

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5-11, 2026



Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Mt 11:28



ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm Vigil • 5:30pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am • 9am • 10:30am

12pm • 12pm Vietnamese (Hall) • 5:30pm

Weekday 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm

Confession - Reconciliation Room

Saturday 3-4pm • Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11am

Eucharistic Adoration - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

Rosary - Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 8am-12pm and 12:30-4pm

July 5, 2026 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

by Father George

Jesus said in the gospel reading: *Come to me and I will give you rest!* This, according to biblical scholars, refers to the Book of Sirach in the Old Testament and is the invitation to learn wisdom and to submit to her yoke. *Take My yoke upon you* is an invitation to obey his word and be free from the burden of the law of Scribes and Pharisees.

There is no need to search for peace and wisdom somewhere else, Jesus says: *Trust Me. The Father in heaven knows Me.* Those who are wise and learned, in a worldly sense, don't see His peace and wisdom, which He brings. They look for peace and wisdom somewhere else; in political, business, and social dealings, which often forget

*"We need to learn to
live by the Spirit,
who will give life to
our mortal body.
Life in the Spirit
is a life in peace,
whenever we forgive
and reconcile, we
show the power
of the Spirit in us."*

- Father George

God's providence. They look for prosperity in plans which exclude God's wisdom and prayer. Meanwhile, Jesus says: *Listen to My word and find God, whom I am revealing to you. Pray to God and you will receive My Spirit who leads you. Those who understand My revelation find rest and peace and those who pray to God find comfort in the word of God.*

Prophet Zechariah tells us how beneficial it is to believe in God's peace. He promises a true joy, which comes with God's gift of peace. He tells us that the Messiah will banish the chariot, and the horse and the warrior's bow, and He will

proclaim peace to the nations. All tools of war will be made redundant, and God's dominion will rule through all the land. Many people around the world dream about it as they suffer wars and destruction. They would love to see weapons banished and peace established.

St. Paul explains about this disparity between a desire for peace and a trap of selfishness. He teaches that *we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.* And He says: *For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.* This is the key to



Our Pastor, Father George

Notes From Father George:

Happy U.S. Jubilee Independence Day everyone! - May God bless America and protect it from all evil! Especially this year of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Enjoy peaceful life and harmonious coexistence in our civil society. May love overcome divisions and the future of our children be secure!

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.

Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957.

Next Sunday, July 12, 2026, is the 15th Sunday in ordinary Time.

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

↩ continued: Father George

succeeding in achieving peace and in finding rest. We need to learn to live by the Spirit, who will give life to our mortal body. Life in the Spirit is a life in peace; whenever we forgive and reconcile, we show the power of Spirit in us.

I came across this text from Bishop Andrew Cozzens who wrote: *The Eucharist is not an object but a Person who is alive and transforms lives.* Jesus, Who invites us to come to Him and Who offers His gift of rest and peace, is the Man Who is alive and transforms our lives. It is in the Eucharist that we discover how meek and humble He is, and at the same time how generous and almighty His gifts are. How He destroys sin through His humble sacrifice and how He rises to the highest heavens through His victory over death. We stand in faith today and ask Him to grant us peace and rest.

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Blessing for Our Country

Dear God,
Bless this land that we love, a land You created, in love. We are at our best when we're close to You. Please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders and our vision, that our greatness may be founded in and defined in You.
Amen.

Virtues, Explained!

Empathy describes our ability to connect emotionally with the suffering of others, as Christ connected emotionally with our suffering in original sin. This virtue flows directly from the virtue of charity, and growth in charity will enable growth in empathy.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

These days, everyone's an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can't be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place?

Observances for the week of July 5

Sun 5	14th Sunday in <i>Ordinary Time</i>
Mon 6	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Thu 9	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Sat 11	St. Benedict, Abbot
Sun 12	15th Sunday in <i>Ordinary Time</i>

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

Events & Info from the Diocese of Venice



Catholic Charities Mental Health Counseling and Tele-Health Counseling - For adults and children provided by licensed mental health therapists for those feeling stressed, anxious, depressed, helpless, or overwhelmed, Catholic Charities can help. Call 239.455.2655 or visit Catholic Charities catholiccharitiesdov.org/behavioral-health-center.

Theology on Tap, Thursday, July 16 at 7pm - Join Catholic young adults in their 20s and 30s to explore faith topics on the third Thursday of every month at Oak & Stone, 5405 University Parkway, University Park. No need to register in advance. To learn more, contact Andres Prias, 941.441.1122.

HELP WANTED Usher Volunteer

A friendly, personable person is needed to serve as an usher at weekend liturgies. As a member of a four-person team, duties include: welcoming, assisting with seating, collecting the offertory, distributing bulletins, and insuring a safe environment.

Shifts last 1 ½ hours. Volunteers are needed to join the Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 12pm, and 5:30pm usher teams.

No experience required. Training provided.

Contact: Stuart Love, Volunteer Coordinator
941-780.7834 • volunteer@stmartha.org

Are you thinking about becoming CATHOLIC?
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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!

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

Weekly Mass Intentions



Sun, Jul 5. Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
7:30am . . . [GR] . . . Minnie Coleman by Madeline Fox
9:00am . . . [FS] . . . (L) Terence & Kim Dunne, and Family by Ann Crowley
10:30am . . . [GR] . . . For All Parishioners
12:00pm . . . [GS] . . . (L) Robert Devila by the Family
12:00pm . . . [JV] . . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm . . . [GS] . . . L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Betty & Joe Plouffe

Mon, Jul 6 Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
7:30am . . . [WG] . . . Frances Rutkowski by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly
8:30am . . . [JV] . . . Jerry Alampi by Daniel & Thuy Hartnell
12:00pm . . . [GS] . . . (L) John & Allison Nicole Dwyer by G & G Lupina

Tue, Jul 7 Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
7:30am . . . [JV] . . . Peggy Faller by Claire Collins
8:30am . . . [GS] . . . Irene Carrulo by Ralph Carrulo
12:00pm . . . [GR] . . . Julian Tesorero by Romulo and Mafalda Tengco

Wed, Jul 8 Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
7:30am . . . [GR] . . . Al Donohoe by David and Paula Shigley
8:30am . . . [WG] . . . William Biff MacLean, Jr. by Bobbie Banan
12:00pm . . . [WG] . . . Ruth Stern by Debbie and Jeff Stern

Thu, Jul 9 Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15
7:30am . . . [WG] . . . (L) Family of Al Donohoe by David & Paul Shigley
8:30am . . . [GR] . . . Mary Corey by Candace Ordenez
12:00pm . . . [FS] . . . Dr. Kenneth Feryo by Stephanie & Milton Kruk

Fri, Jul 10 Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
7:30am . . . [GS] . . . (L) David & Paula Shigley by David & Paula Shigley
8:30am . . . [FS] . . . (L) Evelyn Scale by the Family
12:00pm . . . [WG] . . . John and Righard Oliveto by Marge Coppa

Sat, Jul 11 Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
7:30am . . . [JV] . . . Wanda Welch by David & Paula Shigley
8:30am . . . [WG] . . . (L) Ryann Scale by the Family
4:00pm . . . [FS] . . . Richard Sartori by the Sartori Family
5:30pm . . . [GR] . . . Gerald J. Boryszewski, Jr. by Mom & Dad

Sun, Jul 12 Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
7:30am . . . [GR] . . . Ryan Halstead by Mom
9:00am . . . [GS] . . . Ernest Vodarsik by the Clergy
10:30am . . . [WG] . . . For All Parishioners
12:00pm . . . [FS] . . . Helen Lorenzo by Carol and Dan McLoughlin
12:00pm . . . [JV] . . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm . . . [WG] . . . L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Betty & Joe Plouffe

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

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 or
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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 of the Legacy Society, you will ensure the future of our beautiful historic church in downtown Sarasota. Through your efforts St Martha will be able to minister to present and future generations in Sarasota.

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.

There are some nice perks, like having your name added to the donor tree in the church courtyard. And you will be hosted by Fr George at our Annual Legacy Society Dinner. This year's dinner at Michael's Wine Cellar on Tuesday, February 24 was enjoyed by over 30 members.



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CONTACT CLAUDIA IACONO
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Prayer Intention for July 2026
For Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

A Message from

BISHOP DEWANE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Church in Africa continues to grow. While growth of the Church is good, it presents challenges for the young Dioceses to meet the extensive pastoral needs of their people. Material resources needed are clearly lacking, as well as the priests, religious brothers and sisters, necessary to reach families in secluded rural areas and regions that are affected by violence and economic instability.

Gifts to The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa are helping the Dioceses in the poorest countries to do amazing pastoral work. This Fund helps fulfill the mission of Christ by projects designed to be replicated through a *train the trainer* model of instruction, allowing new leaders to rise up and prepare to guide others as the Church launches new initiatives for pastoral outreach. For instance, with a grant received from The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, Marianist Sisters in the Central African Republic purchased bicycles, Bibles, and rosaries and trained lay volunteers so they could travel to isolated rural areas to organize catechesis, children summer camps and Bible study groups for women and youth groups.

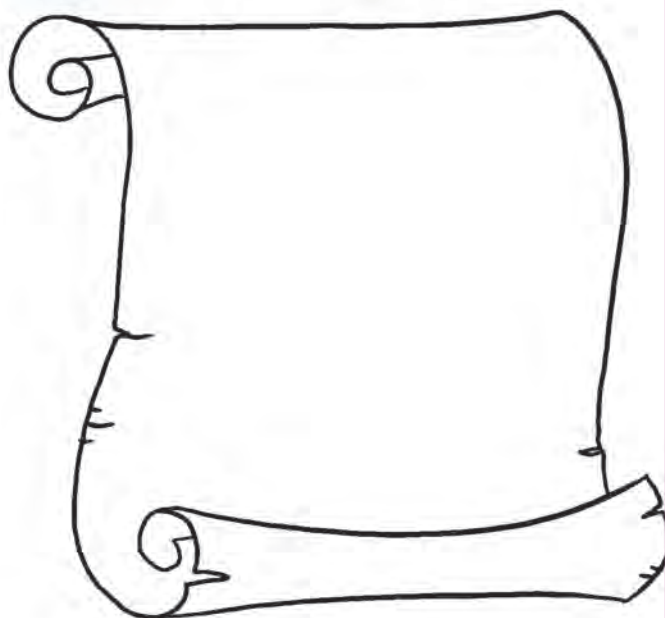
The Collection for The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice for the weekend of July 11 and 12, 2026. When you contribute to this collection, you become a partner in Faith to your brothers and sisters in Africa. Please be generous in your response to this important and necessary appeal. I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers!

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

Mission for the Week

I will tell God when I am tired and upset.
He will calm me.

Draw a place you would like to rest.



Draw

Draw God holding you on His lap while sitting in your favourite rocking chair.

Color

Read the Gospel of the week and then color the image.



Prayer

Lord Jesus, fill me with love for my family, friends, and neighbors.

Sharing the Gospel

When you are tired and upset, go to God. Talk things over with Him. Tell Him the whole story. God is a good listener. He has a gentle heart. He will say to you, *I love you. I forgive you.* Then snuggle up with your favorite blanket and take a nap. When you wake up, you will feel much better. Then you will share your love by saying, *May I help you?*



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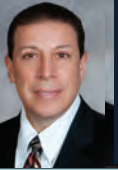
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