

September 21, 2025

THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN
GREAT ONES.

— LUKE 16:10 —

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm Vigil • 5:30pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am • 9am • 9am (Hall) • 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

September 21, 2025

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

by Deacon Vern

Today's readings challenge us to examine our priorities, especially in how we use our resources and where we place our trust. The Gospel presents the parable of the dishonest steward, a story that at first seems puzzling but ultimately reveals deep truths about discipleship, integrity, and spiritual wisdom.

Jesus tells of a steward who, upon learning he will be dismissed for mismanagement, shrewdly reduces the debts of his master's clients to secure future favors. Surprisingly, the master commends him – not for dishonesty, but for his cleverness in preparing for what comes next.

This parable is not an endorsement of deceit, but a call to spiritual prudence. Just as the steward acted decisively to secure his future, we are called to use our time, talents, and resources wisely for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus concludes with a powerful statement:

You cannot serve both God and mammon. (Luke 16:13)

This is the heart of the message. Wealth is not inherently evil, but when it becomes our master, it distorts our spiritual values and relationships. We must choose whom we serve – God or mammon.

The first reading from Amos 8:4-7 condemns those who exploit the poor. God sees injustice and promises to hold the guilty accountable. The Psalm (113) reminds us that God lifts the lowly and cares for the needy.

These readings echo the Gospel's call to live with integrity, to be faithful stewards, and to care for the vulnerable.

We have opportunities all the time to do wrong by others, have guilt and seek forgiveness. Reading a story about a boy who accidentally killed his grandmother's duck and was blackmailed by his sister. Eventually, he confesses, and his grandmother forgave him, saying that she saw everything but waited for him to come forward.

This story mirrors our spiritual journey. God sees our faults, but His mercy awaits our repentance. We are not meant to live in guilt or fear, but in freedom through forgiveness.

Luke's Gospel consistently emphasizes God's concern for the poor and the dangers of wealth. The Magnificat proclaims that God *has lifted up the lowly and sent the rich away empty*. We are called to live not as children of this world, but as children of light, using our resources to reflect God's justice and mercy.

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invites us to:

- Examine our loyalties: Are we serving God or wealth?
- Use our resources wisely: Are we building relationships and helping others?
- Live with integrity and compassion: Are we faithful in small things?
- Trust in God's mercy: Are we willing to confess and be forgiven?

Let us pray for the grace to be faithful stewards, placing God first in all things.



Our Pastor, Father George

Notes From Fr George:

Fr. Jan Rykala is leaving St. Martha parish - Fr. Jan came to St. Martha in 2017 after Fr. Sebastian Szczawinski left the parish. When Fr. Jan came here, he initially worked with Frs. Fausto, Patrick, Wojciech and John. Through different personnel changes he continued his priestly ministry for the last 8 years. When we were told to move out from our Rectory in March 2022, he went to stay in Incarnation Parish where he still resides and from which he commutes daily to St. Martha. On my behalf and on behalf of the parish I thank Fr. Jan for his hard work in preaching the word of God, in celebrating the sacraments of the Church in School, in Hospital and Jail ministry as well as his Biblical apostolate. May God bless him in his new assignment. He will be leaving St. Martha at the end of this month.

The Farewell Reception – In honor of Fr. Jan, the Farewell Reception will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 6pm.


St. Martha's parish prays the Rosary – as part of the Diocesan Rosary Congress (October 4-10, 2025). We invite everyone to join the prayer of the Rosary for **Pope Leo XIV...for his good health, for his holiness, and that his Pontificate bears much good fruit**. This will take place during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, October 7 at 9am, 10am, 11am and 6pm, 7pm, 8pm.

Next Sunday, September 28, 2025, is the 26th Sunday in Ordinary.


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



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His Holiness Pope Leo XIV



Prayer Intention for September 2025
For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis,
we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are
loved by God and worthy of love and respect.




Emmaus Journey Bible Study

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am • St. Martha Conference Room

All are welcome! Bring your Bible and a desire
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Call Lindy 724.263.8285 lindydonahue@mac.com

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St Martha Catholic Church
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Celebrated by Most Rev. Frank J Dewane

A reception hosted by the **Planning Committee of the Catholic Lawyers Guild** will follow at the Fr. Fausto Parish Hall at St Martha. Please send your **RSVP** for the Mass and/or reception before **October 11, 2025** to Tina Mroczkowski tinam@bowmangeorge.com or 941.366.5510.



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Many of us wonder how we can help. Should we give a few dollars to those suffering? 90% of our homeless suffer from addiction and/or mental illness. Giving cash enables the continuation of the homeless lifestyle.

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Aren't we supposed to help? YES, absolutely! But please let your donation truly do the good you intend. **The Homeless Outreach donation box** is located near the main doors of the church. **The monies collected go to:**

Caritas Food Pantry: A parish ministry at St. Martha.

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Family Promise: An organization addressing the gap in local services for pregnant mothers experiencing homelessness.

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St Martha Legacy Society



The Legacy Society at St Martha is open to all parishioners. There is no financial donation required to join, only the commitment to leave something – anything – to St Martha in your will.

As a member of the Legacy Society, you will ensure the future of our beautiful historic church in downtown Sarasota. Through your efforts St Martha will be able to minister to present and future generations in Sarasota.

To become a member, you only need to get in touch with us and express your interest in leaving something to the church in your estate. We will never ask how much, and we will not ask for verification.

There are some nice perks, like having your name added to the donor tree in the church courtyard. And you will be hosted by Fr George at our Annual Legacy Society Dinner. This year's dinner at Michael's Wine Cellar on Tuesday, February 18 was enjoyed by over 20 members.

Interested in joining?

Contact Emil Efthimides at
ede24@usa.com or
Samantha McDonald,
Parish Hall 941.366.4210
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Events & Announcements



Youth Jubilee Adoration Night – All youth are invited to **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory Street, Sebring on Friday, **September 26**, from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Experience an evening of prayer, music, and Eucharistic Adoration as part of the Jubilee 2025 celebrations. For more information, contact Andres Prias, **941.441.1122**.

Fifth Annual Together in Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference - **October 18** at **Our Lady of Light**, 19680 Cypress View Drive, **Fort Myers** in Fort Myers. The Conference: *Family, A School of Love*, presents an opportunity to share a day dedicated to prayer, conversation, and reflection on the sacred vocation of marriage together with your spouse. Grow together in holiness and receive guidance and tips for how to strengthen your marriage and form your children in the Catholic faith. Learn more/register, togetherinholiness.org/venice or contact Jim Gontis, gontis@dioceseofvenice.org / **941.486.4754**.

Save the Date: Catholic Mass on Veterans Day - A Catholic Mass on Veterans Day, Tuesday, **November 11**, will be held outdoors in the Amphitheater at **Sarasota National Cemetery** at 3pm. This annual Mass, now in its 16th year in the Diocese of Venice, has become a sacred tradition. Gathering as one people under God, we honor and remember our United States veterans, both living and deceased. All are welcome to attend and join in prayer for the souls of our faithfully departed veterans as well as for those currently in the military, and all who labor to protect the freedom we enjoy. If you are a member of the military, come, and wear your uniform! Opening ceremonies begin at 2:45pm.



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RECEPTION

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Tuesday, September 23, 2025
at 6:00pm

In the Parish Hall at
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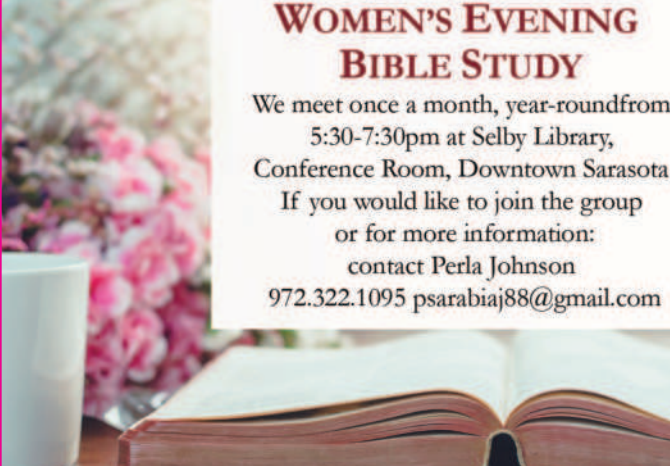
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Carl Rausa & Marlise Gravina (1)




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Weekly Mass Intentions



Sun, Sep 21 Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
7:30am.....[GR] . . Catherine O'Rourke by Thomas and Jacqueline Kelly
9:00am.....[JR] . . Owen Trumbull by the Family
9:00am.....[GS] . . (Hall) Nicole Christopher by Suzanne Urbinati
10:30am.....[GR] . . For All Parishioners
12:00pm.....[FS] . . Anthony Naglieri by Ida Naglieri
12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm.....[JR] . . L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe and Betty Plouffe

Mon, Sep 22 Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
7:30am.....[GS] . . Annie Donovan Lortie by Marge and Paul Lortie
8:30am.....[JV] . . William Doland by his Son
12:00pm.....[JR] . . Maria Neuschel & Maria Hudec by Magda Kovacic

Tue, Sep 23 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
7:30am.....[JR] . . Bill Wilkens by Claire Collins
8:30am.....[GR] . . Fr. Patrick Wilson by John Corey
12:00pm.....[GS] . . Norbert & Ingrid Fleischmann by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly

Wed, Sep 24 Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
7:30am.....[GR] . . Salvatore Iacopelli by John and Stephanie Iacopelli
8:30am.....[JR] . . Missing and Exploited Children by Joe & Betty Plouffe
12:00pm.....[JR] . . (L) Manju Pralcash by Mini George

Thu, Sep 25 Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
7:30am.....[JV] . . R D & Ceceilia Kelly & Fams. by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly
8:30am.....[JR] . . Daniel Patrick by the Family
12:00pm.....[GR] . . Michael Coppa by Mary Coppa
6:00pm.....[GS] . . Adoration

Fri, Sep 26 Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
7:30am.....[GR] . . (L) Fr. Joseph Vu, C.R.M. by David and Paula Shigley
8:30am.....[FS] . . Catherine Warner by Thomas and Jacqueline Kelly
12:00pm.....[GS] . . Kevin Harold by Catay and George Phillips

Sat, Sep 27 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
7:30am.....[GR] . . (L) Paula Shigley by David Shigley
8:30am.....[FS] . . The Holy Souls in Purgatory by Alexander Holggard
4:00pm.....[GS] . . Frank Ricciardelli by his Wife
5:30pm.....[JR] . . Ester Tengco by Romulo and Mafalda Tengco

Sun, Sep 28 Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
7:30am.....[GS] . . (L) Erick Dunn by Rita Dunn
9:00am.....[FS] . . (L) Paula Shigley by Marge and Paul Lortie
9:00am.....[JR] . . (Hall) Claudette Wozniak by Patricia and Joe
10:30am.....[GS] . . For All Parishioners
12:00pm.....[JR] . . (L) Fiorella Duarte by Adriana
12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm.....[GS] . . L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Joe and Betty Plouffe

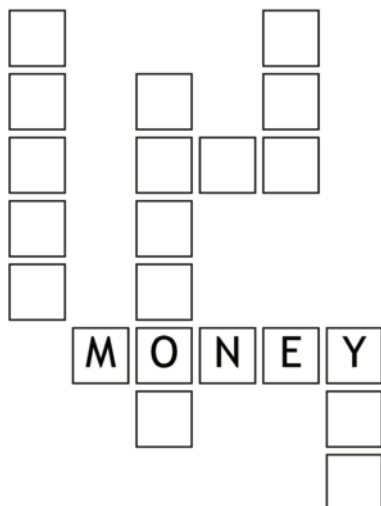
Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr Gennadi (GR)

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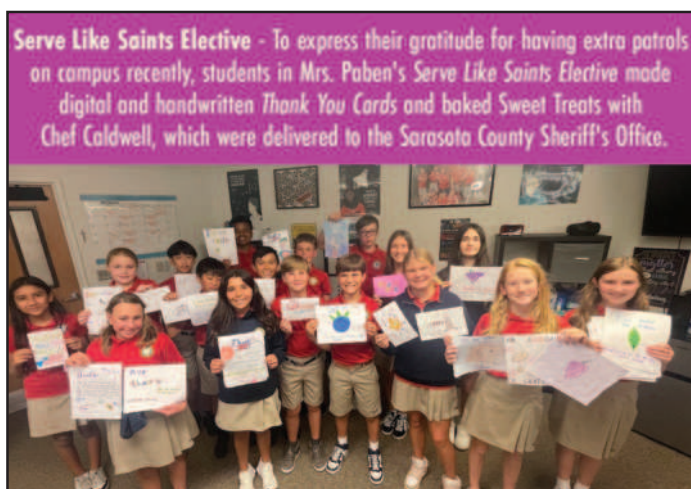


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Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

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
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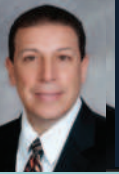
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