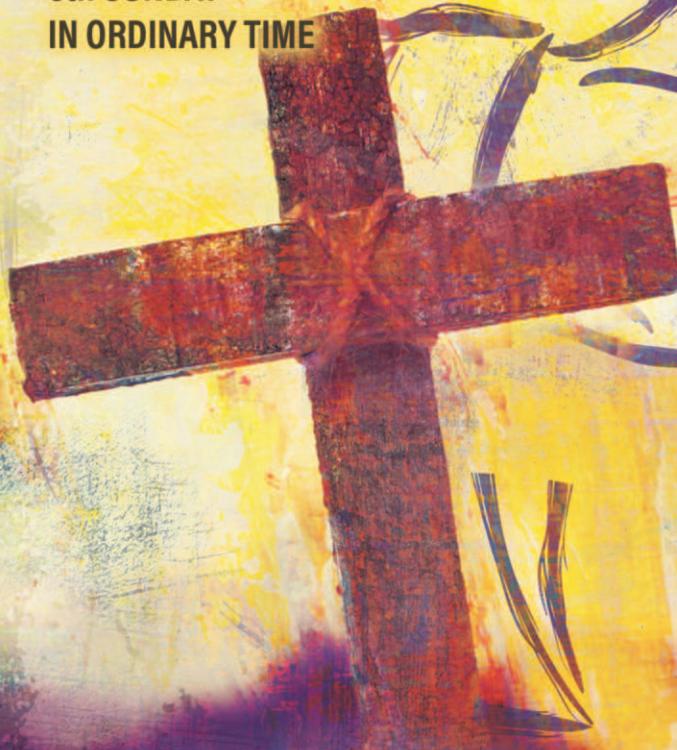


6th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

February 15-21, 2026



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WEDNESDAY



ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

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

4:00 (Hall) *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

February 15, 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
by Father George

Righteousness is a positive virtue. St. Joseph is called in the Bible a righteous man. And he was a just and honest man. But the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, according to Jesus, was limited. They believed rather in the letter of the law, not in the spirit. They learned it, they taught it and they knew how to execute punishments for the people who broke it. There was a difference between the righteousness of the Pharisees and the righteousness in the teaching of Jesus. For example, for the Pharisees the Sabbath rest forbade any work but for Jesus the Sabbath was a proper day to heal somebody who was sick. The Pharisees for whom even healing of the sick person was a forbidden work, stood against Jesus for whom healing the sick on Sabbath was perfectly in line with God's mercy and kindness. That was what the Day of the Lord celebrated.

"The teaching of the Lord inspires it; it says that even our words and judgments can destroy a person, like slander, which is in fact a crime against another human being."

- Father George

When Jesus says that even the anger against another person qualifies as killing, he shows and teaches a great and deep sensitivity towards other people. For the Pharisees, the killing, which is breaking the Fifth Commandment, is when you actually physically kill somebody. For Jesus killing had a much wider meaning.

In the Pidgin English language used in Papua New Guinea when you say: *mi*

kilim em it doesn't mean that you killed somebody to death, it means that you beat him, assaulted him, pushed him down on the ground. But when you say: *mi kilim em pinis* it means that you finished him, you really killed him to death. We can see that even the Pidgin English language teaches us about the wide understanding of the commandment: do not kill. The teaching of the Lord inspires it; it says that even our words and judgments can destroy a person, like slander, which is in fact a crime against another human being.

Jesus wants our hearts to be good and innocent. He knows where the sin is born and begins its destructive action and Jesus wants us



Our Pastor, Father George

Notes From Father George:

Ash Wednesday, February 18 - This is a special day of fasting and abstinence, which opens the time of Lent in our Church Liturgy. Ash Wednesday Masses with the distribution of ashes (*sign of repentance and believing in the Gospel*) will be held on that day at 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12pm, 5:30pm, and the Mass in Vietnamese at 7:30pm.

Parish Lenten Stations of the Cross -

Come, join us in the church and meditate and spiritually take part in the passion of the Lord Jesus Christ, who carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem to Golgotha. We will have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays through Lent after 8:30am Mass.

Next Sunday, February 22, 2026, is the First Sunday of Lent.

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

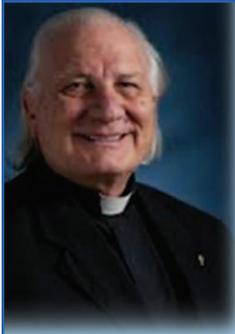
↩ Father George's Sermon continued from previous column

to keep our hearts pure. He said in the gospel: everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. This teaching goes deep; it helps us to have purity of heart, thoughts and words; not only actions against the Sixth Commandment.

And when it comes to our words, Jesus teaches that we should not make oaths by using any formula that contains the name of God. Our words of agreement should be Yes, or the words of disagreement should mean No. Again, our words are to express what is in our heart.

These teachings about Christian righteousness, wide understanding of the commandment: do not kill, about the purity of heart and truthfulness of our words teach us Christian maturity. They teach us something different from the wisdom of this age, or the rules of this age. They teach God's wisdom: mysterious and hidden which God revealed to us through the Spirit. We learn to follow the commandments of God with extended understanding of its literal meaning. We learn to read them and follow them with the virtue of love, which widens the understanding of them and makes it Jesus' way.

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Join Father Fausto for Bible Study *The Gospel According to Luke*

Fr. Fausto will conduct a seven-week program discussing *The Gospel According to Luke*. Evening or morning sessions available in **Brother Geenen Hall**:

Evening Session 6-7:30pm • Thursdays February 12 to March 26
Morning Session 9:30-11am • Fridays February 13 to March 27

Bibles provided upon request. Participants are encouraged to read the *The Gospel According to Luke* prior to the program and bring a Catholic Bible to the sessions. Refreshments served.

Reserve a seat 941.366.4210 ext 0 - email mbrand@stmartha.org

Special Mass for First Communion Students February 1, 2026



WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

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:

contact Perla Johnson
972.322.1095 psarabiaj88@gmail.com

Parish Mission with Father Peter



Emmaus Journey Bible Study

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

All are welcome! Bring your Bible and a desire to share and learn with participants, a facilitator, and parishioner **Lindy Donahue**.
Call Lindy 724.263.8285 lindydonahue@mac.com



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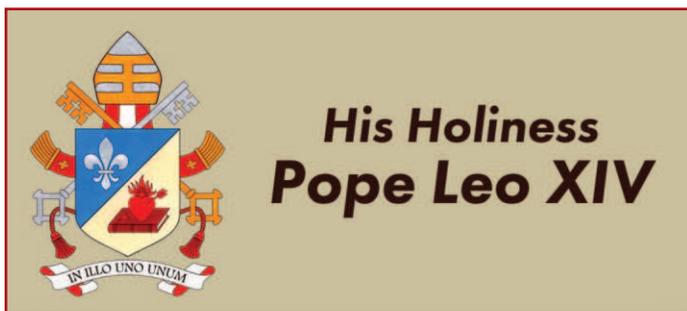
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For details or to register bobandchrissmialek@icloud.com



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Noah Aaron & Rebekah Stegmayer(3)



**His Holiness
Pope Leo XIV**



Prayer Intention for February 2026
For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope..

Go to the poor and you will find God.

— St. Vincent dePaul • That is the Vincentian Mission.



It is said that no form of charity is foreign to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If being part of that community of Vincentians who go to the poor interests you, we invite you to join us.

Call the Incarnation parish office **941.921.6631** or come to one of our meetings on the last **Monday** of each month at **6:30pm**.

The harvest is indeed great, but more laborers are needed.

Fun Fact about the ART in St MARTHA Catholic Church

The Story of The Baptistry Art in St Martha

Venice, Florida-based artist, **Tatiana McKinney**, created this *giclée* painting based on the original study *City of the Golden Gates* by British artist William Shackleton, painted in 1919. **Tatiana McKinney** created this painting from the Shackleton study for the Baptistery of St. Martha Church around 1986 using acrylic on linen with silver leaf embellishments for her interpretation. This artwork serves as a central devotional piece in the parish's baptistery area, reflecting the church's commitment to incorporating sacred, contemporary art.

The figure in the center, emerging from the water into the light, symbolizes Christ or an individual being baptized into the Lord, rising from a symbolic tomb of the dead to new life through Christ. It is intended to inspire parishioners to serve God.

** (Giclée is a high-quality, archival fine art print using a specialized ink-jet printer)*



Read much more about our Parish at StMartha.org.



**ST. MARTHA
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
The Pallottines (Society of Catholic Apostolate)

Weekly Mass Intentions



Sun, Feb 15 . . . Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

7:30am.....[GR] . . L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Betty and Joe Plouffe
 9:00am.....[RN] . . (L) Al Spero by Ann Crowley
 9:00am.....[GR] . . (Hall) Michael J. & Michael F. Gately by Teresa Squires
 10:30am.....[FS] . . For All Parishioners
 12:00pm.....[GS] . . All Souls in Purgatory by Martina O’Sullivan
 12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
 5:30pm.....[GS] . . Gerald J. Boryszewski, Jr. by Mom and Dad

Mon, Feb 16 . . . Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

7:30am.....[GS] . . L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Betty & Joe Plouffe
 8:30am.....[JV] . . Julian Tesorero by Romulo and Mafalda Tengco

Tue, Feb 17 . . . Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

7:30am.....[GR] . . Marge Lortie by Vivian Blake
 8:30am.....[GS] . . Dee Schneeberger by Dee Roby Hoobyar
 12:00pm.....[JV] . . Carol Ann Salmon by the Salmon Family

Wed, Feb 18 . . . Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

7:30am.....[GR] . . L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Betty & Joe Plouffe
 9:00am.....[RN] . . Dave Finn by Dave and Kate Shaver
 10:30am.....[GS] . . Diana Bacon by Wieslawa Chmielonic
 12:00pm.....[FS] . . Stephen Cichonski by Sally Harrison
 5:30pm.....[FS] . . All Souls in Purgatory
 7:30pm.....[JV] . . (Viet) Special Intentions

Thu, Feb 19 . . . Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

7:30am.....[JV] . . Marge Lortie by Peggy O’Connell
 8:30am.....[GR] . . Anita and Jerry Riccio by John
 12:00pm.....[FS] . . Dcn Larry Cummins by Bob and Virginia Forget

Fri, Feb 20 . . . Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

7:30am.....[JV] . . Vladimir Scerbo by John Iacopelli
 8:30am.....[GR] . . Roman Tkacz by Wieslawa Chmielonic
 12:00pm.....[FS] . . John Knolls by Stu and Joan Love

Sat, Feb 21 . . . Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

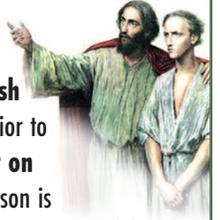
7:30am.....[RN] . . L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Betty & Joe Plouffe
 8:30am.....[JV] . . In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Angelica
 4:00pm.....[GS] . . L & D Mbrs of the Anchinsko Family by Marianne Richards
 4:00pm.....[FS] . . (Hall) Poor Souls in Purgatory
 5:30pm.....[GR] . . Martha Jane Burch by Mary McGrath

Sun, Feb 22 . . . Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

7:30am.....[RN] . . Mary Angeles by the Corsaro Family
 9:00am.....[GR] . . L & D Mbrs of the DiPrizio Family by Ann Crowley
 9:00am.....[GS] . . (Hall) Rev. Andrew Cuu Truong Nguyen by Daniel & Thuy Hartnell
 10:30am.....[FS] . . For All Parishioners
 12:00pm.....[GR] . . Joseph Fallon by Martina O’Sullivan
 12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
 5:30pm.....[FS] . . L & D Mbrs of the Forget Family by Bob & Virginia Forget

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

Events & Announcements



The Lenten Journey Begins - Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**, and ends prior to the celebration of the Mass of the **Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026**. The Lenten Season is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Faith. The precept of confessing grave sins and receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Season is advised. To facilitate this, every Parish in the Diocese of Venice will be open and have a confessor available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Friday, March 27, 2026, from 4pm to 8pm**, and **Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 9am to noon**. Additional times for Confession will also be provided at local Parishes during the Lenten season so that all may find ample opportunity to receive God’s mercy in the Sacrament. Check with your Parish for times!

Catholic Women’s Program Offered at Four Diocesan Parishes - She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE) is a free, Parish-based Catholic women’s program, open to all Catholic women. SHE is a place for Catholic women who want to be truly known and loved on their journey with the Lord. It features different topics of study each season, designed to educate and foster deep sisterhood and spiritual growth through talks, discussion, and prayer. **A new session has begun and continues through April**. Parishes in the Diocese of Venice currently hosting the program include **Epiphany Cathedral Parish, Venice**, contact **Elise Filbrandt, 616.446.5902**; **St. Frances Cabrini Parish**, contact **Mary Jo Chronis, 941.776.9097**, ext. 209; **San Pedro Parish**, North Port, contact **Kristin McCombie, 941.204.0660**; **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Grove City, contact **Shauna Haggerty, 210.857.8833**. For more information or to join, contact one of the participating Parishes, or **Jim Gontis at gontis@dioceseofvenice**.

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**.

Theology on Tap - Join us for a very special night of fellowship, faith, and fun with fellow **Catholic young adults** from across the Diocese. Don’t miss this chance to grow in faith, connect with others, and enjoy a great evening together. *Theology on Tap* meets on the **third Thursday of every month** at **Oak & Stone**, 5405 University Parkway, Sarasota. There is no cost to attend, and no registration required. Bring a friend!

Called by Name Campaign - Is God calling you, or someone you know, to the priesthood? If someone you know is a young man of faith and service, offer support and encouragement by submitting his name to the *Called by Name* campaign! The campaign is an effort by the Diocese of Venice in Florida to offer support to men whom God may be calling to the priesthood. For more information about the program, or to submit the name(s) of someone who could be one of our future priests, venicevocations.net/called or pince@dioceseofvenice.org.

Kids Corner  **COLOR**  BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Kids Corner  **PUZZLE**  BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

Find and circle these words from today's gospel.

- OBEDY • BETTER • MURDER • ANGRY • FAITHFUL
THOUGHTS • PROMISE • KEEP • SWEAR

Y T O B U O M E U Y S
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 **MISSION**

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them

A Message from
BISHOP DEWANE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each Lenten Season, Catholics embark on a forty-day journey, beginning on Ash Wednesday. During this Holy Season, Catholics are called to focus in an intentional way on prayer, fasting and almsgiving so as to grow in loving God and neighbor.

Each of these three Lenten pillars presents unique challenges for us. Through prayer, we consider the challenges faced by the world's most vulnerable people and how God is calling us to respond. By fasting, one is to let go of desires for material things, making room to understand more the needs of others. When alms are given, we do so with compassion toward our sisters and brothers who are in most immediate need.

Lenten alms, collected through the CRS Rice Bowl, go to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities around the world and in the United States. Seventy-five percent of gifts support CRS' international humanitarian programs, such as agriculture projects to improve crops, sanitation projects to bring clean water to communities, and education projects to provide resources and training. The other 25% of gifts remain here in the Diocese of Venice, supporting families through food pantries and soup kitchens.

Please consider picking up a Rice Bowl packet at your Parish on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, or the following Sunday, and join in this simple, yet powerful Lenten practice. On behalf of those who benefit from your participation, I seek your generosity and express their gratitude, as well as my appreciation for your support and kindness.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers throughout this Lenten Season.

May God bless you for your kindness and generous response!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



All St Martha's youth are invited to join in the singing with the

ST MARTHA MELODY MAKERS YOUTH CHOIR



For more information, Fall schedule, and to join, contact Joy at

941.587.3584 or mjoylfl@comcast.net



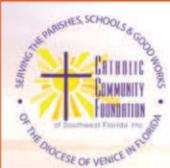
Save The Date

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
 donnavadraska@aol.com • 941.496.4464 (home) • 630-336-0918 (cell)




Presents:

Planning for Tomorrow

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
10:00 AM—noon
 Parish Hall Conference Room

A COMPLIMENTARY LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Saint Martha Catholic Church has partnered with the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida and local estate planning experts to host a complimentary workshop, which will provide participants with the knowledge they need to make critical health, legal and financial decisions for themselves and/or a loved one.

Attendees will obtain important information on:
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March 7, 2026

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The Traditional Scholarships are open to graduating seniors and recent high school graduates (within the last 2 years) who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree in any accredited college or university.

The Non-traditional Scholarships are open to adult learners who are returning to school to obtain a college degree or vocational certification after being out of high school for three or more years.



James & Margaret Schwarz Scholarship

The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to offer the Schwarz scholarship valued at approximately \$7,700 to a graduating senior from Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School in Sarasota, Florida that will be pursuing a career in education.

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



Frank & Florence Coseglia Scholarship

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.

Apply For All Scholarships

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



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2nd Grade Reads to P4

2nd Graders read to the P4 students, which helps them with their fluency and intonation and builds friendships and community in the school!



A Note From The Principal...

To Our St. Martha Parish Family,

We ended Catholic Schools Week on a joyful note with Grandparents Day, celebrating the special role grandparents play in the lives of our students and our school community. It was a beautiful morning filled with prayer, smiles, and meaningful connections as generations came together to share classrooms, faith, and traditions. We are grateful for the love, wisdom, and support our grandparents bring to our children each day and for the many blessings they add to our St. Martha family.



God Bless, Mari Jo Hanson, *Principal*

Grandparents' Day

was a beautiful morning with Mass and an adorable performance from the Primary Students, followed by Refreshments, Photo Booths, Book Fair, and Classroom Visits!



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Welcome New Parishioners!

We are so happy to welcome you to St Martha Catholic Church and are glad you have joined us!
To register, please visit stmartha.org or scan the QR code ↘



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A Message from BISHOP DEWANE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year on Ash Wednesday, Dioceses throughout the United States take up a Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Funds raised for this Collection support ministry programs in countries which have endured years of communist oppression, occupation, or war, and help renew aspects of Church life.

Over the last four years, the war has profoundly affected the Church in Ukraine. You can help the Church, not only in Ukraine, but also in twenty-five other countries in Central and Eastern Europe, witness Christ's mercy in the midst of terrible hardship, by donating to this special collection on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Donations received through this collection provide crucial funds to respond to the needs of displaced families, orphaned children, and other victims of the conflict in the communities most affected by the war. Your generosity helps to provide emotional and spiritual support to those most impacted by the war. Thank you for your kindness in sharing your blessings with the Faithful of Central and Eastern Europe. May God continue to bless you for your goodness. I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers as we begin our Lenten Journey.

May God bless you for your kindness and generous response!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Important Contact Information

Outreach Ministries

Altar Servers	Dn. Vern Smith	dcvern@stmartha.org
Catholic Charities	Diocese of Venice.	941.484.9543
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Family Ministry	Gary Kerschner	Kerschg56@gmail.com
Herrig Caritas (9-11am, M-F)	Tony Cocco, Chair	941.366.5620
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St. Patrick	Sarasota	941.378.1703
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