

July 20, 2025

# JESUS ENTERED A VILLAGE WHERE MARTHA WELCOMED HIM.

LUKE 10:38

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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 (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

### St. Martha Catholic Church

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

July 20, 2025 - The 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- Revive faith and rekindle love

Today's Sermon from Father George

First reading speaks about hospitality – Abraham was happy to welcome the three angels at this special place called the Oak of Mamre, to prepare them a generous meal and together with Sarah they listened to what the angels told them. The Christian understanding of it is that the Holy Trinity comes to visit. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Hospitality has to be properly given. Abraham organized it well and he and Sarah received a great promise. St. Paul says that in order to receive Christ people should be trained in wisdom and be perfect.

“ We need to be like Mary who listened to the wisdom of Jesus Christ and became perfect through his wisdom. Only the loving God can make us happy and perfect.”  
—Father George

This is what he said in the letter to the Colossians: *this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.*

Martha's sister, Mary, according to Jesus chose better part. We could say that she recognized the wisdom, she

wanted to train herself in that wisdom, she sensed that to be perfect in Christ she needs to be co close to him.

We need to be like Abraham and believe strongly in God. Faith in God gives happiness and benefits us with good things. Revelation is given by God to those whom God chooses but it is granted to those who are *childlike* – open to accept and obey and *simple* – straightforward in relation to God.

We need to be like Mary, who listened to the wisdom of Jesus Christ and become perfect through his wisdom. Only the loving God can make us Happy and perfect. We need to take time to adore Jesus, to meditate on his commandments, to listen to what he tells us through other people..



Our Pastor, Father George

**From Father George:**

**Fr. Patrick Long** - Ordained priest on July 12, 2025, was appointed by Bishop Frank Dewane to become a Parochial Assistant in Our Lady of Angels, Lakewood Ranch, beginning August 5, 2025.

**The Statue of St. Anthony** - I think that placing St. Anthony behind the Tabernacle under the Organ serves better its spiritual

purpose than if it remained unseen in the side alcove. Don't you think? Seeing the statue motivates us to pray and to worship God.

**Fr. Gennadi has left for his vacation** - We wish him safe journeys and good rest, as well as positive results of his working visa extension application.

**Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Venice (Designated 2025 Jubilee Site in our Diocese)** - We are organizing a bus trip to Epiphany Cathedral and to the Diocesan Retreat Center to mark this special 2025 Jubilee Year with our visit to a designated Diocesan Jubilee Site. We plan to do it on **Tuesday, July 29, 2025**, which is the Memorial of St. Martha (Patron Saint of our Parish), Mary & Lazarus. Here is the plan for that special day:

- 8:30am Parish Feast Day Mass in St. Martha church.
- 9:20am Bus trip to downtown Venice. See the renovation works in the Cathedral. Special Rosary Prayer with the Prayers for Jubilee Indulgence in the current Cathedral Parish church.
- Short trip to the Diocesan Retreat Center.
- 12pm Lunch and then the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. About 2pm Return to Sarasota. Please register your name in the parish office if you would like to join this Jubilee Pilgrimage. There is no charge for this event.

**Next Sunday**, July 27, 2025, is the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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

**His Holiness Pope Leo XIV**

**Prayer Intention for July 2025 - For formation in discernment**  
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

## Are you thinking about becoming Catholic or are you Baptized and want to complete your Sacraments?



### Interested in the Catholic Faith and want to know more?

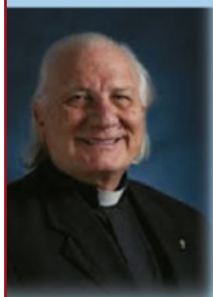
If you have questions and want to be serious about converting to Christ and learn the *next steps* to take or maybe you are Catholic but would like to learn more about your Faith, Prayers, and the Bible ... pray and listen to God calling your heart!

### We are here to help ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

To make an **appointment with Fr. George** please contact our parish office at **941.366.4210 x0**  
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**About our speaker:** Fr. Fausto Stampiglia PhD, MA, MS, our retired Pastor of St. Martha, serving from 1991-2022, is a Pallottine member of the Society of Catholic Apostolate since 1953. Fr. Fausto is a member of the Pontifical Academy of Liturgy in Rome since 1961. Upon the gracious presentation of our Bishop Dewane, Pope Benedict conferred in 2010 to Fr. Fausto the Papal Medal for Meritorious Service to the Pope and to the Church. Fr. Fausto has been named Theologian to the Bishop from 1987 to 2022 by the Bishop of Venice.

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- 12pm - Retreat Center for Lunch and then the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel.
- About 2pm Return to Sarasota.



Please register your name in the parish office if you would like to join this Jubilee Pilgrimage. **There is no charge for this event.**

## Welcome New Parishioners!

We are so happy to welcome you to St Martha Catholic Church and are glad you have joined us!

To register, please visit [stmartha.org](http://stmartha.org) or scan the QR code ↘



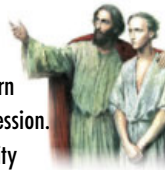
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 Rev. Gennadi Romachko, S.A.C.  
 Rev. Joseph Vu, C.R.M., Hospital Chaplain  
 Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C. (Retired)  
 Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens  
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## Events & Announcements



**Natural Family Planning Introductory Session** - Learn about Natural Family Planning with a free introductory session. The Diocese of Venice supports the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, and free online training sessions are being offered by the St. Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility Care on **Jul 22, Aug 14, Sep 20, and Oct 21**. Choose one that fits your schedule! The sessions are free, but registration is required. Register at [bit.ly/SGIntroSession](http://bit.ly/SGIntroSession). For more information, visit [stgiannacenter.com](http://stgiannacenter.com), or with questions, contact Jim Gontis, [gontis@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:gontis@dioceseofvenice.org), 941.486.4754.

**Volunteers Needed for Prison Outreach** - Join the team of Diocesan volunteers who enter county jails and state prisons within the 10-county Diocese of Venice to do pastoral outreach, distribute the Eucharist and facilitate programs. Priests, Deacons, and lay volunteers are encouraged to assist in this ministry. Volunteers will first participate in an orientation program before entering the facility and will shadow experienced volunteers until they feel comfortable. Times and days vary by facility. Please contact Joe Mallof at 224.217.7139 or Bob Hiniker 863.558.0407 to learn where you can fit into this joyful opportunity.

## Kids Corner

 **PUZZLE** Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

journey woman listening Martha chosen  
village Mary serving anxious better

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vagelli \_\_\_\_\_  
wamno \_\_\_\_\_  
rayM \_\_\_\_\_  
lentsingi \_\_\_\_\_  
sigvern \_\_\_\_\_  
hartMa \_\_\_\_\_  
axinosu \_\_\_\_\_  
ceshon \_\_\_\_\_  
bretet \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSION

Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible or praying at meal time.

## Weekly Mass Intentions



**Sun, July 20** .....Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42  
7:30am.....[JV].....Dr. Stephan Neuschel & Stanley Uhrin by Magda Kovacic  
9:00am.....[GS]....In Thanksgiving by Arra Balagatas  
10:30am.....[FS]....For All Parishioners  
12:00pm.....[GS]....David Jones by Michael and Margaret Houlihan  
12:00pm.....[JV].....(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
5:30pm.....[JR]....L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe and Betty Plouffe

**Mon, July 21** .....Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42  
7:30am.....[JV].....(L) David Hill by Paul and Marge Lortie  
8:30am.....[GS]....Richard Moran by the Family  
12:00pm.....[JR]....Oscar Monet by Evelyn

**Tue, July 22** .....Sg 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
7:30am.....[GS]....Madelyn Heigel by the Heigel Family  
8:30am.....[JV].....Dorothy M. Devine by Nancy Connors  
12:00pm.....[JV].....(L) Fr. Bruno Mary Kelleher by Martina O'Sullivan

**Wed, July 23**.....Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9  
7:30am.....[GS]....(L) Joanne Desrosiers by Paul and Marge Lortie  
8:30am.....[JR]....Missing and Exploited Children by Joe and Betty Plouffe  
12:00pm.....[GS]....(L) Conor Stephens by John and Mary McGruder

**Thu, July 24** .....Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17  
7:30am.....[JR]....Phil and Yvonne Mauro by Stephanie and John Iacopelli  
8:30am.....[JV].....Margaret Markson by Maureen and Patrick Doherty  
12:00pm.....[FS]....Maurizio Porcellini by Alina Urdaneta

**Fri, July 25**.....2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28  
7:30am.....[GS]....Jim Heim by Nancy Connors  
8:30am.....[FS]....(L) Joshua Duarte by Mom  
12:00pm.....[JR]....Bartolome Rams by Cathy and George Phillips

**Sat, July 26**.....Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30  
7:30am.....[JV].....(L) Natalie L'Hommedieu by David and Paula Shigley  
8:30am.....[FS]....Frank Busillo by Janet Thomas  
4:00pm.....[GS]....Mary Martha Meade by Claire Meade  
5:30pm.....[JR]....William Persico by Nancy Drauden

**Sun, July 27** .....Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13  
7:30am.....[JV].....Ryan Halstead by Mom  
9:00am.....[JR]....St. Martha's Volunteers by the Clergy  
10:30am.....[JR]....For All Parishioners  
12:00pm.....[FS]....Marian & Alessandro Ross by The Sweet Sixteen  
12:00pm.....[JV].....(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions  
5:30pm.....[GS]....L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Joe and Betty Plouffe

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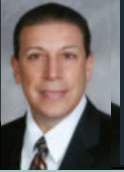
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