



# St. Martha Catholic Church

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

*200 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236*

## May 10, 2020

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[www.stmartha.org](http://www.stmartha.org)

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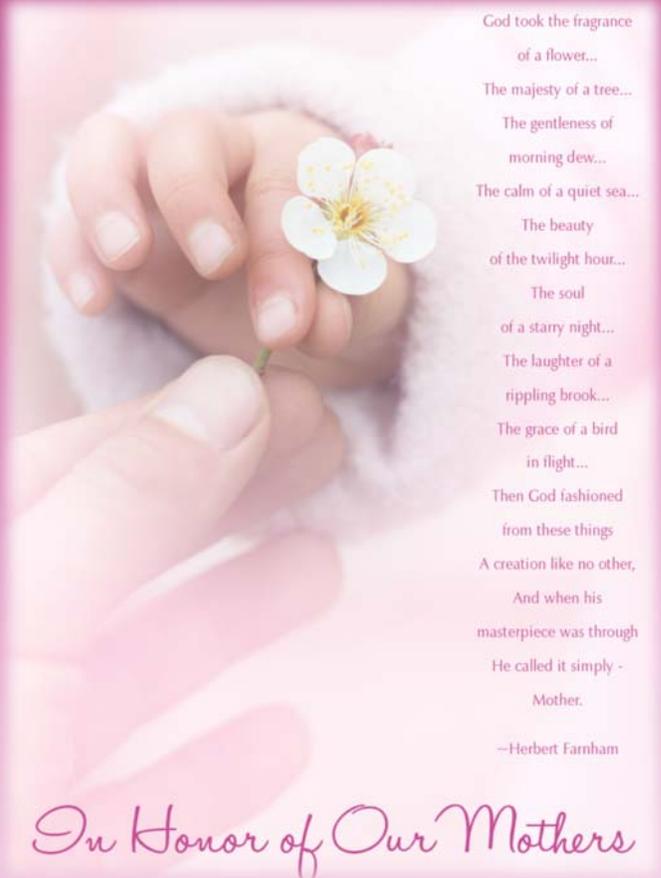
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#### **Facebook**

St. Martha Roman Catholic Church

#### **Hours**

Monday thru Friday from Noon to 4 p.m.



God took the fragrance  
of a flower...  
The majesty of a tree...  
The gentleness of  
morning dew...  
The calm of a quiet sea...  
The beauty  
of the twilight hour...  
The soul  
of a starry night...  
The laughter of a  
rippling brook...  
The grace of a bird  
in flight...  
Then God fashioned  
from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when his  
masterpiece was through  
He called it simply -  
Mother.

—Herbert Farnham

*In Honor of Our Mothers*

### **Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia S.A.C., Pastor**

Rev. R. Patrick Wilson, S.A.C.

Rev. Jan Rykala, S.A.C.

Rev. Krzysztof "Chris" Frost, S.A.C.

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Rev. Deacon C. Patrick Macaulay

Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens

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Janet Cocco, Sacristan

Miguel Jimenez, Facilities Manager

**From Our Pastor, Fr. Fausto ...**

**Slowly our nation is returning to normal, with prudence and care.** A lot of damage has been done to our vibrant economy! But God, through Mary, our mother's intercession will hasten our long journey to good health and prosperity.

**Happy Mother's Day to all!** Please visit our website, [www.stmartha.org](http://www.stmartha.org) to watch one of our Parish Families crown the statue of our Blessed Mother in the Courtyard. Beautiful Catholic traditions such as this should be kept alive and vibrant, and passed on to the younger generation; especially our tender love and devotion to the Blessed Mother of Jesus.

**Today's Gospel contains some of the most memorable truths expressed by Jesus to the Apostles.** One is the promise that Jesus will be waiting for us in Paradise, where Jesus has reserved us an eternal and everlasting position. Just think that from all eternity, God prepared glorious paradise for us!

Famous is Jesus' definition of Himself as "The Way, the Truth and the Life," so much so that the first name given to His followers was "The Way," long before they were called "Christians."

And very clear is the connection of Jesus to God, the Creator: "No one comes to the Father but through me." Jesus is not only a guide to God in Paradise, He is God, period! "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father," so that in Jesus, God became visible, because God is Spirit, not accessible to human senses and experience. This identity of Jesus and the Father reaffirms the uniqueness and essential unity of God, one God!

Jesus challenges us to believe in one God and in this Jewish man who made visible the invisible God. To the unbelievers' eyes, this truth seems absurd, but not to the eyes of faith: "Anyone who has faith in me....," which means, if we believe firmly in Jesus, the entire creation makes sense. Without faith, it will be only confusion and desperation!

**We always pray for vocations.** In a general sense, we all have a "vocation," a call from God according to our state of life. For example, the vocation of married people is the very difficult task of begetting and educating our future Christians. It is a very demanding task, much more difficult to grasp, but more fulfilling than many other vocations.

In a strict Catholic sense, the term "vocation" means the divine call to serve the spiritual and material needs of our neighbors, without restriction of faith, origin, sex or civil status.

We need lay ministers, and using St. Martha as an example, we need religious education teachers, lectors, acolytes, cantors, ushers, aids, office volunteers, etc., etc.

We also need ordained ministers, either married (Deacons) or celibate (Deacons or Priests), even if today we priests have a bad press, with the explosion of the information age and the over-abundance of lawyers in our litigious society, we are instantly aware of anything that happens anywhere in the world. So, the keeping of confidential information is greatly reduced, and all the "dirty laundry" is being washed in front of everybody without shame or cover-up. Just think of the many TV talk-shows, of the pirating of communications on the Internet, of suing McDonald's for spilling hot coffee, or the zillions of frivolous law suits in our everyday news. Our Holy Mother Church, composed of sinners aspiring to holiness, could not be untouched by the same trends of society. So when a cleric breaks the law, he will become public news with scandal

and confusion for the rest of us. And you have noticed that the Church ministers are held accountable even more than doctors, police and army officers, or (may God have mercy on us!) politicians. This fact tells us of the high esteem and expectations that our Catholic faithful have of the Church ministers, but also it does not hide the reality of sin, lurking in every baptized person, lay or cleric alike. As we well know, we Christians are not perfect, just forgiven!

**Remember as soon as we are born God does three beautiful things:** 1. Puts His image inside our body as soon as it is conceived by our parents. We call this image our "Soul." 2. Assigns us a Guardian Angel to guide us in our terrestrial journey. 3. And, as today's gospel reminds us, reserves a place for each one of us in Paradise, ready for us just by our asking. Wow, what a loving God!

**Last Sunday I quoted Pope Francis on his encyclical "Laudato Si'".** In the next four Sundays, I'll quote some papal reflections.

*Let us renew our commitment to love and care for our common home and for the weaker members of our human family. As the tragic coronavirus pandemic has taught us, we can overcome global challenges only by showing solidarity with one another and embracing the most vulnerable in our midst. The Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' deals precisely with this "Care for our Common Home." Today, let us together reflect a little on that responsibility which characterizes "our earthly sojourn" (Laudato Si', 160). We must grow in awareness of caring for our common home.*

*We are fashioned from the earth, and fruit of the earth sustains our life. But, as the book of Genesis reminds us, we are not simply "earthly"; we also bear within us the breath of life that comes from God (cf. Gen 2:4-7). Thus we live in this common home as one human family in biodiversity with God's other creatures. As imago Dei, in God's image, we are called to have care and respect for all creatures, and to offer love and compassion to our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable among us, in imitation of God's love for us, manifested in his Son Jesus, who became man in order to share our state with us and save us.*

**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**



Her children rise up and  
call her blessed  
Proverbs 31:28

**Prayer for All Mothers**

O almighty and eternal God, Lord of both the living and the dead, Your tender mercy embraces all men foreknown to be Yours by faith and a good life. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, and of all the saints, grant Your merciful pardon to all mothers for whom we pray, whether they still are living in this world or have departed from this flesh into the world to come. Especially, dear Lord, grant the requests I now make of You for my own beloved mother.



**St. Martha Church is open for private, individual prayer Monday - Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Visitors are to enter through the handicap access door on the east side of the Church and exit through the Fruitville Road side door. Social distancing is still in affect and visitors must remain 6' away from each other and use the marked, designated seating places.

Number of visitors allowed is 8 at a time

All are 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**

No public restrooms are available

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be distributed in the Church **every Sunday from Noon to 2 p.m.**

**CONFESSIONS** are heard at the window of the confessional room **every Friday from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

*Holy Communion is also available to any penitent.*

***We look forward to seeing you all! We continue to pray for all those affected by this terrible pandemic.***

**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!**



**Website**  
www.stmartha.org



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**You Tube**  
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(English)  
GIÁO ĐOÀN LA VANG SARASOTA, FL  
(Vietnamese)

**For daily readings visit:**

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

***Do You Need Help?***

Catholic Charities is available if you need assistance for food, financial assistance or tele-mental health counseling. Please call the number for your area listed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday:

***Sarasota/Manatee/DeSoto/Hardee/Highlands counties***  
844-385-2407

***Charlotte/Lee/Hendry/Glades counties***  
844-385-2423

***Collier County***  
844-385-2404

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](http://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!***

**Sunday Offertory as of 7-1-2019 thru 3-31-2020**

Sunday Offertory & Unrestricted Donations	\$1,329,294.00
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,339,923.87</u>
Operating Shortfall	<b>-\$10,629.87</b>

**2020 Catholic Faith Appeal as of 4-23-2020**

Goal	\$379,000.00
Contributions	<u>-\$125,264.90</u>
Needed to Reach Goal	\$253,735.10



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](http://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](http://www.aasrq.org)

### St. Joseph Parish Food Pantry

704 33rd Ave. W., Bradenton

Open and distributing food

Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon

Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Following all social distancing protocols - cars will be directed through the parking lot and trunks will be loaded by volunteers in protective gloves and masks.  
Call 941-756-3732 if you have any questions. You do not need to be a regular client to receive food.

### Caritas Food Pantry

First Baptist Church

1661 Main St, Sarasota, FL 34236

(Food pantry located on Adelia Ave)

**Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

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



### Do you have a life insurance policy?

Have you reached a point in your life where you no longer need life insurance? Naming St. Martha as a beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy allows you to make a larger gift than you might otherwise afford. Changing the beneficiary of an insurance policy is a simple process and does not generally require a change to your will or trust.

Please contact Teressa McCoy in the Parish Office at 941-366-4210 or [tmccoy@stmartha.org](mailto: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.*

Diocese of Venice in Florida

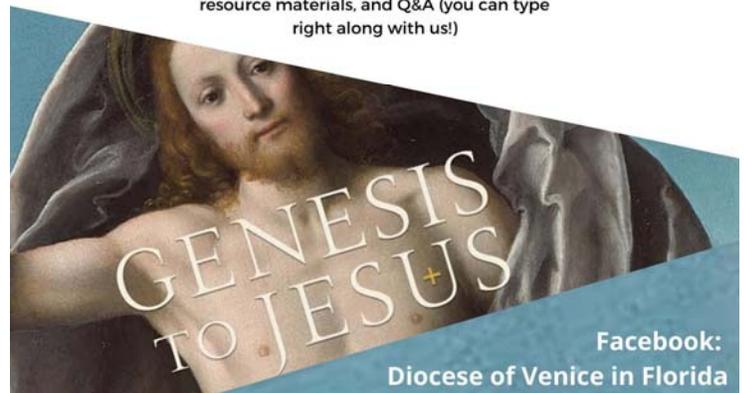


# LIVE ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Facebook Live for a live interactive Bible Study using the program Genesis to Jesus

**TUESDAYS FROM 2PM-3PM FROM MAY 12 - JULY 28**

Participate directly from your own home!  
Bible Study will consist of prayer, discussion, resource materials, and Q&A (you can type right along with us!)



**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**



O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.



### 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](mailto: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)

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### Year of Saint Joseph

On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19, Bishop Frank J. Dewane consecrated the Diocese of Venice to the care and protection of Saint Joseph in the context of the Coronavirus and announced a "Year of Saint Joseph" beginning March 19, 2020 through March 19, 2021. Saint Joseph, often referred to as the Protector, can be our protector too during this time of the pandemic. To pray a Novena to Saint Joseph please visit the Year of St. Joseph page on the Diocesan website: <https://dioceseofvenice.org/a-year-of-st-joseph/>



## St. Martha Catholic School

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Mrs. Maria Smith  
Director of Admissions

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**(941) 366-4010**  
**4380 Fruitville Road, Sarasota**  
**[www.stmarysarasota.org](http://www.stmarysarasota.org)**

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**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

**Mon., May 11 Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26**

7:30 a.m. For All Mothers  
 8:30 a.m. For All Mothers  
 12:00 p.m. For All Mothers  
 5:30 p.m. For All Mothers

**Tues., May 12 Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a**

7:30 a.m. For All Mothers  
 8:30 a.m. For All Mothers  
 12:00 p.m. For All Mothers  
 5:30 p.m. For All Mothers

**Wed., May 13 Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8**

8:30 a.m. Victoria DeBalko by Daughter  
 12:00 p.m. Manuel DeJesus Roman by Family  
 5:30 p.m. Maria Cueva by Family

**Thurs., May 14 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17**

7:30 a.m. Marie Hoffberg  
 8:30 a.m. Olga Morawiec by Anne & Peter Grant  
 12:00 p.m. Carol Gustafson by husband, William  
 5:30 p.m. Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by Gerald Boryszewski

**Fri., May 15 Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17**

7:30 a.m. (L) Marge Lortie by Paul Lortie  
 8:30 a.m. Bro. William Hudspeth by Pallottine Fathers  
 12:00 p.m. Bro. William Hudspeth by Pallottine Fathers  
 5:30 p.m. Olga Morawiec by Anne & Peter Grant

**Sat., May 16 Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21**

4:00 p.m. Anita Corben by Friend  
 5:30 p.m. Megan Lyons by Mimi Frederiksen

**Sunday, May 17 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21**

7:30 a.m. Dorothy M. Gray by Husband  
 9:00 a.m. Christine Ladroga Hobbs by John DeStefano  
 10:30 a.m. For All Parishioners  
 12:00 p.m. Valiant Hart by Godmother  
 12:00 p.m. (Viet/Hall) Lihn Hon Dominico by Khoa Quynh  
 5:30 p.m. Lvd & Dcd Members of Burch Family by Joe & Betty

*Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr. Patrick (PW), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF),*

*Fr. John (JC), Fr. Victor (VC), Fr. Jerry (JH)*

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Dn. Bob Gaitens	941-350-2634
Altar Society	Janet Cocco	941-366-4210
Archivist		941-366-4210
Arimathean Ministry	Geri Roberts	941-600-8479
Bethesda House	Colleen McMenamin	941-366-1886
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
Development Committee	Stuart Love	941-780-7834
Eucharist Adoration	Vicki Hatch	734-646-6188
Finance Council	John Corey	coreyjj5@gmail.com
Family Ministry	Gary Kerschner	941-961-8713
Herrig Caritas (9-11 a.m., M-F)	Tony Cocco, Chair	941-366-5620
Hospitality Ministry	Beth Cannata	941-321-2953
Jail Ministry	Bob Hiniker	863-558-0407
Knights of Columbus	Tony Cocco	941-504-6960
Lectors	Ryan Winkler	stmarthalectors@gmail.com
Legion of Mary	Diane Such	941-993-2354
Parish Council	Beth Cannata	941-321-2953
Prayer Line	Diane Domagala	941-306-6503
R.C.I.A	Maggie Gallucci	941-355-5957
R.C.I.A	Sue Thompson	suehome2@verizon.net
Respect Life Ministry	Joseph Gina	941-702-1700
Rosary Makers	Don & Maxine Brand	941-755-9749
Solve Maternity Homes	Peggy Kerwin	941-748-0094
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

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Parish	Parish Office	941-366-4210
Hospital	Calvin Kreider	941-928-6995
Nursing Home & Homebound	Pam Paulson	941-366-4210

## NEIGHBORING DIOCESAN PARISHES

St. Jude	Sarasota	941-955-3934
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

## BISHOP NEVINS ACADEMY

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<b>St. Martha Catholic School</b>	941-953-4181
<i>Principal: Mrs. Siobhan Young</i>	
<b>St. Mary Academy</b>	941-366-4010
<i>Principal: Mrs. Rebecca Reynolds</i>	

## CARDINAL MOONEY HIGH SCHOOL

4171 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34232	941-371-4917
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