

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent



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

December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent by Father Gennadi

Today is the third Sunday of Advent—the Sunday of Joy. Joy begins in our hearts through the Truth—the complete Truth about God. Let's be honest: life is not easy. We experience all kinds of difficulties, one after another. When we deal with one, others come right away, no matter who we are, what social position we hold or how much we have. However, our joy cannot come from a thoughtless approach to reality or carelessness. Its source should be a deep union with God flowing from prayer and living in Truth. We are to be those who do not give in to discouragement but seek answers to our problems in the Word of God and find solutions there.

Truth is always clear and simple, though sometimes hard to accept. People lost in the winding paths of their lives sought John the Baptist because they knew that he spoke the Truth—about God, the world, and mankind. More than that, they knew he proclaimed the joyful Truth that leads to salvation. They reached out their hands to this beautiful and liberating Truth.

Where can we find true joy? Lasting joy comes only from God. We have His promises and the words of the prophets. These words will never pass away. They call us to readiness for the coming of Christ. This readiness is not only vigilance but also a willingness to receive Him worthily. Deep within every human heart is a cry for consolation, for the One who is our Joy. Often lonely, sad, and longing for Truth, we yearn for Him. To encounter this Joy, we need nothing more than a watchful heart and open eyes.

God chooses what is simple and sincere for great things. He chose the prayerful, Spirit-filled John the Baptist, the prophets, and ordinary yet authentic people to be His messengers. John the Baptist was such a messenger: concrete, clear, decisive and demanding. His faithfulness cost him dearly. Instead of human joy, he received imprisonment and ultimately death at the hands of Herodias, an enemy of Truth. Yet John immersed his human joy in love for Christ—and Christ gave him divine joy in return.

God is coming as a guest—He is very nearby. What should we do? We must love. Whoever loves will never be indifferent. Whoever loves is joyful. Let us love God as best we can, as best we know how. Let us pray: God, Mary, help us to change. John from the Jordan, we come to you—teach us what we should do! Courageous messenger of God, show us what we need to improve in our lives to regain the joy of our hearts.

Everyone is happy that Christmas is coming, but not everyone knows where this joy comes from. Some say it's the colorful tree and gifts. Others point to snow, frost, reindeer and Santa Claus. Still others think it's simply about rest and good food. But true joy comes from the Lord Jesus Himself, whose birth we celebrate. A little boy once asked his grandmother: "Why do we put lights on the Christmas tree?" She smiled and said: "Because the world can be dark, and we need reminders of the Light." The boy thought for a moment and replied: "But the lights go out when we unplug them." His grandmother hugged him and whispered: "That's why we need Jesus—His light never goes out." This simple truth is what Advent teaches us: joy and light come from Christ, not from decorations or gifts.

So let us rejoice—Christmas is near! Let us prepare our hearts for Christ, the source of everlasting joy.



Our Pastor, Father George

Notes From Fr George:

Welcome Fr. John Sharuk in

St. Martha's Parish! - Fr. John, born in Belarus, belongs to the Polish Province in Poznan of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers. He has worked in the Pallottine parish in Poland for the last five years. We hope that he will settle well here in Sarasota and will help us in St. Martha's parish, fulfilling his priestly ministry.

Blessed Mary – Patron Saint of the Third Sunday of Advent - With Mary we anticipate in Christmas joyful celebrations, and we prepare for the Solemnity of the Nativity of Christ. She brought us pure joy and saving hope when she gave birth to Jesus, may the Blessed Virgin pray for us and for our families.

Called by Name vocation campaign - If you know a young man (age 16-30) who demonstrates virtue, a life of faith, and a heart for service, you can encourage him to consider the priesthood by sharing his name and contact information with the Vocation Office. These men will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Dewane, an invitation to a special dinner, and ongoing support from our Vocation Office. You can either fill out the card in your pew and drop it in the basket today during the collection or scan the QR code to submit the information online.

Christmas special Confessions - The St. Martha priests will take turns to hear confessions from 9am to 5pm on Monday, December 22 and on Tuesday, December 23 as well as from 9am to 12pm on Wednesday, December 24, 2025.

Christmas Mass schedule - Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil Masses at **4pm** in the hall, **4pm** in the church, **5:30pm**, **8pm** (Vietnamese Mass), **11:30pm** -Carol Service, **12am** midnight Mass.

Christmas Day (Dec. 25) Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12pm (Vietnamese Mass), 12pm.

Next Sunday, December 21, 2025, is Fourth Sunday of Advent. With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family,
Father George

The St Martha & St Mary School 8th Grade Retreat - Catholic Social Teachings in Action Our students spent the day helping area Ministries. For Hope Seeds our students made 1,000 family packs that will be sent to third world countries to plant and will provide one years' worth of vegetables for each family. They provided 56 Blessing Bags filled with Food & Hygiene products for Resurrection House. They made 136 Christmas Door Hangers for all the residents of Casa Santa Marta. They made 100 Get Well Christmas Cards for the patients at Sarasota Memorial Hospital and 140 St. Nick gift bags for St Martha parish Religious Education (R.E.) students and they donated gift cards that will be given to clients of Family Promise Sarasota-Manatee and Resurrection House. All and all an AMAZING day!



Join Us for Christmas Masses

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Vigil Masses

4pm - Church
4pm - Hall
5:30pm - Church
8pm - Church (Vietnamese Mass)
11:30pm - Church - Carol Service
12:00am - Church - Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day Masses

7:30am - Church
9am - Church
10:30am - Church
12pm - Church
12pm - Hall (Vietnamese Mass)



O Come, Let Us Adore Him



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St Martha Legacy Society



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, 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.



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This one-year scholarship is non-renewable and can be used for tuition, books, fees and housing expenses.



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The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to offer the Frank & Florence Coseglia Scholarship to one financially needy graduating senior from each of the four Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Venice. This one-year, nonrenewable scholarship is valued at approximately \$1,100 and is intended for students that provided significant service to their Catholic Schools and Parishes.


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Deadline: All applications and supporting documents due by **March 2, 2026 at 11:59pm**

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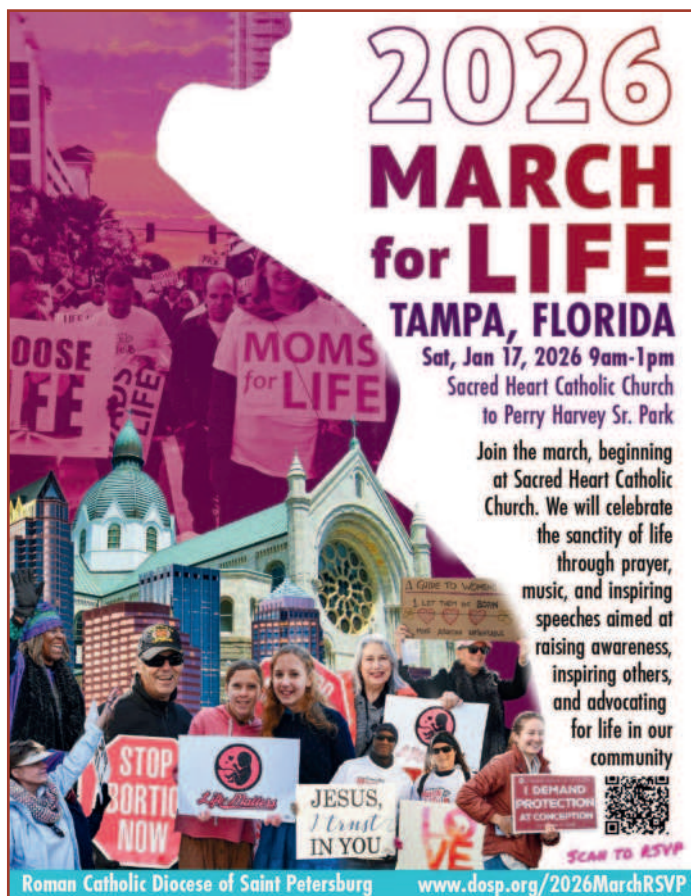


All St Martha's youth are invited to join in the singing with the **ST MARTHA MELODY MAKERS YOUTH CHOIR**



Make a joyful noise
unto the
LORD!
Psalm 100

For more information, Fall schedule,
and to join, contact **Joy** at
941.587.3584 or mjoylfl@comcast.net



**2026
MARCH
for LIFE
TAMPA, FLORIDA**

Sat, Jan 17, 2026 9am-1pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Join the march, beginning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. We will celebrate the sanctity of life through prayer, music, and inspiring speeches aimed at raising awareness, inspiring others, and advocating for life in our community

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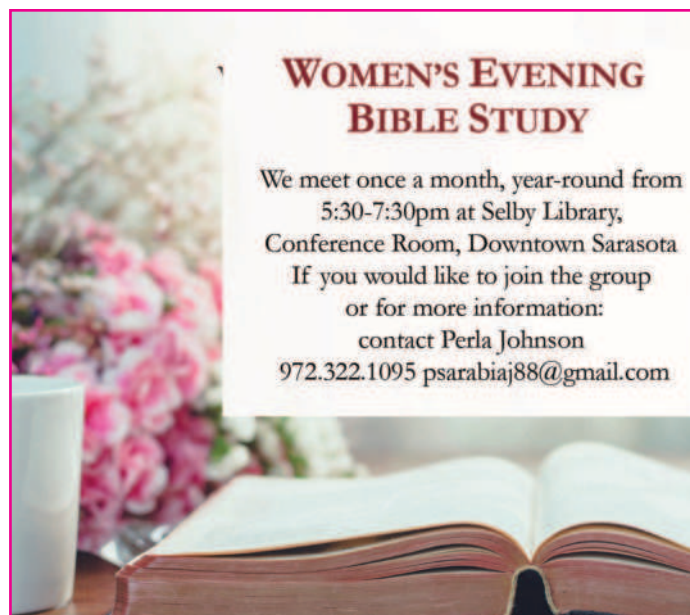


Save The Date
Women's Emmaus Experience

March 6-8, 2026

Location Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, Venice
Hosted by Epiphany Cathedral Parish
Come Journey with Us On The Road to Emmaus!

Contact Donna Vodraska
donnavodraska@aol.com • 941.496.4464 (home) • 630-336-0918 (cell)



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We meet once a month, year-round from 5:30-7:30pm at Selby Library, Conference Room, Downtown Sarasota

If you would like to join the group or for more information:
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972.322.1095 psarabiaj88@gmail.com



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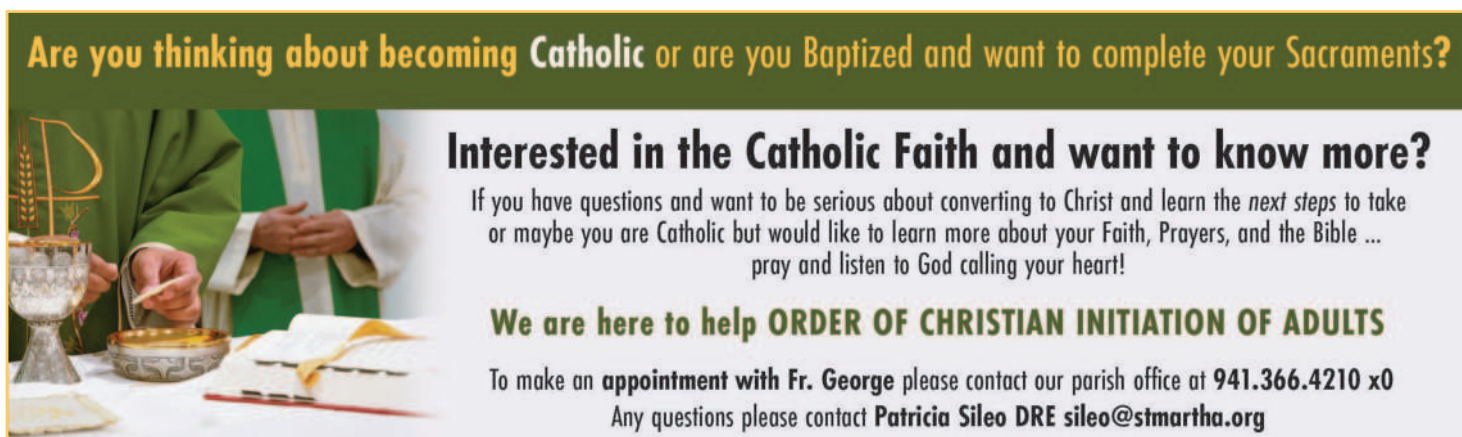
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Dewane**

Q & A

Bishop Frank J. Dewane

7PM-9PM

Oak & Stone
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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**
Any questions please contact **Patricia Sileo DRE** sileo@stmartha.org

Weekly Mass Intentions



Sun, Dec 14 . . . Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

7:30am.....[JV] . . (L) Fr. Jan by David and Paula Shigley
 9:00am.....[GR] . . Nelly Younan by Joe and Nora Stephan
 9:00am.....[FS] . . (Hall) (L) Fiorella Duarte by Adriana
 10:30am.....[GS] . . For All Parishioners
 12:00pm.....[GR] . . Jim Norris by his Wife
 12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
 5:30pm.....[GR] . . L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe

Mon, Dec 15 . . . Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

7:30am.....[JV] . . Mary Martha Meade by Claire Meade
 8:30am.....[GS] . . Dec'd Mbrs of the Zucara Family by Cathy Giblin
 12:00pm.....[JV] . . Margaret Spero by Allyson and David Corchado & Family
 5:30pm.....[PM] . . Service of the Word of God with Communion

Tue, Dec 16 . . . Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

7:30am.....[GR] . . Sergio Massara by Marcela Levin
 8:30am.....[JV] . . Robert and Ann Corey by John Corey
 12:00pm.....[GS] . . Erwin Horwitz by Ann Crowley
 5:30pm.....[PM] . . Service of the Word of God with Communion

Wed, Dec 17 . . . Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

7:30am.....[GS] . . (L) Al Donohoe by Paul and Marge Lortie
 8:30am.....[GR] . . (L) Mary & (D) Robert Testin by Mary
 12:00pm.....[GS] . . John Meyers by Ann Crowley
 5:30pm.....[PM] . . Service of the Word of God with Holy Communion

Thu, Dec 18 . . . Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

7:30am.....[GR] . . L & D Mbrs of the Polson Family by Melissa Furman
 8:30am.....[JV] . . Mary E. Newan by Cedric and Paula Dendy
 12:00pm.....[FS] . . Sergio Massara by Claire Collins
 5:30pm.....[PM] . . Service of the Word of God with Holy Communion

Fri, Dec 19 . . . Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

7:30am.....[JV] . . Brendan McAninch by Tom and Jacqueline Kelly
 8:30am.....[FS] . . Missing and Exploited Children by Joe and Betty Plouffe
 12:00pm.....[GR] . . Brian Wilson by John Iacopelli
 5:30pm.....[PM] . . Service of the Word of God with Holy Communion

Sat, Dec 20 . . . Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

7:30am.....[GR] . . (L) Aldo Massara by his 7:30 Mass Friends
 8:30am.....[JV] . . Patricia Drumsta Prado by Marcelina Cunha
 4:00pm.....[FS] . . Sheila Heimbuch by Judi and Josh Reynolds
 5:30pm.....[GS] . . (L) Kathleen Gardy by Maureen

Sun, Dec 21 . . . Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

7:30am.....[JV] . . Ryan Halstead by Mom
 9:00am.....[GS] . . Margaret Spero by Al Spero
 9:00am.....[GR] . . (Hall) Janet Drygas by Jeff and Debbie Stern
 10:30am.....[FS] . . For All Parishioners
 12:00pm.....[GS] . . Robert, Susan, Michael Brabazon by Kathleen Brabazon
 12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
 5:30pm.....[GS] . . L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Famioy by Joe & Betty Plouffe

Fr. George (GS), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr. Gennadi (GR), Dn. Pat Macaulay (PM)



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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.

Service of the Word of God

Join us Monday - Friday at 5:30pm
 in our church to celebrate the daily
Service of the Word of God with
 Holy Communion.

Deacon Pat and Deacon Bill will be
 leading the service through
 Advent Season.



Events & Announcements

Heart of Sarasota - Community Pregnancy Clinics of Sarasota hosts Heart of Sarasota event, *Together Miracles Happen*, on **Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 5pm** at **GROVE Event Venue**, 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch. The evening features Melissa Ohden, Founder and Director of The Abortion Survivors Network, as the keynote speaker. Mrs. Ohden is nationally recognized for advocacy and powerful testimony. This event is free, registration is required contact sarasotaevent@community4live.com.

Mental Health Counseling Services - Health Counseling, for adults and children provided by licensed mental health therapists. If you or someone you know is feeling stressed, anxious, depressed, helpless, or overwhelmed, Catholic Charities can help. For more information, please call 239.455.2655.

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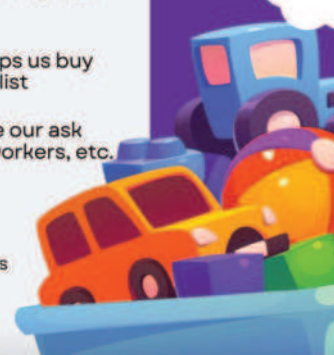


Spread the word - share our ask with friends, family, coworkers, etc.



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4235 Michigan Link Ave, Fort Myers
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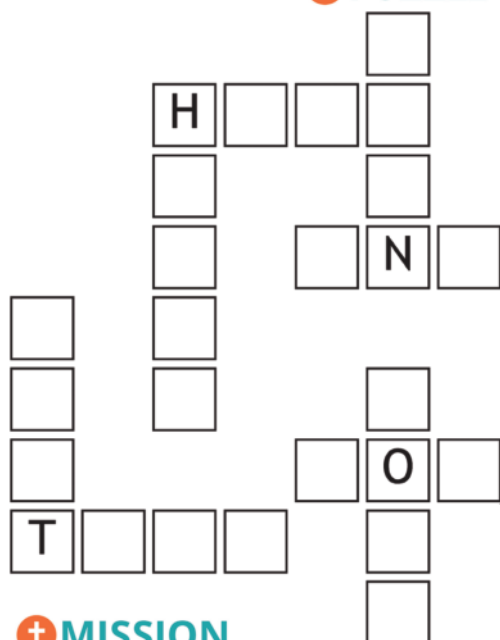


Questions or want to help?

info@catholiccharitiesdov.org

Kids Corner

Kids Corner PUZZLE



MISSION

If you have videos telling Bible stories, watch one or two with your family.

Kids Corner GOSPEL



PRAYER

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



A Note From The Principal...

To Our St. Martha Parish Family,

Our students had a meaningful start to the season with service, learning, and faith in action. Our 2nd graders enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Historic Spanish Point, exploring archaeological features and discovering how early Floridians lived and worked. During All School Mass, Father George blessed our Advent wreath as we begin this sacred season of waiting and hope. Over Thanksgiving Break, students and families volunteered at All Faiths Food Bank and participated in an Adopt-A-Road cleanup along McIntosh Road, collecting bags of recyclables and trash as part of the Keep Sarasota County Beautiful project. We are grateful for our school community's joyful witness to God's call to serve others.

God Bless,
Mari Jo Hanson, *Principal*



Adopt-A-Road - Students and families did a clean up over Thanksgiving Break across McIntosh Road between Fruitville and Bahia Vista, as part of the Keep Sarasota County Beautiful Project. They collected 12 bags of trash, five bags of recyclables, as well as old street signs and scrap metal!



All Faiths Food Bank - Students and families took time to volunteer at All Faiths Food Bank during Thanksgiving Break!



Father George Blessed the Advent Wreath during All School Mass



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Eris Nunez, Maintenance
Carlos Sierra Napoles, Maintenance
Claudia Moschini, Rectory Chef

St. Martha Clergy
Rev. George Suszko, S.A.C. Pastor
Rev. Gennadi Romachko, S.A.C.
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Hospital Chaplain
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Important Contact Information

Diocese of Venice

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Outreach Ministries

Altar Servers	Dn. Vern Smith	dcvern@stmartha.org
Catholic Charities	Diocese of Venice.	941.484.9543
Community Pregnancy Clinics		941.260.5427
Casa Santa Marta		941.366.4448
Choir/Cantor	Thomas Varas	tvaras@stmartha.org
Eucharist Adoration	Parish Office	941.366.4210
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Finance Council	Emil Efthimides	ede24@usa.com
Family Ministry	Gary Kerschner	Kerschg56@gmail.com
Herrig Caritas (9-11am, M-F)	Tony Cocco, Chair	941.366.5620
Hospitality Ministry	Beth Cannata	941.321.2953
Knights of Columbus	Dale Thompson	941.350.9010
Lectors	Randy Kelly	510.853.0401
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Parish Council	Beth Cannata	941.321.2953
Prayer Line	Parish Office	941.366.4210
Rosary Makers	Maxine Brand	941.374.6605
Solve Maternity Homes	Peggy Kerwin	941.748.0094
Ushers	Steve Mislyan	941.993.0997
Volunteer Coordinator	Stuart Love	941.780.7834
Witness to Love	Jim & Agnes Rutushni	941.960.5128

Neighboring Diocesan Parishes

St. Jude	Sarasota	941.955.3934
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Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	Sarasota	941.755.1826
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St. Thomas More	Sarasota	941.923.1691
St. Joseph	Bradenton	941.756.3732
St. Michael the Archangel	Siesta Key	941.349.4174
Our Lady of the Angels	Lakewood Ranch	941.752.6770

Bishop Nevins Academy

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St. Martha Catholic School. . . Principal Mrs. Mari Jo Hanson 941.953.4181

St. Mary Academy. Principal: Mrs. Rebecca Reynolds 941.366.4010

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School

4171 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34232 941.371.4917



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1215 S. East Avenue
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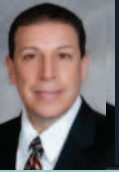
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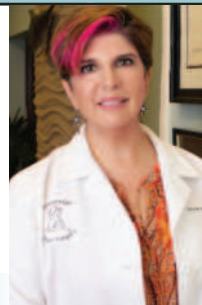
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