark 10: 17-31

### Message From Deacon Bob:

Today's Gospel reading takes place on a journey. Whether we realize it or not, we too are on a journey. Our journey is the journey of life. I had a pastor while assigned to St. Thomas More, Father Don Henry define life as a *pilgrimage to God*. Philosophically speaking, the greatest questions philosophers ask are what is the meaning of life?, what is our purpose in life?, and what are our ultimate goals? If we are honest with ourselves, the answer is EXACTLY Fr. Henry's definition.

During the journey Jesus is met by a very moral and honest young man. But he has put his purpose still in things of this world. While he wants to do right, his first love are things. His life's journey is based on putting things before God. As Jesus looks at the young man, the Gospel notes that He *loved him*. Yet the captivated gaze of Our Lord into the young man's eyes, does not move the young man for the next step Jesus is calling him to take. Jesus is also seeing into the young man's heart. Simply, Jesus is calling in that moment all of us to put His teachings over our possessions.

As this homily is written, Hurricane Milton has not hit Sarasota. By the time this homily has been read, the hurricane will be in Sarasota's history. Many of the things we cherish will likely be gone. But as we look back in the rear view mirror at Milton, the only things that will not be able to be replaced are the loved ones and friends we have lost. While the things we lost will create great difficulty, these in the end will really not matter. And what we are now witnessing (in the aftermath of the storm) in the West Coast of Florida are neighbors helping neighbors. We are seeing people comforting each other and people giving of their need, not their surplus. While the storm is/was bad, we will be seeing people live God. We will be seeing good. We will be seeing the Good Teacher who dwells in each one of us. Jesus is asking us to join them and Him.

Jesus tells us and the young man in the Gospel that if we focus on and live for possessions, our lives are hollow. It is only when we focus on and follow the *Good Teacher* our lives are full. There is no doubt a lot of us are going to lose a lot of our possessions between the writing of this and its reading. And understandably that will and should scare us. It absolutely scares me. Jesus is telling us today that what will give us strength in the aftermath of the storm and in difficult times is Him. It is His *good teachings*.

Today we are invited to follow Him. He is calling us to understand the meaning and purpose of life. Is our journey going to be one of a very short trip to things, or is it going to be a pilgrimage to God? We can be stuck and get caught up in the surge of the storm of Milton, or we can be engulfed in the surge of God. We can like the young man walk away dejected or follow Him. If we choose Him, all things are possible.



### October Devotion – Rosary prayer

There is an image of Mary with baby Jesus in her hands displayed in the sanctuary in our church for the month of October. That painting is "wrapped" with the Rosary beads, which are to invite us all to pray Rosary during this time. We can pray privately, at homes or in groups of people and we offer our prayers for peace in the world and for the protection of life of the preborn children.

**The Adoration for Life** will be held on Friday at 10am. Come, join us to pray together for the protection of the life of

the preborn children and for their parents. For our community, as God's instruments. May we support mothers and fathers facing difficult pregnancies, and offer our hearts, minds, and hands to support parents in crisis and remain open to receive their children through foster care or adoption.

**Prayer for protection in Hurricane:** *O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children.*

*The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.*

*You are still the Master of land and sea.*

*We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen*

**Next Sunday, October 20, 2024,** is the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time.

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

## Pope Francis

Prayer Intention for October 2024

### For the cry of the Earth

*We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.*

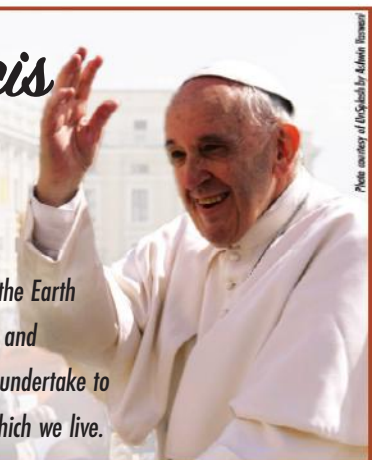


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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

This year, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on October 20, 2024. This annual, worldwide celebration is an expression of solidarity with missionaries and a means to share Christ's love universally.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday, reflects on the Gospel parable of the Wedding Banquet, where the king tells his servants *Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find* (Matthew 22:9-11).

The invitation is universal, reflecting God's love for all. It calls on us to assist our Brothers and Sisters in Christ invited to the marriage feast.

This is a time for us to remember our call to be missionaries and to support the vital work of building churches, schools and orphanages, training clergy, and providing essential services in territories where the Gospel has not yet been received, has been only recently embraced, or is courageously upheld in the face of persecution.

In the Diocese of Venice, the World Mission Sunday Collection will take place on the weekend of October 19 & 20, 2024. Let us remember that our participation and generous contributions to this crucial mission ensure the Gospel continues to spread, bringing hope, love, and salvation to those in need.

I take this opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers. Thank you, and God Bless you, and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

**VOTE NO  
ON AMENDMENT 4**

Titled "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," Amendment 4 would enshrine **UNREGULATED ABORTION** in our state constitution, making Florida one of the **MOST PRO-ABORTION** states in the nation. The amendment language is **MISLEADING**, and its proposed outcomes are **DANGEROUS**.

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- Sun, Oct 13** • 10am Religious Ed Classes - *Upstairs Classrooms*
- Mon, Oct 14** • Columbus Day - Parish office closed • *Saint Callistus*
- Tue, Oct 15** •  
10:30am Emmaus Bible Study - *Conference Room* • *Saint Teresa*
- Wed, Oct 16** • 9:30-11:30am Walking with Purpose - *Parish Hall*  
• *Saint Hedwig & Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque*
- Thu, Oct 17** • 10am Lectio Divina - *Geenen Hall* • *Saint Ignatius*
- Fri, Oct 18** • *Saint Luke*
- Sat, Oct 19** • *Saint John De Brebeuf & Saint Issac Jogues*

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## Weekly Mass Intentions



**Sun, October 13.... Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30**

- 7:30am..... [JR]..... (L) Veronica Costner by Marge and Paul Lortie  
 9:00am..... [GS]..... Edward P. Maher by Ann Crowley  
 9:00am..... [JR]..... (Hall) Elena Ordonez by the Ordonez Family  
 10:30pm..... [FS]..... For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm..... [GS]..... (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom and Dad  
 12:00pm..... [JV]..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
 5:30pm..... [GS]..... L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe

**Mon, October 14... Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32**

- 7:30am..... [GS]..... Robert Romaine by Gail and Fr. Robert Romaine  
 8:30am..... [JV]..... Mary Milliman  
 10:30am..... [JR]..... Patricia Orr by Tom Murphy

**Tue, October 15 ... Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41**

- 7:30am..... [JV]..... Dorothy Rubenzer by Diane and Matt Buchanan  
 8:30am..... [GS]..... Holy Souls in Purgatory by John J. DeStefano  
 12:00pm..... [JV]..... Robert Ollquist by George and Mary Phillips

**Wed, October 16.. Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46**

- 7:30am..... [JR]..... C J and Verona Lambert Families by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly  
 8:30am..... [GS]..... (L) Josh by Mini  
 12:00pm..... [GS]..... Marian Ross by the Sweet Sixteen

**Thu, October 17 .... Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54**

- 7:30am..... [JV]..... Souls in Purgatory by John and Stephanie Iacopelli  
 8:30am..... [JR]..... (L) Fr. Brendan Gormley by Nicole Romano  
 12:00pm..... [FS]..... Barbara Maggio by James Maggio

**Fri, October 18 ..... 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9**

- 7:30am..... [GS]..... Arthur Levin by Dave and Kate Shaver  
 8:30am..... [JR]..... Larry Arronis by Tina Mroczkowski  
 12:00pm..... [FS]..... Elizabeth Fett by the Sileo Family

**Sat, October 19 ... Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12**

- 7:30am..... [JV]..... (L) John Lortie by Marge and Paul Lortie  
 8:30am..... [FS]..... John Lloyd Parsley by the Mancini Family  
 4:00pm..... [GS]..... Andrew Stengel by Michael Stengel  
 5:30pm..... [JR]..... Holy Souls in Purgatory by John J. DeStefano

**Sun, October 20 ... Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45**

- 7:30am..... [JR]..... (L) Marge & Paul Lortie 68th Anniversary by Marge & Paul Lortie  
 9:00am..... [FS]..... Catherine & Moertel by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly  
 9:00am..... [GS]..... (Hall) (L) Dr. & Mrs. Jack Sullivan, Jr. by Paula & David Shigley  
 10:30pm..... [FS]..... For All Parishioners  
 12:00pm..... [GS]..... St. Martha's Volunteers by Clergy  
 12:00pm..... [JV]..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
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