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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 19, 2025 - 29th Sunday Ordinary Time Reflection on the Scripture Readings

by Deacon Pat

In the Opening Prayer, the Priest intones Almighty ever living God, grant that we may always conform our will to Yours and serve Your majesty with sincerity of heart....

This Sunday's readings tell us how we can do our part in preparing ourselves to do God's will. They touch on knowledge, prayer, persistence, and faith. Basically, these are the *tools* we need to adequately fulfill our baptismal vow *to love God with our whole mind, heart and soul as well as our neighbor as ourselves*. Let's explore these *tools* one by one.

Knowledge: In our lifetime, we are called to grow in our knowledge of God. This gives us the context of how we are to relate to God and one another. How do we do this? St. Paul in his letter to Timothy tells us that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. But we are called to know more. We have to become familiar with the traditions of our Church – which is our Spiritual Community.

Prayer: This is so very important! It is through daily prayer that we establish the line of communication with our Lord. It is through prayer that we grow in our relationship with the Lord. Through prayer, as the Alleluia verse tells us: *The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.* Think of that! The word of God living inside of each one of us and guiding us to grow not only in our relationship with the Lord but also with one another!

Persistence: In the Exodus passage, we see God's working through Moses' extended hands which symbolized prayer and reliance on God. Moses' hands, however, grew tired, so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. Just from this passage, we have a lesson of faith, prayer, and reliance.

St. Paul also teaches that the persistence of prayer is essential. We are called to proclaim the word (by voice or example) by being persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient... . St. Luke, in the Gospel, echoes this call to be persistent in prayer with the following question: Will not God then secure the rights of His chosen ones who call out to Him day and night?

Faith: I consider that faith is like a muscle. If we are uninformed and are not persistent in prayer, our faith is non-existent or weak or tepid at best! However, by being persistent in our daily prayers, participating regularly in the Sacrament of Penance and Mass, we not only grow in knowledge but also in faith – the goal being to live lives of increasing faith. When we do so, our lives become prayers – just like Moses' arms.

Paraphrasing the Opening Prayer: By growing in our faith, we conform our will to the Lord's and serve Him with sincerity of heart!



Our Pastor, Father George

Notes From Fr George:

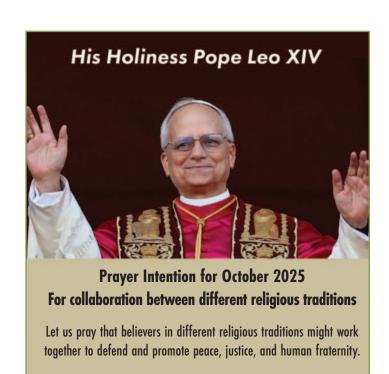
Mission Sunday – An experienced Missionary priest told me once when I worked in Papua New Guinea: Don't try to convert thousands, or hundreds, or tens or even one person, convert yourself and maybe somebody will follow your example and find God. May God bless us on this Mission Sunday with a strong faith so we can give witness to Jesus Christ, an Apostle of the Eternal Father.

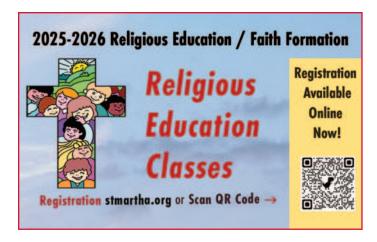
May God bless all missionaries around the world!

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 26, 2025, is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary. With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Father George











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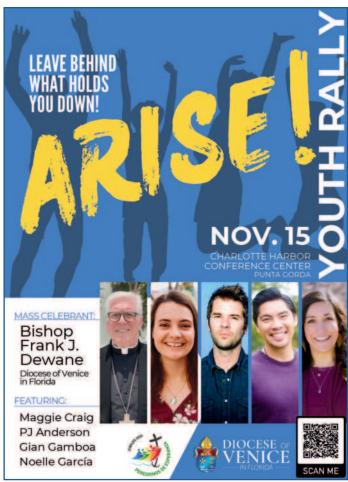


Interested in the Catholic Faith and want to know more?

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Holy Mother Church will celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 19, 2025. Catholics from around the world unite as one community of Faith in this annual Eucharistic celebration, inviting us to recommit ourselves to the Church's and the Holy Father's missionary activity and join in prayer and generous sacrifice to the Society for Propagation of the Faith.

The theme for this year is "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples". During this Jubilee Year, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that hope is at the heart of the Christian message. The Holy Father continues this message as he challenges us to be "pilgrims of hope" in a world that often finds itself overshadowed by uncertainty and despair. This is precisely one means for us to be Missionaries of Hope.

The World Mission Sunday Collection in the Diocese of Venice in Florida will take place on the weekend of October 18 & 19, 2025. Your generosity supports the Pope's mission in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young and struggling, bringing hope through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics and Catholic schools. Thank you for your kind response to the call of Pope Leo XIV and your prayers!

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

17th Annual RED MASS For Judges, lawyers, lawmakers and their families, and staff Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:30pm St Martha Catholic Church 200 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota 34236 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. For inclusion in the online Directory of Catholic Lawyers, please send your business card and \$50 membership fee payable to Catholic Lawyers Guild. Catholic Lawyers Guild, c/o Tina M. Mroczkowski, Esq. 2750 Ringling Blvd, Ste 3, Sarasota, FL 34237 For Sponsorship Opportunities, please contact Jeanne M. Bennett, Esq

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Interested in joining? Contact Emil Efthimides at ede24@usa.com or Samantha McDonald, Parish Hall 941.366.4210 smcdonald@stmartha.org 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, you will ensure the future of our beautiful historic church in downtown Sarasota. Through your efforts, we will be able to minister to present and future generations. 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.

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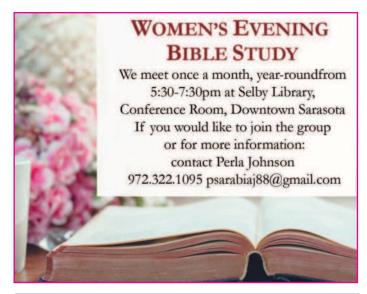


Events & Announcements

Natural Family Planning Introductory Session — Learn about Natural Family Planning with a free introductory session. The Diocese of Venice sets forth the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, and a free online training session is being offered by the St. Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility Care October 21. Registration is required bit.ly/SGIntro. Information, stgiannacenter.com, or questions Jim Gontis, gontis@dioceseofvenice, 941.486.4754.

Become a Natural Family Planning Practitioner! - St. Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility Care offers a Nationally Accredited Education Program on November 15, at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Gulfport. Scholarships available. The 13-month course is an empowering approach to women's reproductive health Contact Becky 813.421.4625 or stgiannacenter.com/become-a-practitioner Questions Jim, gontis@dioceseofvenice.org, 941.486.4754.









You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1 million+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

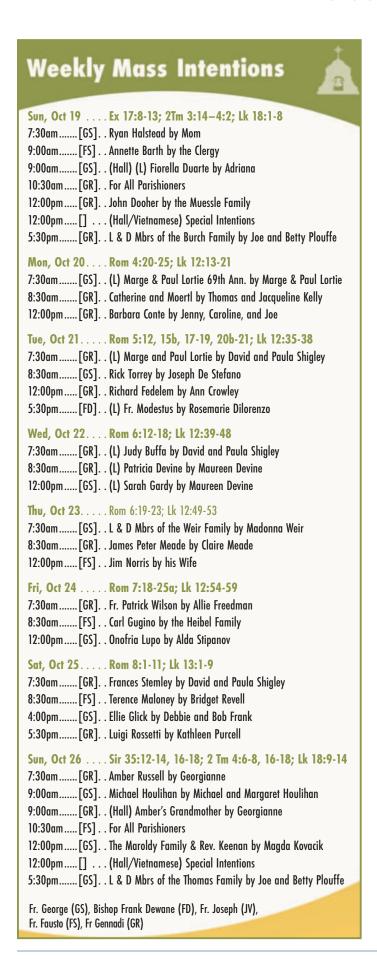
- Over 25,000 babies saved from abortion
- More than 170 closed facilities
- More than 270 converted workers

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- · Vigil location Outside Planned Parenthood, 736 Central Ave, Sarasota
- · 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







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All proceeds to benefit *Family Promise* of Sarasota-Manatee, a local nonprofit that helps target the prevention of homelessness for local children & families, and their Francis House long term shelter program for pregnant mothers and their children.

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October 18th and 19th



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Kids Corner







\overline{a} Note Fram The Principal...

To Our St. Martha Parish Family,

St Martha Catholic School continued celebrating its 75th Anniversary with a Decades Parade for students Pre-K3 through 2nd Grade classes who created wagon floats representing each decade from the 1950s to today. Buddy classes joined the fun with cheers and school spirit filling the air!

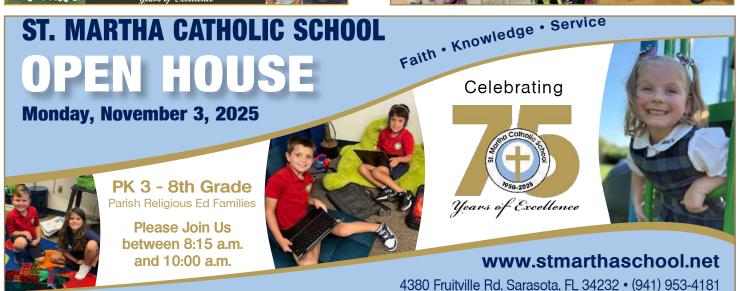
St. Martha's hosted tent at the Sarasota Sun Devils Football Stadium, showcasing the school spirit and mission. Our second graders are learning the joy of caring for God's creation.

Let all that you do be done in love. - Corinthians 16:14 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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Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following

Hurricane

Audrey in 1957

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.

Important Contact Information

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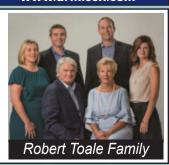


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