



28th 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

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October 12, 2025 28th Sunday Ordinary Time - Luke 17: 11-19

by Deacon Bob

Often throughout our lives we wonder why we have not seen miracles. But at the same time, all of us have had an experience of a family member or have heard told of a friend or acquaintance's family member being cured of a sickness that science cannot explain. Maybe at the time we gave credit where credit is due: to Our Lord our God, but at other times we forget about His miraculous intercessions into our lives. Today's First Reading and the Gospel talk about God healing lepers. When we are reminded of stories like these, we have tendency to recreate the dots to those physical miracles God has provided us in our lives. But as amazing as these miracles are, they are not the greatest miracles we encounter.

Every cleric is required to do morning prayer every day. Part of the daily prayer is to recite the Canticle of Zechariah. In the Canticle, part of it goes: and you my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord, to prepare His way, to give His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of sins. This is the TRUE MIRACLE that we can receive from God. Nothing we have screwed up with Him is not fixable and is guaranteed to be forgiven if only we ask Him with a contrite heart.

At times we can reduce ourselves to tears on how we have let Jesus down throughout our lives. Sometimes we can't even forgive ourselves. Yet God, the very second we have asked Him, has cleansed us just like those lepers. He forgives us even knowing in some instances, even though we are trying not to, we are going to jump right back into the leper pit! His love for us is that great, that awesome, and that unfailing!

It should truly amaze us that no matter what knuckleheads we have been and are still going to be, He is right there willing to take us right back into His loving embrace with a simple heartfelt confession. The greatest miracle in the history of the world is right there in our grasp if we want to take it.

The miracle only has one caveat. There is only one sin God will not forgive. Can we guess what it is? The answer: the one not confessed! That is the only one! We have the power to be with God always. It may be the only thing we have total control over in this entire world. I can only speak for myself, but I can be a huge knucklehead, but even I have control over my salvation! When I really mess things up all I have do is go and be heartfully sorry in confession and go to Mass and receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He loves us so much; He allows us to control our eternal destiny with Him! He is so great, yet He allows us, as lowly as we are, to exercise the power to be with Him always till the end of the age. There is no greater miracle than that and far greater than having physical maladies cured. Jesus today is asking us to allow Him to cleanse us as well! The choice is ours if we want to be clean and be with Him. The miracle is ours for the taking.



Our Pastor, Father George

Notes From Fr George:

The renovation of St. Martha's Rectory is completed – and Fr. George and Fr. Gennadi have moved into their quarters. It is great to be back in our parish house, which is part of the parish campus and gives us excellent living conditions. We are grateful to Steve Anderson and his company for the work they have done to improve the state of our Rectory. We thank the Diocesan

authorities who directed all the works, and we are especially grateful to all parishioners who regularly contribute towards the priest's upkeep and the maintenance of our St. Martha's campus. God bless you for it! Fr. Joseph likes to stay in his house, which used to be An Early Learning center.

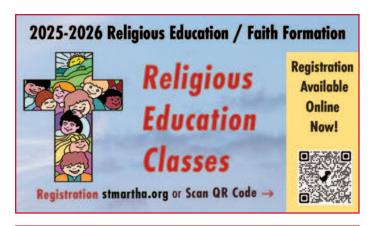
I would like to explain about the Caritas box collection and the Second Collection - The tradition of the Box Collection for Caritas on the first Sunday of the month remains the same as it has been for many years in St. Martha' parish. It is apart from the Sundays when we are obliged by the Diocese of Venice to take a Second Collection for various causes. Normally our Bishop Frank Dewane writes about them in his letters, which we reprint in the Bulletin. Following the Diocesan auditor's instruction, we faithfully take all Second Collections requested by the bishop. I didn't think it was fair, though, to have both collections (Second Collection and the Caritas Box Collection) in addition to the main Sunday Collection on the same day. That is why we don't do the Caritas Box Collection when there is to be a Second Collection. Unfortunately, it happened twice recently that the day for the Second Collection fell on the first Sunday of the month; some parishioners got confused, and some parishioners still asked to have an opportunity to donate to Caritas. You can always put your Caritas donation into an envelope and place it in the Collection basket; it will be transferred to Caritas.

40 Days for Life kicks off Wednesday, September 24 - Join us on the sidewalk! 40 Days for Life proves that with God all things are possible. 40 days for Life is an international 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Join this worldwide prayer campaign to end abortion in the Diocese of Venice, September 24 to November 2, 2025. To learn more about how to support or participate in 40 Days for Life in Southwest Florida, contact Tavia Ames, 941.441.1101.

Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray a daily Rosary for Peace in October - to invoke God's gift of peace. I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community.

Next Sunday,, October 19, 2025, is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary and the World Mission Sunday.

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









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Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:30pm St Martha Catholic Church

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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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A Message *from* BISHOP DEWAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme for Respect Life this year is Life: Our Sign of Hope, chosen by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' and reflects the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope. It is a time to more deeply consider why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

Each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first weekend in October, Parishes across the Diocese of Venice conduct a special second collection to support this life affirming work. These funds facilitate the Church's witness as a faith community to life in southwest Florida.

Please continue to pray for a greater respect and appreciation for all human life, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. Your generosity in supporting this collection assists the Diocesan Respect Life Office to maintain programs, including the USCCB's Walking with Moms in Need, Project Rachel, and Catholic Days at the Capitol. The Respect Life Office also works with students and youth groups to support life and build Catholic leaders in our community through clubs and events.

Let us remain united in prayer and action. May God bless you for your dedication and generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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The nice perks are having your name added to the donor tree in the church courtyard. And being 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.

Helping the Homeless Be Housed

Please Help Make a Real Difference

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.

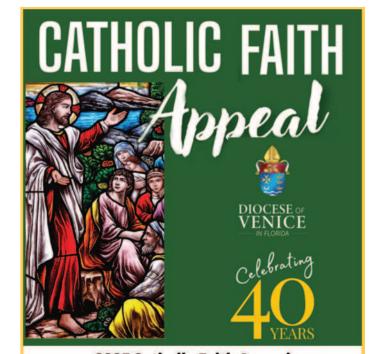
But what about our duty as Christians to help the poor and needy? Aren't we supposed to help? YES, absolutely! But please let your donation truly do the good you intend. The Homeless Outreach donation box is located near the main doors of the church. The monies collected go to:

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

Resurrection House: Provides many free services to the homeless.

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

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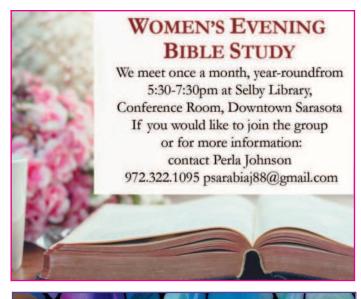
















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- Vigil hours 7am-7pm daily
- Local contact Rich 941.343.0672

Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at 40daysforlife.com/sarasota



St Martha Church Contact, Paula Shigley 941.586.3558 St Martha Church Dates . October 3 and 13 from 9am-12p

Weekly Mass Intentions



Sun, Oct 12 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

7:30am	.[GR]	Sheila	Heimbuch	by	Judy	Mass

- 9:00am......[FS] . . Chet Horne by Joe Angelicola
- 9:00am......[GS]. . (Hall) Elena Ordonez by the Ordonez Family
- 10:30am.....[GR]. . For All Parishioners
- 12:00pm.....[GS]. . Humbert Naglieri by Ida Naglieri
- 12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
- 5:30pm......[GS]. . L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe and Betty Plouffe

Mon, Oct 13.... Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

- 7:30am......[] . . . Jay Donahue by Terry and Lindy Donahue
- 8:30am......[] . . . Dolly Vattakkttil by Dennis Koppuzha

Tue, Oct 14 Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

- 7:30am......[] . . . (L) Veronica Costner by Marge and Paul Lortie
- 8:30am......[] . . . Fr. Patrick Wilson by Jean Berkey
- 12:00pm.....[] . . . Robert Romaine by Gail and Fr. Bob Romaine

Wed, Oct 15 Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

- 7:30am......[] . . . CJ & Verona Lambert & Fams by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly
- 8:30am......[] . . . Dr. Antoan Batri by Magda Kovacik and Family
- 12:00pm.....[] . . . Margaret Devine Horan by Maureen Devine

Thu, Oct 16.... Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

- 7:30am......[] . . . Shirley Ann Horvation by Kevin Rutkowski
- 8:30am......[] . . . (L) Dennis Gillett by Gary and Patty Winkler
- 12:00pm.....[] . . . Dick Fedelem by John and Gen Halk

Fri, Oct 17 Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

- 7:30am......[] . . . Tom Patt by Paul and Marge Lortie
- 8:30am......[] . . . For a Greater Respect for all Human Life
- 12:00pm.....[] . . . Frank Coppa by Marge Coppa

Sat, Oct 18.....2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

- 7:30am......[] . . . Anna Britanak by her Daughter
- 8:30am......[] . . . Lawrence Arronis by Tina Mroczkowski
- 4:00pm......[] . . . (L) John Lortie by Marge and Paul Lortie
- 5:30pm......[] . . . Edward Barrett by Beth and Ed Jeselson

Sun, Oct 19 Ex 17:8-13; 2Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

- 7:30am......[] . . . Ryan Halstead by Mom
- 9:00am......[] . . . Annette Barth by the Clergy
- 9:00am......[] . . . (Hall) (L) Fiorella Duarte by Adriana
- 10:30am.....[] . . . For All Parishioners
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PRAYER

Lord, please remind me to say, Thank you.







a Note From The Principal...



To Our St. Martha Parish Family,

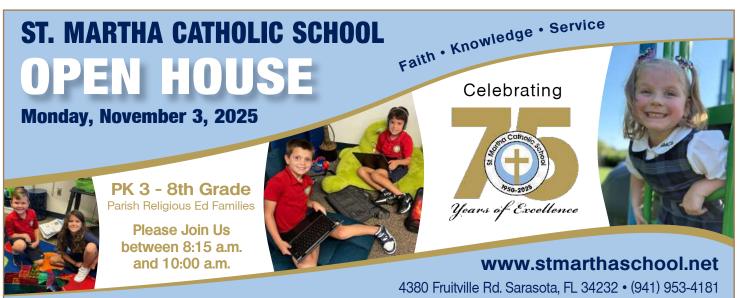
Over the past weeks at St Martha Catholic School, we were blessed to host the 25 Saints Under 25 exhibit. Each of our classes had the opportunity to walk through the display and learn more about the lives of these young saints who serve as powerful role models of faith, courage, and love. Parents were also welcome to visit and share in this inspiring experience.

On Friday, September 26th, our school community came together to Go for Gold in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness. Student wore gold as a visible sign of prayer, compassion, and solidarity with all children and families affected by cancer.

As we reflected on the saints' witness, we were reminded of the words of St. Paul: Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12) God Bless.

Mari Jo Hanson, Principal







Welcome New Parishioners!

We are so happy to welcome you to St Martha Catholic Church

and are glad you have joined us!





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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 gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

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