

ALL WE HAVE.

— MATTHEW 14:17 —

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2-8, 2026



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

St. Martha Catholic Church

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

August 2, 2026 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

by Father George

How often, when you get something, you hear: *Free of charge, no need to pay!* Not too often. Normally we pay for everything we get. Only the Divine mercy can say: *though you have no money, come, or* those inspired by generous God learn similar charity.

When prophet Isaiah said: *Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come* he spoke on behalf of generous God who gives His people much more than water to drink and food to eat. He gives them life in the spirit, immortal soul, and an everlasting covenant. And a new thing we are learning is that what God offers is even easier to get than the food which we buy with money. God promises that our soul will live, and he will make an everlasting covenant with us. And all we need to do is to listen to

"... He gives them life in the spirit, immortal soul, and an everlasting covenant. ... And all we need to do is to listen to God and pay attention to what God says and to come to Him."

- Father George

God and pay attention to what God says and come to Him.

St. Matthew, in the gospel passage given for today tells us that Jesus brings about all those things that prophet Isaiah prophesied. He told his disciples that there was no need for the people to go to the villages to buy food. There was no need for people to spend money on food. He told them: *give them something to eat yourselves.* At that time,

they didn't yet listen to Jesus so carefully and they didn't pay a full attention to the person of Jesus and all he represented. They didn't appreciate that the God's Son was among them and they said: *All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.* They didn't see any other source of help. Jesus didn't say anything, but he simply showed them that he was the Shepherd who looks after his sheep and he said: *Bring them here to me* and he miraculously fed them all to their total satisfaction.

Brothers and Sisters, we need to listen to Jesus Christ and pay attention to what he says and what he does. Jesus Christ, the Son of God is the Shepherd and provider who feeds his people. He is the redeemer who brings a new covenant in his blood. He feeds us for the eternal salvation, and he brings us to God, who is generous and loving.

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Our Pastor, Father George

Notes From Father George:

Thanks Susie Runnells! - With grateful hearts we give thanks to Susie for having been a sacristan in our parish for over 15 years. Thanks, Susie, for your faithful and dedicated ministry to priests, deacons and all parishioners who attend the sacraments in St. Martha's parish. Thanks, Susie, for your sacristy work preparing for the Masses, Baptisms, Funerals and other sacraments and liturgies, which we regularly celebrate in the parish. Thank you for all those hundreds of small things in the church that you did on behalf of the parish. Thank you for your open heart and good humor, which we all love. God bless you Susie!

Pastoral Improvement - We need to ask parishioners/visitors who sit in the first pew on the left-hand side of the church, in front of the Ambo, to go and receive Communion from a Deacon or a Minister, who will be standing next to a Priest. Deacon or Minister will no longer give out Communion to whoever sits in that pew.

If you are Disabled or want to receive Communion while kneeling, you should sit on the right-hand side in the two pews facing the side of the sanctuary or in the first pew facing the front of the sanctuary. A Priest or Deacon will distribute Communion there..

Next Sunday, August 9, 2026, is the 19th Sunday in ordinary Time.

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

↩ Father George's Sermon continued from

Last weekend, in our Diocese, we had a special collection for the people of Venezuela to assist them in recovery work after the earthquakes. There were so much damage and destruction in most affected places by the disasters, there were more than five thousand lives lost in the earthquakes and in the ruined houses that fell, collapsed or partly broke down. Our hearts go to those who suffer currently, we want to help them, and we contributed to the second collection, which was taken last Sunday.

This charitable help is a good gesture to imitate God's generosity shown to each one of us. God is the one who sees our misery and broken hearts, and he calls us to himself. God notices our spiritual need for love and understanding and he says, *though you have no money come and drink!*

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

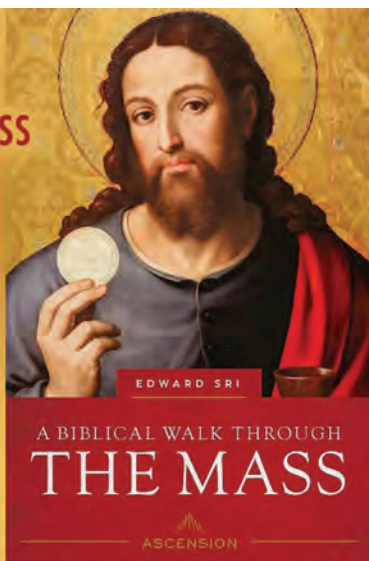
Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm

- August 25
- September 1
- September 8
- September 15

**St. Martha Parish Hall
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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

Emmaus Journey Bible Study

- **Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am** • St. Martha Conference Room
- **All are Welcome!**
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WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We meet once a month, year-round from
5:30-7:30pm at Selby Library,
Conference Room, Downtown Sarasota
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contact Perla Johnson
972.322.1095 psarabiaj88@gmail.com

Information for Families with Students in Catholic School

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that parents receive the responsibility of evangelizing their children and calls them the first heralds of the faith. The family is also called domestic church — the church of the home. It is so important for parents to be strong role models as active Catholics, becoming the primary catechists in the faith development of their children.

In keeping with this important role of parents, there will be two requirements to qualify for the Practicing Catholic Tuition Discount when submitting the Parish Affiliation Form.

The first requirement is 50% attendance at Sunday Mass for the year. To confirm your attendance, please place your offertory envelope in the basket during the offertory collection (No contribution is needed inside the envelope).

The second requirement is participation in at least one parish ministry.

Please see the list (right) of qualifying ministries for parents, children, and families. ➔

Ministries for Children
Altar Server Assigned to serve at a Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday Mass (training program provided)
Frequency at least once a month.

Ministries for Families
Greeters & Offertory Gift Bearers Before Mass, greet and welcome parishioners/visitors at the main entrance of the church, and during Mass bring offertory gifts to the altar. Frequency once a month.

Family Ministry
Parents and children serve coffee and donuts to parishioners on Sunday morning for a ninety-minute shift between 7am & 1pm.
Frequency once a month.

To enroll in a ministry, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator
Stuart Love at volunteer@stmartha.org or 941.780.7834

Virtues, Explained!

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the *everyday form of reverence*. It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,

Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community - every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs - bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual - in Your holy and sacred name. Amen.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed - there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

Observances for August 2-9

Sun, Aug 2	18th Sunday in <i>Ordinary Time</i>
Tue, Aug 4	St. John Vianney, Priest
Wed, Aug 5	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thu, Aug 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Fri, Aug 7	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Sat, Aug 8	St. Dominic, Priest
Sun, Aug 9	19th Sunday in <i>Ordinary Time</i>

Volunteer Usher Needed

- Friendly, personable usher to serve at weekend liturgies.
 - 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, 5:30pm usher teams.**
- No experience required. Training provided.

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

Feast of St Martha Wine & Cheese



Wedding Banns

Steven Marchetti & Elisabeth Tufano (1)

St Martha's Caritas Volunteers & Donations Needed

Caritas Outreach Ministry provides assistance with utility payments, transportation, food, prescriptions, and work attire for thousands in Sarasota in acute financial need.

VOLUNTEERS are needed **Tuesdays & Fridays 9am-11am**

Contact Tony Cocco at anthonycocco@aol.com

Thank you all for your donations and volunteer time!

Weekly Mass Intentions



Sun, Aug 2 **Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21**

7:30am ... [GS] ... Michael Corsaro by the Corsaro Family

9:00am ... [GR] ... Ben Ciocca by the Clergy

10:30am ... [FS] ... For All Parishioners

12:00pm ... [GS] ... Patricia McNicholas

by Mary Pat & John McNicholas

12:00pm ... [JV] ... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions

5:30pm ... [GR] ... Gerald J. Boryszewski, Jr. by Mom & Dad

Mon, Aug 3 **Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36**

7:30am ... [JV] ... Marge Lortie by Aldo Massara

8:30am ... [GR] ... Gertrude Schock by the Heibel Family

12:00pm ... [GS] ... Ferd Thompson by Mary Ann Thompson

Tue, Aug 4 **Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36**

7:30am ... [GS] ... Anh Nle Doan by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly

8:30am ... [GR] ... (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom

12:00pm ... [GS] ... Domingo Tengco by Romulo & Mafalda Tengco

Wed, Aug 5 **Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28**

7:30am ... [GR] ... Salvatore Iacopelli by John & Stephanie Iacopelli

8:30am ... [GS] ... Joe Arch by Terry and Lindy Donahue

12:00pm ... [GR] ... Nagib Doss and Philip Doss by Heide Doss

Thu, Aug 6 **Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9**

7:30am ... [GS] ... Larry Corsaro by the Corsaro Family

8:30am ... [GR] ... Marie Louise Graham by Louise Mecca

12:00pm ... [FS] ... Gertrude Schock by the Heibel Family

Fri, Aug 7 **Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28**

7:30am ... [GR] ... (L) Joshua Duarte by Mom

8:30am ... [FS] ... (L) Nick Corsaro by the Corsaro Family

12:00pm ... [GS] ... Frances Link by Stu and Joan Love

Sat, Aug 8 **Hb 1:12-2:4; Mt 17:14-20**

7:30am ... [GR] ... Thomas & Marie Kelly & Family

by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly

8:30am ... [FS] ... L & D Mbrs of the Brienza Family

by Ljubica Plisic

4:00pm ... [WG] ... Barb Conte by Carolyn, Jennie, and Joe

5:30pm ... [GS] ... Rocky Lynn Ferguson by Carolyn Ferguson

Sun, Aug 9 **1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33**

7:30am ... [WG] ... Bob and Ione Fowler by Bob & Lynne Klitzman

9:00am ... [GS] ... Frank Herrera by Friend

10:30am ... [GR] ... For All Parishioners

12:00pm ... [FS] ... John McCall by Martina O'Sullivan

12:00pm ... [] ... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions

5:30pm ... [GS] ... Ione Fowler by Rose Fowler

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

Fr. Gennadi (GR), Fr. Walter (WG)

CATHOLIC FAITH *Appeal*

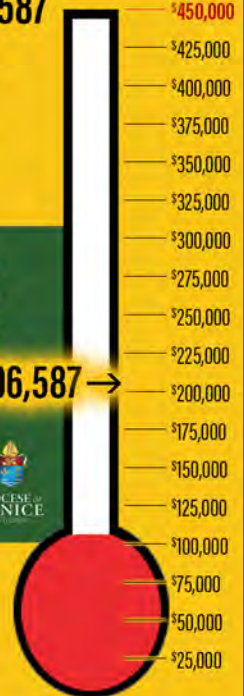
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Interested in joining?

Contact Greg Massarella

gmassarella@gmail.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 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.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV



Prayer Intention for August 2026 For Evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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**The harvest is indeed great, but
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Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! - Psalm 100!
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Info, schedule, join:

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St. Martha Bingo Night



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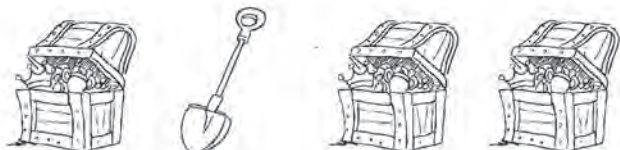
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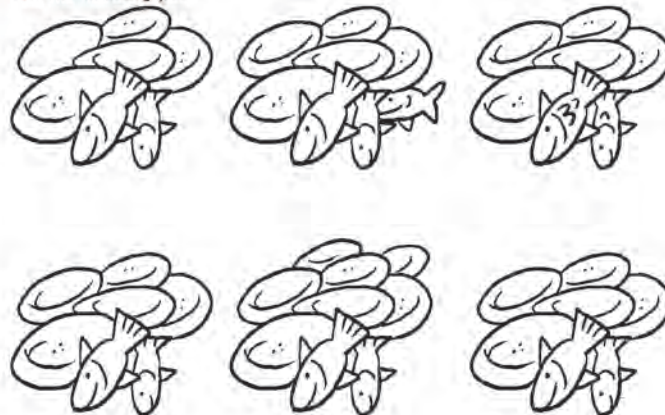
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Circle the pictures that are different, then color.



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Find the matching pair.



Mission for the Week

I will give five loaves of bread and two fish (or some other food) to the homeless shelter.

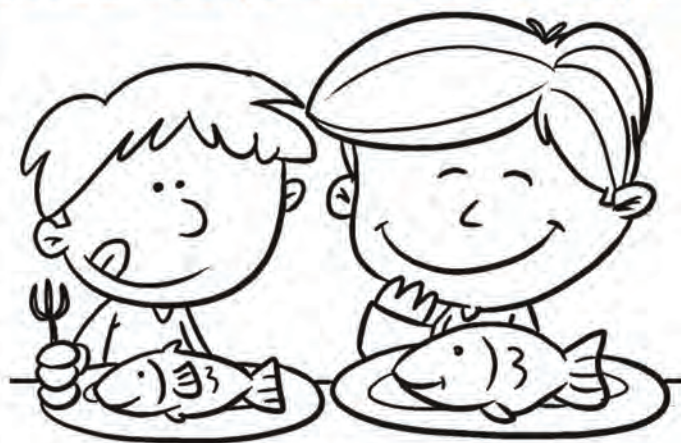
Prayer

Lord, thank you for giving me enough to share.

Sharing the Gospel

Today you filled your basket with five loaves of freshly baked bread and two fish you caught in the Sea of Galilee. You sat down in front of Jesus to hear him better. You shared your food with Jesus and the others nearby. You were amazed when the disciples had 12 basketfuls left over. The disciples gave you two basketfuls to take home with you. Your mother and grandmother were very proud that you shared.

Read the Gospel and color the image.



Color

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Samantha McDonald, *Business Manager*
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Susie Runnells, *Sacristan*
Janet Cocco, *Sacristan*
Joe Angelicola, *Sacristan*
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Eris Nunez, *Maintenance*
Carlos Sierra Napoles, *Maintenance*
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Rev. Joseph Vu, C.R.M.,
Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Walter Grobowski
Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia,
S.A.C. (Retired)
Deacon Robert Gaitens
Deacon Vern Smith

Important Contact Information

Outreach Ministries

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Catholic Charities	Diocese of Venice	941.484.9543
Community Pregnancy Clinics		941.260.5427
Casa Santa Marta		941.366.4448
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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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Volunteer Coordinator	Stuart Love	941.780.7834
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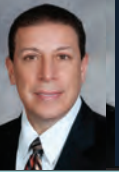
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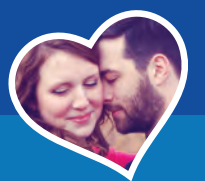
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