"Fathers Love Is Eternal and Without End."







**Mass Schedule** 

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

 5:30pm Vigil

 Sunday
 7:30am • 7:45am Spanish (Parish Hall) • 9am

 10:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

 12pm Vietnamese (Parish 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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#### ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

### From Our Pastor, Father George June 16, 2024, is the 11th Sunday in Ordinary time

#### From Deacon Pat:

#### Happy Father's Day!

Thank you, fathers, for the vital role you play, with your wives, in raising your children. It is so especially important that your children learn our Christian values and pursue lives of *loving God and one another*!

Scripture literature is abundant with Oracles and Parables. The readings this weekend are notable examples of these. These writers use seeds and trees to express eternal values.

Ezekiel is the author of the first reading. Ezekiel became the first prophet commissioned out of Israel in the early days of the sixth century BC. Bulletin space is too short for me to specifically decipher the symbolic details of Eze-kiel's prophecy. That said, we can interpret the prophesy to mean that the *seed* of Jesus' death and resurrection brought about the spectacular growth of the Mystical Body of Christ — the Church!

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, instructs us to live our lives in Faith and not by sight. He acknowledges that much of the worldly glitz and glamor is superficial and detrimental to our worldly, as well as our eternal, happiness. In other words, Paul tells each of us that we are to make prudent decisions based on a solid foundation of Christian values.

"We must learn that we believers must trust in God's work." Deacon Pat

As an aside, We, Catholics, are to live Sacramental lives. Through the Sacraments, the Spirit transforms us and guides our actions toward charity and mercy to please Jesus – who will judge us on our worldly behavior.

In Mark's Gospel, we acknowledge that Christianity has grown from its humble beginnings to the world-wide following of Jesus and that, though persecuted, Christianity is flourishing in the world

today. When we think about it, the Church is God's kingdom on Earth. It is a kingdom that crosses all geographical, national, racial, and cultural divides.

So, what do these readings, handed down to us from over 2 to 3 millennia, teach us? We learn that we believers must trust in God's work. Although our Baptism calls us to plant the seed of Faith in others, we must understand that it is the Holy Spirit who brings about conversion. The message of the mustard seed is also an image of the Gospel in our own lives. May we till the soil of our souls so that the seed of Faith flourishes!

I leave you with a phrase from the 2nd reading: aspire to please Him!



#### **From Father George:**

Happy Father's Day! - May God Almighty grant his blessing on our fathers and may St. Joseph pray for them to be good fathers and to be satisfied in their great vocation and responsibility. All children are grateful to you for your fatherhood and love you!

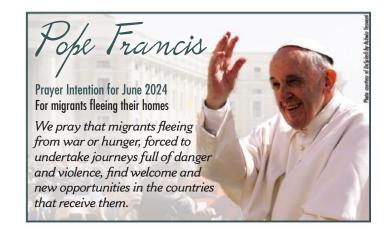
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on Us -During the month of June, we venerate the Most

Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let's pray for the conversion of sinners, who cause wars and we pray in expitation for the sins against God. Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love — have mercy on us!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays in July there will be a Service of Holy Communion instead of our usual Mass at 8:30am - The 8:30am Mass will continue to be celebrated on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The Mass Intentions from 8:30am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays in July will be transferred to later days. Apologies for the inconvenience!

Amendment 4 in the November ballot 2024 in the Florida State Law about abortion - This time, the Holy Spirit calls us to pray for the protection of life in the State of Florida, the Spirit of truth also wants to defend mothers and babies from any harm. We heard about this Abortion Amendment, of which the full title is Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion. From the face of it you may think that it is to free Abortion from Government interference. But when you know that Florida State law, like the Heartbeat law, in fact helps to limit abortion, so amending to limit government interference with abortion — in truth — means getting rid of the Heartbeat law, which will be getting rid of the limit of abortion, guaranteed by the government, and allowing to legalize full-term abortion for any age without parental consent. It's way too extreme. This amendment to the Florida constitution would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women. Let's say 'No' to this amendment.

Next Sunday, June 23, 2024, is the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time. With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, *Father George* 





## **HELP WANTED**

**Usher Volunteer** 

We are looking for a friendly, personable person 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.

ContactStuart Love, Volunteer Coordinator 941-780-7834 • volunteer@stmartha.org



Keep in touch with us via email and text!

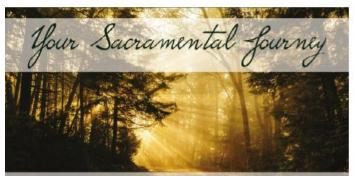


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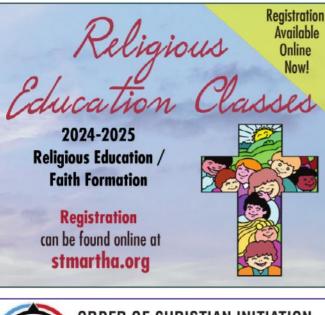
Join Deacon Pat for a Special Class Your Sacramental Journey Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm • Parish Hall Conference Room • Contact St Martha Parish Office to Register 941.366.4210

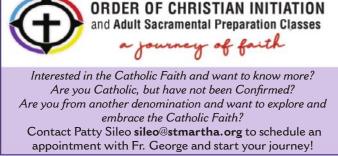


Bring your Bible and a desire to share and learn with fellow participants with facilitator and parishioner Lindy Donahue. All are welcome! Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am (including Summer)

St. Martha Catholic Church, Conference Room Lindy 724.263.8285 lindydonahue@mac.com







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5:30pm ....... [JR] ...... L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe and Betty Plouffe

Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS)

	ABORTION AMENDA WHAT IT SEEMS - AND IT'S WAY TOO E	and the second
So this amendment eliminates all	TITLE: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion	Should say: "Amendment to legalize full-term abortion for any age without parental consent in
limitations and regulations on abortion – even safety regulations –	SUMMARY: <u>No law shall prohibit</u> , penalize, delay, or restrict abortion	Also not defined - even "mental stress"
that protect women Not defined anywhere in the amendment	before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health,	could quality for the "patient's health" exception. <u>BIG</u> LOOPHOLE
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dectors - coola determine viability or exceptions for "patient's health".It could even be a non-	amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require <u>notification to</u>	CONSENT LAWS - So, parents would be told their daughter is going to have an abortion, but
medical staff member at an abortion clinic BIG loophole makes limitation meaningless.	<u>a parent</u> or guardian before a minor has an abortion.	would not have to would not have to give their consent beforehand

St Martha's Caritas Pantry

*Caritas*, an outreach ministry providing assistance with utility payments, transportation, food, prescriptions, and work attire for thousands in Sarasota in acute financial need.

This is a joint effort by First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Church of the Redeemer, St. Martha Catholic Church, and First United Methodist Church contact volunteer@stmartha.org

We are honored to serve our community. Great work all and thank you! May 2024 we served 843 households • 308 different households 1,410 individuals • 579 different individuals • 224 Children • 1186 Adults.



Go to the poor and you will find God.

St. Vincent dePaul • That is the Vincentian Mission.

Over a million Vincentians around the world *go to the poor* every day. In Sarasota, members of the **St. Vincent de Paul** conferences at Incarnation, St. Thomas More and St. Michael's regularly meet that challenge for our neighbors.

Our Members are part of a worldwide community of Catholic faithful dedicated to spiritualty, friendship, and service. It is said that no form of charity is foreign to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Sometimes, those who need financial assistance are also seeking a listener who cares about them, offering them a *sacrament of presence*.

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. Discover for yourself if being part of this ministry can provide something speciaLto your life and to the lives of others. The harvest is indeed great, but more laborers are needed.





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Thursday mornings at 10am for Lectio Divina classes in Geenen Hall.

### 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

Wedding Banns

Stephanie Lovetere & Jacob Lyons (3) Jesse Edwards & Erica Amaral (2)



# Goal \$450,000

Collected \$206,420 (45.9%)

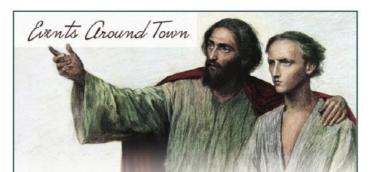
Still Need to Collect \$243,580

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- Donate online at stmartha.org

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Marriage Preparation Retreat (Spanish) - The next Marriage Preparation Retreat for Spanish-speaking couples will take place from 8am-6pm, Saturday, June 22 and from 8am-2pm, Sunday, June 23 at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples. The doors open at 7:15am each and on Sunday the Retreat concludes with Mass at 2pm. The cost is \$150 per couple and includes all meals and materials. Registration/questions contact Maria Gomez 239.302.8548.

Retiro de Preparación Matrimonial (Español) - El próximo Retiro de Preparación Matrimonial para parejas que hablan español se llevará a cabo de 8am a 6pm, el Sábado 22 de junio y de 8am a 2pm el Domingo 23 de junio en la Parroquia de San Pedro Apóstol, 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples. Las puertas se abren a las 7:15am todos los días y el domingo el Retiro concluirá con la Misa a las 2pm. El costo es de \$150 por pareja e incluye todas las comidas y materiales. Para registrarse o hacer preguntas, comuníquese con María Gómez al 239.302.8548.

**Sidewalk Counselors and Prayer Warriors Needed** - As the weather turns hotter there is an urgent need for sidewalk counselors and prayer partners to provide coverage to stand as peaceful witnesses for life at the Planned Parenthood abortion facilities at 6418 Commerce Park Drive, Fort Myers, and 1425 Creech Road, Naples. No training is necessary to be a prayer partner - just bring a hat and a rosary. For those interested in counseling, training and necessary resource materials will be provided. In addition, during this process an experienced counselor will be present. Prayer partners and counselors are a vital component in the Pro-Life movement, as they ensure a constant presence in front of abortion facilities, showing that women and their unborn children in crisis are not abandoned in their time of need. To learn more details, please call Mary Claire Dant at 239.200.8117.

**Donations of Baby Supplies Needed** - Community Pregnancy Centers Inc. is seeking donations of diapers and clothing to support the children of the women that are served each day. Items sought include new or gently used clothes (size 12 months to 3T); baby wipes; diapers (size 4-6); baby shampoo/lotion; new clothes for babies (0-3 months); pacifiers; pull ups/training diapers. Community Pregnancy Clinics has offices in Naples, Fort Myers and Sarasota. Please call 239.326.0453 or visit communitypregnancyclinic.com for locations.



