

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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November 2, 2025 - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

by Father George

The words of Jesus teach us something very important for this All-Souls' Day. We commemorate all the departed members of our families, our friends and colleagues, our parishioners and others who passed away. My Polish television usually prepares a special program about people from public life who died within the last year as if they wanted the public to remember them. This is also what I hear when I take part in celebrations of Veteran's Day or in some special memorials here in the US: people strongly say - We remember them! Jesus does this when he said: I should not lose anything of what he gave me. He means to say that nobody is forgotten or ignored. It means that every human being created by God is as important to Him as He is to God and will not be rejected from His kingdom. He obeys God, and all those that God gave him are remembered with the difference being that when Jesus says I remember, it means much more than just the good memories of a person's life.

He says: I shall raise it on the last day. Now this is a difficult one. We are fine with remembering; our human brain teaches us to memorize events, words and people whom we met in life. But the resurrection on the last day is something beyond our brain. We can only remember this from His resurrection if we believe in Jesus, and if we believe in the Bible and in the Church which tell us about it. But for those of us who believe it, this is something that the whole Christian world is amazed with and attracted to - the final resurrection of all the dead promised by Jesus. This promise of the Lord is the greatest news. All main religions of the world, including Judaism and Islam, believe in life after death but only Jesus makes it a promise, which He himself delivers.

Therefore, it is essentially important to see the Son in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. He said in the gospel: everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. When I checked the Polish translation of this line in the gospel according to St. John, I was surprised to see that it missed the verb see. It says: everyone who believes in the Son may have eternal life and yet the English translation says: everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life. This detail helped me to understand better that the process of believing in the Son means to see Him in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Many people met and saw Jesus of Nazareth, but not everyone believed that He was the Son of God. For most believers it is obvious that believing in Jesus means recognizing Him as the Son of God, but for some it's not so easy to be seeing Him in human body

Sunday Sermon continued ↗



Our Pastor, Father George

Basilica in Rome.

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

Notes From Fr George:

Annual Mission Appeal! - Our parish has been allocated to Sr. Maria's Mission Ap-

peal this year. She will talk to us at each

Sunday Mass about her Congregation's

work in Guyana in Africa. Please check

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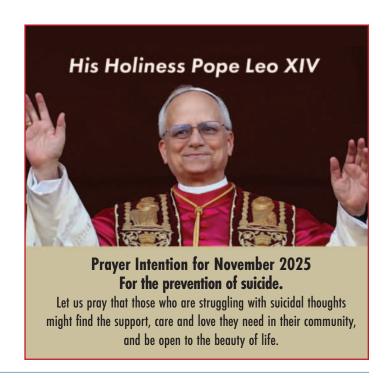
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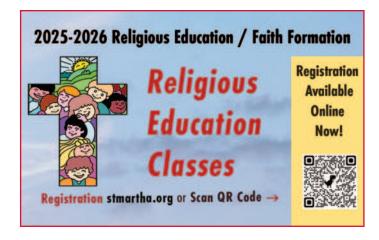
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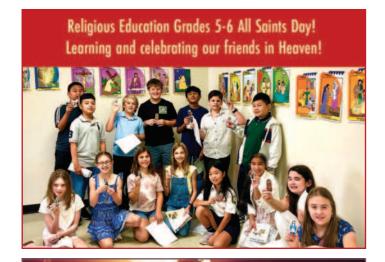
and at the same time professing His Divine nature.

Similarly to remembering, we need to see Him and believe. We need to respond; maybe this is the reason we celebrate All Souls' Day on the 2nd of November every year - that we respond in faith to what Jesus promises, and that we celebrate in faith this special Day of resurrection. We remember good people, and we believe that they are in heaven or on the way to heaven after some purification in Purgatory. Our memory becomes prayer. Eternal rest grant on to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace!











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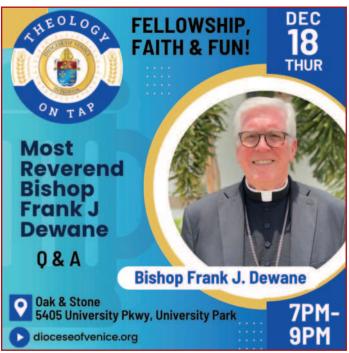
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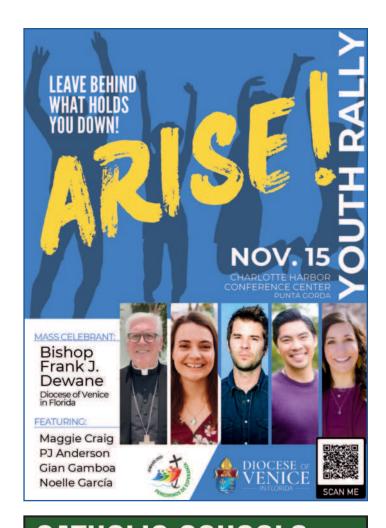
To make an **appointment with Fr. George** please contact our parish office at **941.366.4210 x0**Any questions please contact **Patricia Sileo DRE sileo@stmartha.org**













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November 2nd, after the Mass, we will have BlestArt in our courtyard selling beautifully handcrafted pieces carved from olive wood from the Holy Land. BlestArt works closely with Catholic churches in the United States to preserve the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land and bring awareness to their mission.





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SISTER MARIA NIKOPOIA WILL BE SHARING ABOUT THE MISSION IN GUYANA DURING THE WEEKEND MASSES. THE SISTERS IN GUYANA WORK WITH CHILDREN AND POOR FAMILIES IN HUMAN AND RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT.



Help Wanted

Welcome Ministry Volunteer

We created a ministry to welcome visitors and new parishioners to St. Martha.

The duties include reaching out to new residents, providing tours, orienting new parishioners, and staffing the Welcome Table after Mass.

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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.

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.

The Homeless Outreach donation box is the way to truly help. Placing your donations in the box will make a real difference.



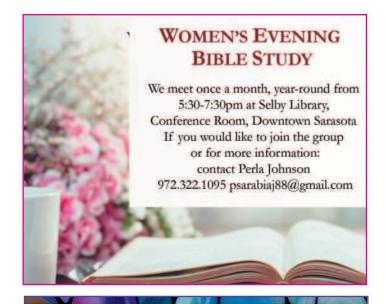
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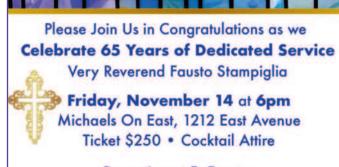
Become a Natural Family Planning Practitioner! St. Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility Care offers a Nationally Accredited Education Program on November 15, at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Gulfport. Scholarships available. The 13-month course is an empowering approach to women's reproductive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

Catholic Mass on Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11, in the outdoor Amphitheater at Sarasota National Cemetery at 3pm. This sacred tradition is in its 16th year as we gather as one people under God, and we honor and remember our United States veterans, both living and deceased. All are welcome to attend. If you are a member of the military, come, and wear your uniform! Opening ceremonies begin at 2:45pm.

Dilexi te - All are encouraged to read and embrace the first apostolic exhortation from Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi te, which invites all the faithful to renew their commitment and closeness to the poor. God's love is vividly demonstrated by His protection of the weak and the poor, the Holy Father writes. Pope Leo goes further, reminding us of a simple truth ...love for our neighbor is tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God. The message from the Holy Father is clear: Love for our neighbor, and charity, is not optional. Rather, it is an essential element and requirement of our Catholic faith.







Reception at Fr Fausto

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- Local contact Rich 941.343.0672

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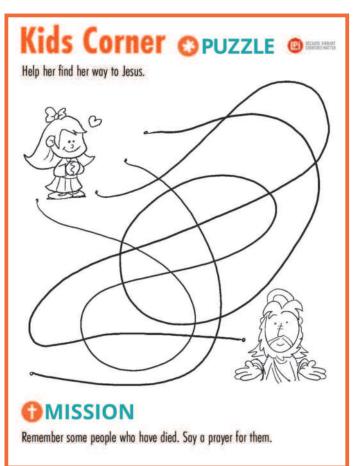




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a Note From The Principal...



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As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary Year, we warmly invite all families to join us for our upcoming Open Houses and experience what makes St. Martha such a special place to learn and grow. Come meet our dedicated teachers, explore our classrooms, and see how faith, excellence, and community have shaped generations of students.

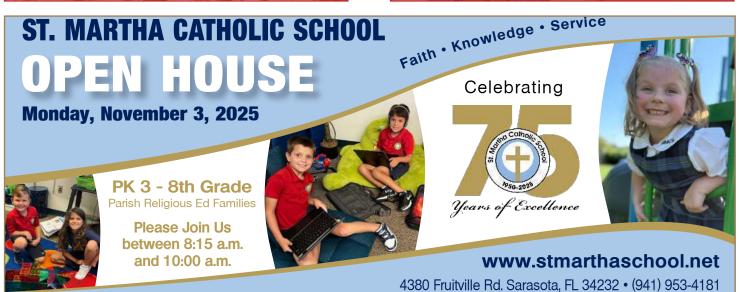
Details and dates can be found on this page. We look forward to welcoming you into our St Martha family!

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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Sr. Cathy Bonfield, S.S.N.D.



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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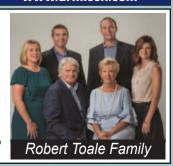


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