



St. Martha Catholic Church

The Pallottines (Society of Catholic Apostolate) / U.S.A. National Circus Church

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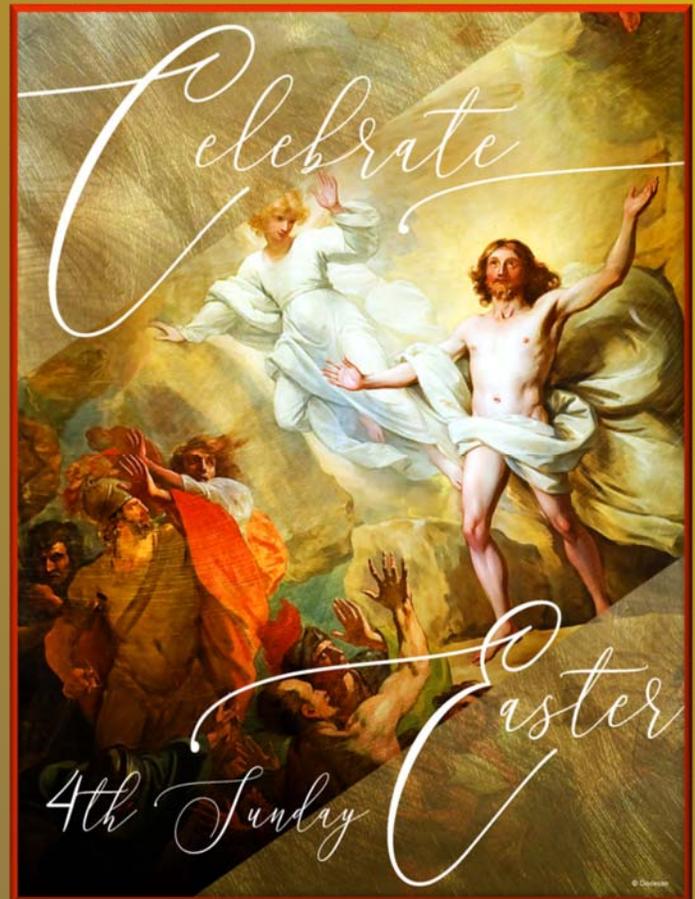
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Hours

Monday thru Friday from Noon to 4 p.m.



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From Our Pastor, Fr. Fausto ...

For us, modern Christians, Easter brings the most tremendous joy ever! So we are puzzled by the initial frightening shock experienced by the disciples of Jesus when they saw Jesus alive and well, mysteriously and suddenly appearing through locked doors. The shock was still undimmed even when the good Lord exclaimed: "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I, myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have!" But finally, the Lord seeing that they were so incredulous (this time for joy) asked His usual question, so many times uttered in His previous three preaching years: "Have you anything to eat?" This question broke the spell of amazement and fear, and they offered Him a piece of baked fish that Jesus ate in front of them. Ghosts do not eat! And, then, the Easter Celebration began, and it is still continuing today because every Mass is Easter. When we meet together in Church to remember Jesus' death, the risen Lord comes into our midst, and we touch His body, and we become one with Jesus, our shepherd, in Holy Communion!



In today's Gospel, Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd (not always a good image in His times) and this is what Our Good Shepherd remarks about us, His sheep: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." Years ago, the painting of Jesus carrying on his shoulders, the lost sheep or the

lost lamb, was found in almost all Catholic homes, to remind us sinners never to despair of God's forgiveness and love for us. The shepherd that encloses the fold safely, and then when night approaches, goes back to seek the sheep lost and entangled in the briars, gently carrying her to the fold, is a powerful and consoling symbol of God's concern and love for us! We then must unshakably believe that, not withstanding our unfaithful relation to Jesus, He is always there to love and save us, even when the thorns of greed, racism, pride, lust and envy have enveloped us in the total darkness of the soul! Never despair, my dear friends, Jesus is always there with us, in the middle of our depression and our painful losses. All sins are forgiven by God, when we ask him for forgiveness. The only sin that God does not forgive is the sin against the Holy Spirit, which is when we assent to the devil's greatest temptation: "Your sins are too horrible... God will never forgive you!" If we fall into this terrible temptation, then we will not ask, and, consequently, we will not receive Jesus' forgiveness, not because God's infinite mercy cannot forgive all sins, but because we do not ask and so we will not receive. As Jesus said: "Ask, and you shall receive."

Today is the 57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Next Sunday, May 10 is Mother's Day. Please visit our

website Saturday, May 9 at 4 p.m. to watch one of our Parish Families crown the statue of our Blessed Mother in the Courtyard followed by Mass with Fr. Fausto.

Let us keep our beautiful Catholic traditions alive and vibrant, and let us pass them on to the younger generation, especially our tender love and devotion to the Blessed Mother of Jesus.

It seems that we have reached the peak of our Covid-19 pandemic and that our governors are considering to start-up our economy, keeping active some restrictions. There is always the anxiety and fear of another flare-up if we are not prudent.

I still remember what happened in 1630 in Milan (Italy), when the governor was slow to listen and act on the official "sanità" doctors (the Dr. Fauci's of that era). The doctors sounded the alarm in October 1629 when the pandemic started. The doctors told the governor that such pestilence was propagated by human contact, that people should avoid any contact with strangers and stay home, avoiding crowds even in churches. To buy necessities, people had to put coins into bowls with vinegar (there were no paper currencies). And then the worst came when the governor forced the Archbishop Cardinal Federico Borromeo to have a solemn procession through the city to implore God for the end of pestilence: it was done on June 11, 1630 and in a few days an explosion of deaths was experienced, with such violence that in a few weeks two out of three inhabitants died (Alessandro Manzoni "I Promessi Sposi"). It was a true catastrophe! Let's pray that this will not happen here!

Throughout the country, plans are being made for gradual reopening. As planning has progressed and after consultation, Bishop Frank J. Dewane has decided to begin our first phase by allowing the Faithful access to Parish Churches.

Beginning Monday, May 4, St. Martha Church will be open at lunch time, Monday - Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for private, individual prayer. Visitors will enter through the handicap access door on the east side of the Church and exit through the Fruitville Road side door. Social distancing will still be in affect and visitors must remain 6' away from each other and use the marked, designated seating places. Number of visitors allowed for now will be 8 at a time and all will be asked to limit prayer time to 10 minutes maximum to allow for other visitors to pray, unless no one else is waiting.

Visitors must bring their own personal protective equipment such as sanitizers, gloves and masks. Masks **MUST** be worn at all time. **ENTRANCE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A MASK.** We look forward to seeing you all! We continue to pray for all those affected by this terrible pandemic. Confessions are heard at the window of the confessional room from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. on Fridays. Holy Communion is also available to any penitent.

In view of the fifth anniversary of the publication of his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis recorded a video message inviting Catholic communities around the world to celebrate *Laudato Si'* Week from May 16 - 24. The following is a transcript of the English subtitles of the Holy Father's video message.

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up?

*Motivated by this question, I would like to invite you to participate in *Laudato Si'* Week from 16-24 May, 2020. It is*



a global campaign on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*: on the care of our common home.

I renew my urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis. The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor cannot continue.

Let's take care of creation, a gift of our good Creator God. Let's celebrate Laudato Si' Week together.

May God bless you. And do not forget to pray for me.

**Smile, God loves you and so does Fr. Fausto with your St. Martha clergy:
Fathers Patrick, Jan, Chris, John, & Jerry
Deacons Bill, Patrick & Robert
Brothers Lawrence & William and Sister Cathy**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



STAY CONNECTED!

Celebrate Mass and stay connected with your St. Martha parish and priests!



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www.stmartha.org



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You Tube

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(Vietnamese)

For daily readings visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/032020.cfm>

Caritas Food Pantry

First Baptist Church
1661 Main St, Sarasota, FL 34236
(Food pantry located on Adelia Ave)

If your family is in need of food due to Covid-19, please visit the Caritas Food Pantry **Thursday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to Noon.** The food pantry window is located on Adelia Ave. The volunteers will distribute the packages of non-perishable food items through the window.



Sunday Offertory as of 7-1-2019 thru 2-29-2020

Sunday Offertory & Unrestricted Donations	\$1,125,603.90
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,202,620.19</u>
Operating Shortfall	-\$77,016.29

2020 Catholic Faith Appeal as of 4-23-2020

Goal	\$379,000.00
Contributions	<u>-\$124,743.40</u>
Needed to Reach Goal	\$254,256.60



Holy Communion

Sundays from Noon - 2 p.m.
Church

Confession

Fridays from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Confessional window in courtyard



Faith, Family, and Financial Security

Your family is cordially invited to attend a virtual informational seminar sponsored by your Knights of Columbus council. The seminar teaches *“The Three Key Pieces of Investing”*, and how the Knights of Columbus has been helping families incorporate their Faith & Financial Security for over **138** years.

Date: Wednesday May 13, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: On Line...Details will follow

For reservations contact:

Tony Cocco at anthonycocco@aol.com or 941-504-6960

Hosted by your Field Agent Brian DeBlauw
with Guest Speaker Brian J. Lawandus, FICF, ChFC®
Knights of Columbus
General Agent (SW Florida)

Spiritual Adoption Program

During this difficult time, please consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby. You can choose a name for your child and pray the simple prayer by Venerable Fulton J. Sheen each day through Christmas:

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

Visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/wp-content/uploads/SPIRITUALADOPTIONS-.pdf> for monthly fetal development information and Scriptures.

For a prayer card in English, Spanish or Creole, contact Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-441-1101.

If you want to drink, that's your business.

If you want to stop, that's ours.

Alcoholics Anonymous
(941) 951-6810 — www.aasrq.org

Si tu quieres beber es problema tuyo.
Pero si quieres dejar de beber el problema es nuestro.

Alcoholicos Anonimos
941-355-3399 — www.aasrq.org



What is a Payable on Death (POD) beneficiary designation?

A Payable on Death (POD) account designation allows for the money remaining in the account when the account owner dies to pass directly to a beneficiary named by the account owner. POD beneficiary designation can be setup for checking, savings, money market, certificate of deposit and brokerage accounts.

While the owner of the POD account is alive, the beneficiary named by the owner will not have any access to or control over the POD account. By naming St. Martha as a POD beneficiary, the remaining balance of the account will transfer to St. Martha at the account owner's death. Setting up a POD beneficiary does not require a change to your will or trust.

Please contact Teressa McCoy in the Parish Office at 941-366-4210 or tmccoy@stmartha.org and we can provide you with details and instructions.

*Thank you for your support of St. Martha Parish.
Our parishioners are our only source of funds and your contributions keep the lights on, enable parish ministries, and support our outreach to the poor.*



We will all be spending more time at home and on the internet during this epidemic. Criminals may see this as a perfect time for email scams. Keep in mind these 7 ways to help avoid being taken advantage of:

1. Legit companies don't request your sensitive information via email
2. Legit companies usually call you by your name
3. Legit companies have domain emails
4. Legit companies know how to spell
5. Legit companies don't force you to their website
6. Legit companies don't send unsolicited attachments
7. Legit company links match legitimate URLs

What to Do If You Receive a Phishing Attempt:

- **Do not open it.** In some cases, the act of opening the phishing email may cause you to compromise the security of your Personally Identifiable Information
- **Delete it immediately** to prevent yourself from accidentally opening the message in the future.
- **Do not download any attachments** accompanying the message. Attachments may contain malware such as viruses, worms or spyware.
- **Never click links** that appear in the message. Links embedded within phishing messages direct you to fraudulent websites.
- **Do not reply**



Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Martha Parish every time you shop - at no cost to you! When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to St. Martha Parish! Just follow this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-0737906>



We are committed to continuing the good work of St. Martha during this time of crisis. Our Parish is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to carry on its mission of brining the word of God to our community.

Please consider using our online giving at stmartha.weshareonline.org

or mailing your offertory donations to
200 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Martha Parish!



Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square - and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language. We must bear witness to a better way. You are invited to join the Civilize It! campaign launched by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), to promote civility, model love for neighbor, and build community.

Visit <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/other/2020-election-resources-english-and-spanish> to take the pledge, and to read the Election and Political Activities Guide released by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops.



St. Martha's Church Marriage Preparation Program – WTL.
Please come and build a Relationship
Friendship that will last forever.

- And now these three remain: faith, hope and **love**. But the greatest of these is **love**. *1 Corinthians 13:13*
- Do everything in **love**. *1 Corinthians 16:14*
- Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in **love**. *Ephesians 4:2*

We are still meeting with our engaged couples using Facetime on iPhones and computers. This is a great time for all couples to pray and reflect on their love and marriage vows. Please continue to pray for all engaged couples as we all pray for you!

Mentors Wanted! Be a support couple (Buddy Couple) to an engaged couple preparing for marriage. It is really a rewarding and fun experience.

For More information about Witness to love program: Please contact Witness to Love, St. Martha Church Coordinators Jim and Agnes Rutushni at JARutushni@stmartha.org or call them 941-960-5128

To sign up for WTL program contact Sara Brinn, Office Manager at sbrinn@Stmartha.org

Check out the Witness to Love web site: <https://witnessstolove.org/>

Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for the afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to you infinite.

Amen



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS

MAY 2020

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 3	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
7:30 a.m. JH	Jack Walters by Louise Walters
9:00 a.m. JR	Thomas Harrington by Linda Angell
9:00 a.m. PW	(Hall) Christine Ladroga Hobbs by Dave & Kate Shaver
10:30 a.m. FS	All Parishioners
12:00 p.m. CF	Rosemary Carney Hawkins by Anderson Family
12:00 p.m. JC	(Viet/Hall) Linh Hon Maria by Quy Ngo
5:30 p.m. JR	Lvg & Ded Members of Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe
Mon., May 4	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
7:30 a.m. FS	(L) David Shigley by Paula Shigley
8:30 a.m. JR	Altar Society
12:00 p.m. PW	Roberto Cuervo by Alicia Cuervo
5:30 p.m. CF	Roberto Rivera, Jr. by Family
Tues., May 5	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
7:30 a.m. PW	(L) Bro. Larry by Friend
8:30 a.m. CF	Carmen, Babina, John, Jerry, Vincent Orrino by Angelo & Nancy English
12:00 p.m. JH	(L) Joanne by Friend
5:30 p.m. FS	Marie Hoffberg
Wed., May 6	Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
7:30 a.m. FS	Joseph Coveney by Ginny Coveney
8:30 a.m. PW	Paul Maddox by Maloro Family
12:00 p.m. JH	Christian Bill by Jane Norton
5:30 p.m. JR	Sante & Clara Englese; Anna & Richard Callahan by Angelo & Nancy English
Thurs., May 7	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
7:30 a.m. FS	Jeanne Desrosiers Hill by Vivian Blake
8:30 a.m. JC	Louis Ricardo Paez by Nancy Trujillo
12:00 p.m. JR	Anthony Rojas-Sierra by Brenda Roark
5:30 p.m. PW	Mary Agnes O'Brien by Ida Naglieri
Fri., May 8	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
8:30 a.m. FS	John & Marie Agnello by Family
12:00 p.m. CF	Rafael Francia & Holy Souls by Family
Sat., May 9	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
7:30 a.m. JR	Monica Storm
8:30 a.m. CF	Marie Agnello & John L. Agnello by Agnello Family
4:00 p.m. FS	(L) Serge Lochard by Friend
5:30 p.m. PW	Bishop L. Matyasovsky by Magda Kovacic
Sunday, May 10	Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
7:30 a.m. JH	For All Mothers
9:00 a.m. JR	For All Mothers
10:30 a.m. FS	For All Mothers
12:00 p.m. PW	For All Mothers
12:00 p.m. JC	(Viet/Hall) For All Mothers
5:30 p.m. CF	For All Mothers
<i>Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr. Patrick (PW), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. John (JC), Fr. Victor (VC), Fr. Jerry (JH)</i>	

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Dn. Bob Gaitens	941-350-2634
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Archivist		941-366-4210
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Catholic Charities	Joan Piere	941-355-4680
Community Pregnancy Clinics		239-262-6381
Casa Santa Marta	Paula Jaramillo	941-366-4448
Choir/Cantor	Virginia Bray	941-366-4210
Council of Catholic Women	Marcia Stokes	334-648-4328
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R.C.I.A	Sue Thompson	suehome2@verizon.net
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Rosary Makers	Don & Maxine Brand	941-755-9749
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St. M. Early Learning Center	Jamie Van Dyke	941-366-1395
Ushers	John Whitfield	941-400-1472
Witness to Love	Jim & Agnes Rutushni	941-960-5128

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Christ the King	Sarasota	941-924-2777
Incarnation	Sarasota	941-921-6631
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	Sarasota	941-755-1826
St. Patrick	Sarasota	941-378-1703
St. Mary Star of the Sea	Longboat Key	941-383-1255
St. Thomas More	Sarasota	941-923-1691
St. Joseph	Bradenton	941-756-3732
St. Michael the Archangel	Siesta Key	941-349-4174
Our Lady of the Angels	Lakewood Ranch	941-752-6770

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<i>Principal: Mrs. Rebecca Reynolds</i>	

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