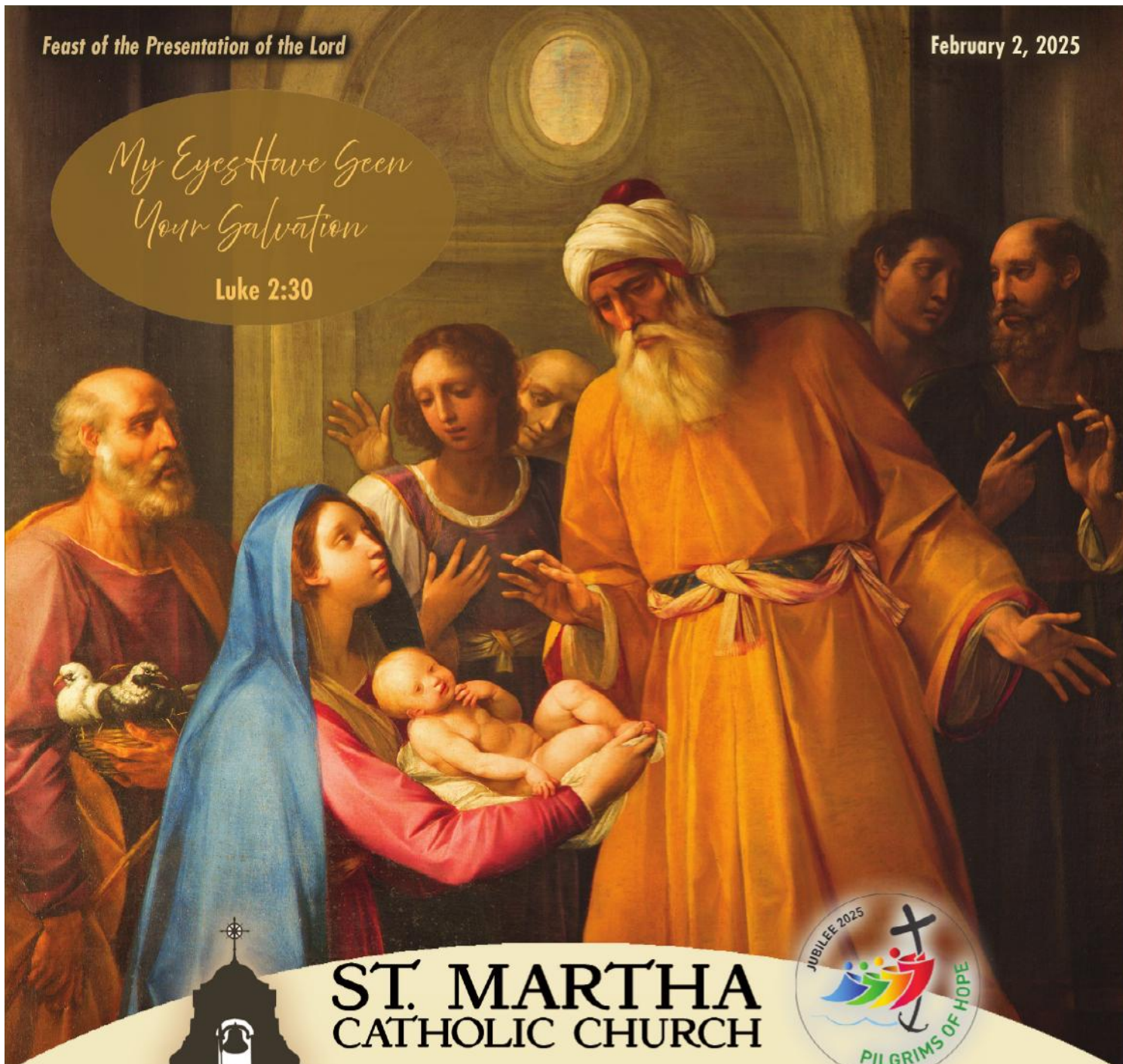


Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

*My Eyes Have Seen
Your Salvation*

Luke 2:30



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Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm Vigil
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Sunday 7:30am • 9am • 9am (Hall) • 10:30am
12pm • 5:30pm • 12pm Vietnamese (Hall)

Weekday 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

Confession - Reconciliation Room

Saturday 9-10am & 3-4pm • Monday-Friday 11:30am

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Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

Rosary - Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

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February 2, 2025
Sermon for the Presentation of the Lord by Father Jan
And You Yourself a Sword Will Pierce ...

In the first verses of his Gospel, Luke is at pains to emphasize that the Holy Family was obedient to the law in humility, although they could have claimed special exemption from its demands. This sets the example for us. No Christian, no matter how gifted with charisma or elevated in clerical position, should ever think he is "above the law" of God. Recent scandals have been the result of men thinking this, that their special status excused violations of the law or permitted them to indulge themselves in ways not lawful for other Christians. No Christian, from the newly baptized infant to the pope, is excused from the moral law or the proper rules for the celebration of the sacraments.

Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to The Lord – this line reminds us of the original priesthood of Israel, in which the firstborn of every family was consecrated for priestly service. This took place in the first Passover, through which all firstborn of Israel were consecrated to God. *Consecration* in the Old Testament, in the context of the male human beings, is usually a synonym ^{in the} for *ordination to priestly service*. Jewish tradition, based on Scripture, is that the firstborn of Israel served as priests before being replaced by the Levites after the Golden Calf debacle. Jesus is not from the tribe of Levi. He is from the tribe of Juda and, He, as firstborn of the royal family of the house of Juda, is a kind of firstborn of the people of Israel, and He will reclaim *the priesthood of the firstborn* lost at the breaking of the covenant when they worshiped the Golden Calf instead of God. Non-Levite Israelite firstborn were required to be redeemed, that is, *bought back* from God at the price of an animal sacrifice, and their natural place serving God in the sanctuary was filled by a Levite. Nothing is said of Jesus' redemption sacrifice (the sacrifice of turtledoves mentioned is actually for the purification of the mother from ritual uncleanness, not for the redemption of the child) just as nothing is said of Saul's in the Old Testament (1 Sam 1-3). Interestingly, the story after the Presentation is one in which Jesus is left behind to serve in the Temple like Samuel of old, and Jesus is confused as to why Joseph and Mary return to get him.

Simeon comes forward and speaks of the child in language that is redolent of the diction of the prophet Isaiah: *a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel*. The salvation brought by the Messiah would not be limited to the Jews, but for all Israel and all nations. The priesthood and liturgy that Jesus would establish would not be ethnic and would spread to all the nations of the earth.

Painfully, Simeon speaks to the Blessed Mother: *and you yourself a sword will pierce*, indicating her co-passion with her divine Son and her extraordinary co-redeeming role, replicated in each one of us in a less singular manner. Everyone attached to Christ will experience his Cross, and as a lance pierced his heart, a *sword* will pierce each one of us, an interior agony caused by love of God flowing through us being rejected by the world around us.

And as we are reminded that the priesthood of Christ, foreshadowed by His entrance into the Temple as a child, necessarily involves suffering and self-immolation, since He is not just priest but also victim. We share these roles as the members of His Mystical Body. On this Feast of the Presentation, let's plead with Christ for more of His strength through the Holy Spirit to be communicated to us, that we may endure the sufferings of this present life as we share in His atoning priesthood for the sake of the salvation of all the nations.

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Our Pastor, Father George

From Father George:

Presentation of the Lord - In the temple by Mary and Joseph is well described by St. Luke who tells us that Simeon called Jesus a light for the revelation to the Gentiles. Jesus is the Light of the world, we all dedicate ourselves to follow Jesus. Let's light a candle for Jesus on Sunday and ask him to bless us, to receive our respects and to bless us.

Parish Mission in St. Martha, February 23-26, 2025 - We will host **Fr. Peter Hill**,


who will preach at our **Sunday Masses on February 22-23** and then he will lead us through the Mission sessions on **Monday 24, Tuesday 25, and Wednesday 26 at 9am** and the same at **6:15pm**. He will preach on: *Anchoring our Hope, Anchoring & pray, Anchoring & love, Anchoring on Mary.*

Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites in the Diocese of Venice - Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue W., Venice, **St. John XXIII Parish Church**, 13060 Palomino Ln., Ft. Myers, **St. John the Evangelist Parish Church** – 625 111th Avenue N. Naples, **St. Paul Parish Church**, 1330 East Oak St., Arcadia, **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center**, 3989 South Moon Der., Venice. The Apostolic Penitentiary's Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 indicates that the Faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to a Jubilee Site (typical requirements to obtain an indulgence are that the person be detached from sin, repentant, receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father).

Next Sunday, February 9, 2025, is the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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

Pope Francis



Prayer Intention for February 2025
For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

March for Life

St Martha Youth and Chaperones attended
March for Life in Washington DC

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2025

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March 8 at 11am at St. Thomas More Parish, 2506 Gulf Gate Dr.
For married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries: 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 50 plus years. Mass celebrated by **Bishop Frank J. Dewane**, a reception, and a photo opportunity with Bishop Dewane.

Couples must register through their Parish. Registration information is forthcoming and will be mailed to Parishes directly.

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Saturday, February 8, 9:00am-3:30pm
Live Lab Street Evangelization Experience, 4:00pm-5:00pm

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at St. Martha Catholic Church**

- Sun, Feb 2 • 10:15am Religious Ed Classes - Upstairs Classrooms**
- Tue, Feb 4 • 10:30am Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room**
- Wed, Feb 5 • 9:30-11:30am - Walking with Purpose - Parish Hall**
- Thu, Feb 6 • 10am - Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall**
- Fri, Feb 7 • 9:30-10:30am - Rosary Makers - Geenen Hall**

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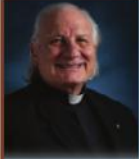
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Wed, Feb 12 Wills, Trusts and Estates
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Wed, Mar 12 Financial Planning
Michael Morse, Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation at the Diocese of Venice, will provide you with the knowledge you need to make critical health, legal and financial decisions for yourself and loved ones.

- Seminars from 11am-12pm in the St Martha Parish Hall Conference Room
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- To register please contact Samantha McDonald, parish office 941-366-4210 or smcdonald@stmartha.org



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Participants are encouraged to read the Book of Genesis prior to the program and bring a Catholic Bible to the sessions.
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About our speaker: Fr. Fausto Stampiglia PhD, MA, MS, is the retired pastor of St. Martha, serving from 1991-2022. Ordained in Rome in 1953, Fr. Fausto is a Pallotine member of the Society of Catholic Apostolate. In 1961, he was inducted as a member of the Pontifical Academy of Liturgy in Rome. Upon the gracious presentation of our Bishop Dewane, Fr. Fausto was named Theologian to the Bishop of Venice in 1987 and served until his retirement in 2022. In 2010, Pope Benedict conferred on Fr. Fausto the Papal Medal for Meritorious Service to the Pope and Church.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun, Feb 2.....**Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40**
7:30am.....[JR]Ryan Halstead by Mom
9:00am.....[FS]Rod Peck by Marie Williams
9:00am.....[GS](Hall) Alphonse Moretti by Carmela Scarongella
10:30am.....[GR]....For All Parishioners
12:00pm.....[RN]....Theodore A. Vigeland by Gina
12:00pm.....[JV].....(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm.....[GS]....L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe and Betty Plouffe

Mon, Feb 3.....**Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20**
7:30am.....[GS]....Arthur Levin by Marcella
8:30am.....[RN]... Marie Fisher by the Cristofano Family
12:00pm.....[JV].....In Thanksgiving by Peggy and Mollie
5:30pm.....[JR]George Scherer by Jean Berkey

Tue, Feb 4**Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43**
7:30am.....[JR]Thomas Maloney by Phyllis Hall
8:30am.....[GS].... Gary Nemic by Phyllis Hall
12:00pm.....[RN]....Fr. Patrick Wilson by Allie Freedman
5:30pm.....[GR]....Robert Siano by Barbara and Guy Johnson

Wed, Feb 5.....**Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6**
7:30am.....[GS]....(L) Elizabeth Berth by Sister
8:30am.....[GR]....John Britanak by Sister
12:00pm.....[RN]....Michael and Genevieve Ross by the Tremonts
5:30pm.....[GS]....Margarita Hopkins by Gary and Antonella Hopkins

Thu, Feb 6**Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13**
7:30am.....[JR]Holy Souls in Purgatory by Stephanie and John Iacopelli
8:30am.....[JV]....Honey Gfroerer by Jackie Halstead
12:00pm.....[RN]....Eleanore Landry by Fran
5:30pm.....[FS]Carlo and Katherine Nicandri by Lucy Nicandri

Fri, Feb 7**Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29**
7:30am.....[JR]Brother Peter Nault, C.S.C. by Brothers of Holy Cross
8:30am.....[FS]James Peter Meade by Claire Meade
12:00pm.....[RN]....James P. Curtis by John Iacopelli
5:30pm.....[GS]Concita Gonzalez & Francisco Fajardo by Cynthia & Carl Campbell

Sat, Feb 8**Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34**
7:30am.....[JV]....Joseph Baumgartner by Marge and Paul Lortie
8:30am.....[FS]Thomas and Marie Kelly & Families by Thomas and Jacqueline
4:00pm.....[JR]Rose and Hormida Lorti by Marge and Paul Lortie
4:00pm.....[RN]....(Hall) In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Carolyn
5:30pm.....[GR]....L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Joe and Betty Plouffe

Sun, Feb 9.....**Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11**
7:30am.....[GR]....Michael J. and Michael F. Gately by the Gately Family
9:00am.....[RN]....Michael Houlihan by Michael and Margaret Houlihan
9:00am.....[GS]....(Hall) Tyler Keith Persun by the Study Family
10:30am.....[FS]For All Parishioners
12:00pm.....[GS]....(L) Monica Carrascal by Adriana
12:00pm.....[JV]....(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm.....[JR]Gerald J. Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family

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