

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



March 23, 2025

## St Jude Catholic Church

Blessed Carlos Manuel Hispanic American Center

Rev. Jibani Batista, Pastor

Rev. Christian Chami, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Juan Daniel Petrino, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Humberto Alvia

Deacon Leonardo Pastore

Deacon Sam Pellerito



### Masses / Misas

#### Weekdays:

Mon - Fri 7:30 AM (English)  
Wed 7:00 PM (Spanish)

#### Saturdays:

7:30 AM, 4:00 PM (Vigil) (English)  
7:00 PM (Spanish)

#### Sundays:

7:30 AM, 10:30 AM (English)  
9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, &  
1:30 PM (Spanish)

#### Portuguese Mass

6:30 PM  
(1st and 3rd Sunday of each month)

### Confessions / Confesiones:

#### Wednesday:

6:00 – 6:50 PM (Spanish)

#### Saturdays:

3:00 – 3:45 PM (English)  
6:00 – 6:50 PM (Spanish)

#### Sundays:

Half hour before Mass or by appt.  
Media hora antes de Misa o por cita.

### Office Hours / Horas de Oficina

Mon-Fri / Lunes-Viernes  
9 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Registration / Registro

To register as a parishioner, visit the parish office during office hours.

Para registrarse como miembro de la parroquia deben llenar un formulario en horas de oficina.

### Baptism / Bautizos

Baptisms and baptism classes in English are scheduled by appointment. Please call the office to sign up.

Las clases de Bautismo son el primer y el tercer jueves de cada mes a las 6:30 p.m. Los Bautizos se celebran los sábados a las 9 a.m.

Favor de pasar por la oficina, lunes-Viernes, de 9am-4:30pm para registrarse y traer el certificado de Nacimiento.

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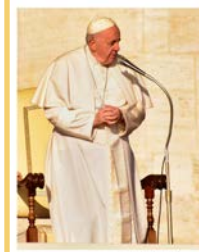
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## Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

March 24	7:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Romeo & Pauline Semaan
March 25	7:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of the Children of Romeo & Pauline Semaan
March 26	7:30 a.m.	† Virginia Newton
	7:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of our Parishioners
March 27	7:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Joan Leach
March 28	7:30 a.m.	† Barry Gallogly
March 29	7:30 a.m.	† Jaclyn Reilly
	4:00 p.m.	† Edward Suplica
	7:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of our Parishioners
March 30	7:30 a.m.	Carmela M. Pennacchio
	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of our Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	For Persecuted Christians
	12:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of our Parishioners
	1:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of our Parishioners



Oh my good Jesus, hear our prayer and grant Pope Francis a speedy healing.

Oh mi buen Jesús, escucha nuestra oración y concédele al Papa Francisco la pronta sanación.

## Ministries / Ministerios

### Meetings Info/Información de Reuniones

<b>Ministros Extraordinarios</b>	D. Humberto Alvia ( <i>Español</i> )
<b>Religious Education Coord.</b>	José A. Benitez
<b>RCIA</b>	D. Sam Pellerito ( <i>English</i> )
<b>RICA</b>	Mark Taylor
<b>Emaús (Mujeres)</b>	Verónica Vizarro
<i>Reunión - Lunes</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Emaús (Hombres)</b>	Héctor Padilla
<i>Reunión - Martes</i>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Grupo Jóvenes Adultos</b>	P. Christian & Julissa Báez
<i>Reunión - Miércoles</i>	<b>8:00 pm</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	Carmen Rodríguez
<i>Class - Wednesdays</i>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Grupo de Oración</b>	Jorge Gutiérrez ( <i>Español</i> )
<i>Reunión- Jueves</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Grupo de Oración</b>	Daniela Tomazoli ( <i>Portuguese</i> )
<i>Reunião - Quinta-feira</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Grupo de Jóvenes</b>	Marlene & Ana Gorgonio
<i>Reunión - Viernes</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>MDS</b>	Jaime Alcántara & Cathy Colunga
<i>Reunión - Viernes</i>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Siervos de María</b>	Carmen Rodríguez
<i>Reunión</i>	<i>último domingo del mes</i>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	Deborah Ansary
<b>Homebound Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Peggy Forte ( <i>English</i> )
<b>Ministros Eucarísticos para confinados en casa</b>	Carmen Rodríguez ( <i>Español</i> )

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### For the Week of March 23, 2025

#### Monday, March 24

2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

#### Tuesday, March 25

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

#### Wednesday, March 26

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

#### Thursday, March 27

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

#### Friday, March 28

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

#### Saturday, March 29

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

#### Sunday, March 30

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Scrutiny Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

### Para la Semana del 23 de marzo del 2025

#### Lunes, 24 de marzo

2 Rey 5, 1-15; Sal 41, 2, 3; 42, 3, 4; Lc 4, 24-30

#### Martes, 25 de marzo

Is 7, 10-14; Sal 39, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10, 4-10; Lc 1, 26-38

#### Miércoles, 26 de marzo

Dt 4, 1, 5-9; Sal 147, 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5, 17-19

#### Jueves, 27 de marzo

Jer 7, 23-28; Sal 94, 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lc 11, 14-23

#### Viernes, 28 de marzo

Os 14, 2-10; Sal 80, 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 y 17; Mc 12, 28-34

#### Sábado, 29 de marzo

Os 6, 1-6; Sal 50, 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lc 18, 9-14

#### Domingo, 30 de marzo

Jos 5, 9a, 10-12; Sal 33, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5, 17-21; Lc 15, 1-3, 11-32  
*Lecturas de los Escrutinios:* 1 Sam 16, 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 22, 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ef 5, 8-14; Jn 9, 1-41

## Third Sunday of Lent

**March 23, 2025**

**Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9**  
**Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11**

Good start to the week, Brothers and Sisters.

We have reached the third Sunday of Lent, and the Word of God guides us on this journey towards Easter. Let's start by asking ourselves: Why are there so many injustices in this world? Why so much suffering and pain? Is it possible that one day evil, the misery in which so many people live, and so much oppression will come to an end? We have felt those miseries and injustices in our own lives. However, we continue to dream and yearn for a better world, a world just as God intended from the beginning. Sometimes we want others to solve the problems and fix this world for us. But we prefer to complain, to make complaints about what we see as unjust, incorrect, or evil. It is always easier to complain and look at the evil around us than to see the goodness and good that we can do, starting with ourselves. Jesus invites us to begin a process of conversion, to start by changing ourselves and helping others turn to the Lord. He will always give us new opportunities; there is always room for hope. That is why we must become a people who pilgrim with hope towards the Easter of Jesus, which is also our Easter.

May Jesus continue to accompany you on this journey.

*F. Fiobani Batista, Pastor*

## Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

**23 de marzo del 2025**

**Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12; Lucas 13:1-9**  
**Salmo: 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11**

Buen inicio de semana Hermanos y hermanas.

Llegamos al tercer domingo de Cuaresma y la Palabra de Dios nos guía en este caminar hacia la Pascua. Comencemos por preguntarnos: ¿Por qué hay tantas injusticias en este mundo?, ¿por qué tanto sufrimiento y dolor?, ¿será posible que algún día se acabe la maldad, la miseria en la que vive tanta gente y tanta opresión? Hemos sentido esas miserias e injusticias en nuestra propia vida. Sin embargo, seguimos soñando y anhelando un mundo mejor, un mundo tal y como Dios lo quiso desde sus inicios. Otras veces queremos que otros nos resuelvan el problema y arreglen este mundo. Pero preferimos quejarnos, hacer denuncias de lo que vemos creemos injusto, incorrecto o malvado. Siempre es más fácil quejarse y mirar el mal a nuestro alrededor, que la bondad y el bien que podemos hacer, desde nosotros mismos. Jesús nos invita a comenzar un proceso de conversión, a iniciar cambiando nosotros mismos y ayudar a otros a volverse al Señor. Él siempre nos dará oportunidades nuevas, siempre hay espacio para la esperanza. Por eso debemos convertirnos en un pueblo que peregrina con esperanza hacia la Pascua de Jesús, que también es nuestra Pascua.

Jesús te siga acompañando en este caminar.

*P. Fiobani Batista, Párroco*

## Terceiro Domingo da Quaresma

**23 de março de 2025**

**Êxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Coríntios 10:1-6, 10-12; Lucas 13:1-9**  
**Salmo 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11**

Bom início de semana, Irmãos e Irmãs.

Chegamos ao terceiro domingo da Quaresma, e a Palavra de Deus nos guia nesta caminhada em direção à Páscoa. Começamos perguntando a nós mesmos: Por que há tantas injustiças neste mundo? Por que tanto sofrimento e dor? Será possível que um dia a maldade, a miséria em que tantas pessoas vivem, e tanta opressão cheguem ao fim? Sentimos essas misérias e injustiças em nossas próprias vidas. No entanto, continuamos sonhando e desejando um mundo melhor, um mundo como Deus o quis desde o início. Às vezes, queremos que outros resolvam os problemas e consertem este mundo para nós. Mas preferimos reclamar, fazer denúncias sobre o que vemos como injusto, incorreto ou maligno. É sempre mais fácil reclamar e olhar para o mal ao nosso redor do que ver a bondade e o bem que podemos fazer, começando por nós mesmos. Jesus nos convida a iniciar um processo de conversão, a começar mudando a nós mesmos e ajudando outros a se voltarem para o Senhor. Ele sempre nos dará novas oportunidades; sempre há espaço para a esperança. Por isso, devemos nos tornar um povo que peregrina com esperança em direção à Páscoa de Jesus, que também é a nossa Páscoa.

Que Jesus continue a te acompanhar nesta caminhada.

*P. Fiobani Batista, Párroco*

Out of respect for the Eucharist, the celebrant priest and for the congregation, please **DO NOT** leave the Church right after Communion, but stay until the final Blessing. *Thank you!!*

## Pray for



## Recen por

Our **BROTHERS** and **SISTERS** who are in need of prayers

Nuestras **HERMANOS** y **HERMANAS** que necesitan oraciones

Lisa Grabowski	Verónica Sánchez	Jean Paul Arnosi
Kaitlin M. Roberts	Carmen Kocsis	Barbara Fealy
Deb Johnson	Ana María Valcarcel	Frank Schiavo
Chad Hedrick	Esther López	Lordito Calijan
Cheryl Prinjinski	Reinhardt Lind	Ana María Badua
Gladys Berrios	Tiger Lily Cote	Dorothy Jacobs
Gloria Landrau	Jim & Gladys Weir	Aida Cabo
Ann Quigley	Emmanuel Moya	
Mary Quigley	Ivette Parsons	

## The Pope's Monthly Intention

*March 2025*

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## La Intención Mensual del Papa

*Marzo 2025*

Oremos para que las familias rotas descubran la cura de sus heridas a través del perdón, redescubriendo los dones de cada uno, incluso en sus diferencias.

## Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

**EVERY THURSDAY**

From 8:00 am through Friday at 7:00 pm

## Adoración Del Santísimo Sacramento

**TODOS LOS JUEVES**

De 8:00 am hasta el Viernes a las 7:00 pm

## Gift Bearers

**EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

Those who have offered Mass intentions for Saturdays, 4:00 p.m. and Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Mass, are invited to bring the offertory gifts. Please approach an Usher before Mass for arrangements.

## Praying the Rosary at St Jude

**ROSARY IS PRAYED IN ENGLISH at 6:55 a.m.**

Every morning (except Sundays) in the Church

## Miraculous Medal Novena

**4 EVERY SATURDAY after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.**

## VIA CRUCIS VIVIENTE

Los interesados en participar en el Via Crucis viviente, favor de comunicarse con la oficina al **941-955-3934** o con **Carlos Oropeza**.

<p>ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p>LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS OF</p> <h1>LENT CUARESMA</h1> <p>CELEBRACIONES LITURGICAS</p>	
<p><u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u></p> <p>EVERY FRIDAY 8:00 AM</p>	<p><u>VIA CRUCIS</u></p> <p>CADA VIERNES 7:00 P.M.</p>
<p><u>24 HRS OF SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</u></p> <p><b>MARCH 28 &amp; 29</b>                  OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS                  12905 State Road 70 East                  Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202</p>	<p><u>24 HRS DE SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFESION</u></p> <p><b>MARZO 28 &amp; 29</b>                  OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS                  12905 State Road 70 East                  Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202</p>
<p><u>DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE</u></p> <p><b>MARCH 29</b>                  8:30 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.                  CHARLOTTE HARBOR EVENT &amp; CONFERENCE CENTER                  Punta Gorda, Florida                  for more information contact:                  D. Humberto Alvia</p>	<p><u>CONFERENCIA EUCHARISTICA DIOCESANA</u></p> <p><b>MARZO 29</b>                  8:30 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.                  CHARLOTTE HARBOR EVENT &amp; CONFERENCE CENTER                  Punta Gorda, Florida                  PARA MAS INFORMACION CONTACTAR:                  D. Humberto Alvia</p>
<p><u>LENTEN MISSION</u></p> <p><b>SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH TO THURSDAY APRIL 3RD</b>                  5:30 P.M.</p> <p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING THE MISSION AND</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 11</b>                  5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  <b>SATURDAY, APRIL 12</b>                  8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p><u>MISION CUARESMA</u></p> <p><b>DOMINGO 30 DE MARZO AL JUEVES 3 DE ABRIL</b>                  7:30 P.M.</p> <p>CONFESIONES DURANTE LA MISION CUARESMA Y</p> <p><b>VIERNES 11 DE ABRIL</b>                  5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  <b>SABADO 12 DE ABRIL</b>                  8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.</p>



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## EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 29

8:30 AM - 3:45 PM

Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m.



ST. JUDE  
Catholic Church, Sarasota

CENTRAL, SOUTH AND EAST OF SPAIN  
**PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE**  
 FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO 28, 2025

PRICE FROM:  
**\$4750\* per person**  
\*per person in a shared room for a group of minimum 10 people.

FOR RESERVATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION: PARISH OFFICE

(305) 491 7562  
 info@pilgrimgrouptravel.com

Unidos por San Judas

**MENU**  
22 - 23 DE MARZO

**Panama**  
Saturday & Sunday

- Arroz Oriental \$10
- Arroz con Pollo \$10
- Ensalada de papa con pollo \$5
- Empanadas de Carne \$3
- Tamal Panameño \$8
- Carimañola (yuca rellena) \$4

**El Salvador**  
Sunday

- Pupusas 3 x \$10
- Yuca con Chicharrón \$5
- Pastelitos de Papa con ensalada y salsa \$5
- Hallacas (Venezuela) \$10
- Pasta con pollo \$5

**Postres**

- Pastel de Cuatro Leches \$4
- Mamallena (Pudín de Pan) \$3
- Arroz con leche \$3

**Bebidas**

- Agua \$1
- Sodas \$1
- Café \$1
- Aguas Frescas \$5 (Jamaica, Limón, Horchata, Sandía)

## Building together with Hope Construyendo juntos con Esperanza

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Jude Church,

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible efforts and contributions to our Capital Campaign. Your generosity is vital in helping us reach our goal, and we want to remind you that every gift matters.

Fr. Jobani Batista and our Capital Campaign Committee, invite you to share your fundraising ideas. We also encourage you to invite your families and friends to join us in this important endeavor.

You can make donations through our website, via QR code, checks, pledges, or cash. Your support is greatly appreciated as we work together to build a brighter future for our community.

Thank you for your continued commitment and generosity!



Estimados feligreses y amigos de la Iglesia San Judas,

Queremos extender nuestro más sincero agradecimiento por sus increíbles esfuerzos y contribuciones a nuestra Campaña Capital. Su generosidad es vital para ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestra meta y queremos recordarle que cada donación importa.

P. Jobani Batista y el Comité de la Campaña Capital les invitan a compartir sus ideas para recaudar fondos. También los alentamos a invitar a sus familiares y amigos a unirse a nosotros en este importante esfuerzo.

Puede realizar donaciones a través de nuestro sitio web, mediante código QR, cheques, promesas o efectivo. Apreciamos mucho su apoyo mientras trabajamos juntos para construir un futuro mejor para nuestra comunidad.

¡Gracias por su continuo compromiso y generosidad!

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

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**OUR SERVICES**

REGULAR WASH • \$40, \$60, \$80

SUPREME WASH • \$45, \$80, \$100

PREMIUM DETAILING WASH • \$55, \$100, \$120

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TODOS LOS SABADOS  
7:30 AM - 1:30 PM

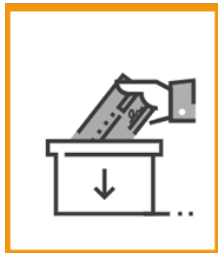
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PARQUEO DE LA IGLEISA O A LA PUERTA DE SU CASA

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# Saint Jude Sarasota

## WAYS TO GIVE

**In Person** 

Place Cash or Check in the envelopes provided. Then put envelopes in drop boxes around the Sanctuary or Parish Office.

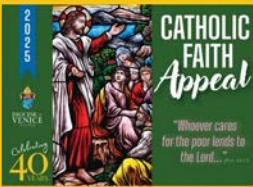
**Online**

<https://www.stjudesarasota.org>  
Click

Fill your payment information. Then Finalize your donation.



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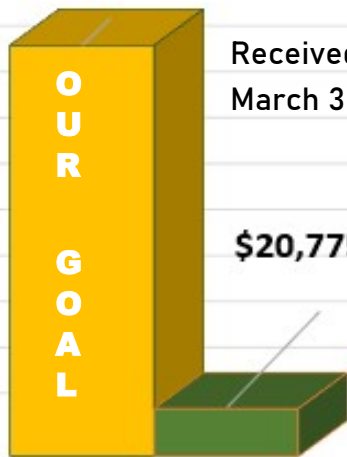


**Second CFA collection  
Segunda Colecta**

**April / Abril 5 & 6**

**Goal  
\$ 179,000.00**

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Received as of  
March 3rd

**\$20,775.00**

ST Jude - CFA 2025

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**Our Lady of Light Church**  
Rite of Election/Continuing Conversion  
St. Jude OCIA/RICA  
March 9



## Offertory collection La Colecta del fin de Semana

**March 16 \$14,817.71**

*Thank you for your donation!  
¡Gracias por su donación!*



**St. Jude  
Catholic Faith Appeal Activity**

**50 / 50 Raffle**

March 16

**Sally Kenel**

Total Amount Received **\$60**

*Thank You for your support  
¡Gracias por su apoyo!*



## St Jude Food Pantry

Weekly Report/Reporte Semanal: **March 10 - 16, 2025**

Individuals Served:	<b>516</b>	Individuos Servidos:
Households Served:	<b>223</b>	Familias Servidas:

**Items needed:**

Baby wipes, diapers, cereal, canned meats, fruit, jelly, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, rice, potatoes (box or canned).

**Artículos necesitados:**

Toallitas y pañales para bebé, pañales, cereal, tuna y pollo enlatados, jalea, macarrones con queso, mantequilla de maní, arroz, papas (de caja o enlatado).

**Please DO NOT**  
bring open or  
expired items  
or boxes.

**Por favor**  
**NO TRAER**  
cajas o articulos  
abiertos  
o expirados.

**We always need Volunteers / Siempre necesitamos Voluntarios**

**Located behind Church building / Ubicado detrás del edificio de la Iglesia**



**Hours / Horario**

**Wed. / Miércoles**  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**Saturday / Sábado**  
8:30 am - 9:30 am

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION**  
**LIVING THE SACRAMENTS**  
 Finding God at the Intersection of  
 Heaven and Earth

**VIVIENDO LOS SACRAMENTOS**  
 Encontrar a Dios en la Intersección  
 del Cielo y la Tierra

**MARCH 30 – APRIL 3**  
 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. ENGLISH  
 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. ESPAÑOL

**WOUNDED  
 IN CHRIST**  
 Young Adults  
 Lenten Retreat

**SUNDAY  
 3.30.2025**

STARTS AT 12:30 P.M. ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 3930 17TH STREET SARASOTA, FL 34235

In the season of Lent, we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving which brings us closer to God and creates an opportunity for us to return to Him with our whole heart. But what more can be done? Have we truly "rendered our hearts"? Join us on our Lenten Retreat to dive deeper into this reflection. This is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen your faith through enriching your Lenten journey.

Be prepared for engaging talks, small group discussions, silent prayer & reflection, Adoration, Confession, Mass, and a Communal Dinner.

Register at [CatholicRetreat.Eventbrite.com](https://CatholicRetreat.Eventbrite.com)

LINK TO SIGN UP:

March 5 - April 13  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**HELP SAVE LIVES IN Sarasota!**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **25,000** saved babies
- More than **150** closed facilities
- More than **250** converted workers

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, 736 Central Ave, Sarasota
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Rich, 941-343-0672

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

[40daysforlife.com/Sarasota](https://40daysforlife.com/Sarasota)

**DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA**  
 OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 21, 2025

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Holy Mother Church begins the Lenten Season, allow me to extend my greetings, as well as my prayers. The weekend of March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice will take up the 2025 Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRS). There are many challenges facing our world today and it is our call to stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalized both here in the United States and around the globe.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds Catholic agencies whose programs reveal Christ's love to the victims of war, persecution and natural disasters. These agencies help our brothers and sisters by advocating for the powerless, assisting victims of abuse and injustice, and providing food to the hungry.

Especially during this Season of Lent, it is important to reflect on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Will you help to restore and promote the dignity of all people who are suffering by generously supporting this vital collection and praying for those in need? Thank you for revealing Christ's love to people living on the margins of society. We could not do this without you.

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