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

With joy, I'm presenting to you the following letter of our beloved Bishop Frank J. Dewane:

As we rejoice in our Easter Faith, my prayer is that the new life we have in Christ will bring you and your family hope and comfort. The Coronavirus has brought numerous challenges. Our common efforts to mitigate the disease have asked us to sacrifice and adjust to new realities for the good of all. United in Christ, we continue to face the present difficulties with courage and compassion. So many have persevered in faith and charity and our Parishes have remained beacons of God's love and grace. For this, I am profoundly grateful to God and to the Priests and Faithful of the Diocese of Venice.

After much prayer and discernment, and having consulted with the priests on the Presbyteral Council, it has been determined that public celebration of the Mass in the Diocese of Venice can resume. Therefore, I am announcing that the celebration of Holy Mass with a congregation present, will begin on May 18, 2020 and moving forward. All other non-liturgical activities at Parishes remain suspended until it is determined that these activities can safely resume; thank you for your understanding on this point.

Out of concern for the safety of all involved, our Pastors have been asked to follow established directives and guidelines. These limit the size of the congregation to 25% of occupancy, maintain social distancing guidance, and ask the Faithful's cooperation to wear facemasks and bring with them hand sanitizer for their use. The Faithful are also asked to receive communion in the hand. These are extraordinary times and I ask for your patience and good will as Parishes reopen for public celebrations. Further, schedules may need to be adjusted and some Priests or liturgical ministers may not be able to participate publicly because of age or health conditions.

As Parish churches reopen for Mass, I remind those who are at greater risk or anxious about returning at this time, that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect until June 28, 2020. Parishes have been asked to continue livestreaming until the dispensation is lifted. The Faithful ought not to worry about remaining home if they are concerned for their wellbeing or that of other parishioners. Of course, those who are sick or have symptoms associated with COVID-19 are to stay home.

The Faithful of the Diocese of Venice have remained resolute in their faith during these unprecedented times, vibrantly expressing their Spiritual Communion with Christ and His Church. Still, I am aware that there is a hunger for the Eucharist. My prayerful hope is that, strengthened by the Bread come down from Heaven, you will emerge from these times with stronger faith. As we return to Holy Mass, let us with the psalmist, raise our voices in praise of God: I rejoiced when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the LORD."

The following guidelines will be followed in this partial re-opening of our church services:

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is dispensed through the end of June 2020.
- Whenever there is a public gathering nowadays, there is a risk for anyone to contract coronavirus, so use prudence and, if concerned or fearful, please follow Holy Mass on TV or on the web.
- The public celebration of the Holy Mass will resume **Monday, May 18, 2020.**
- A facemask should be worn by all parishioners during

Mass and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion.

- Observe the social distancing of 6 feet between people (not living in the same household), and the total capacity rule of 25% of occupancy of the Church and Hall: (34) total seating stations in the Church and (72) total seating stations in the Parish Hall.
- All missals, songbooks, missalettes, bulletins, and prayer cards must be removed from the pews. No Holy Water at the doors.
- No physical contact at the "Our Father" or at the optional 'Sign of Peace' (a simple bow with eye contact is sufficient).
- All persons, as defined by the Health Department, as more vulnerable, such as 65+ years of age, those with underlying health conditions, fever or flu-like symptoms **MUST STAY AT HOME.** A weekend Mass will be available every Sunday on our website (stmartha.org) and You Tube channel (St. Martha Catholic Church Sarasota, FL).
- Priests and Deacons will not greet you, dear parishioners, entering or leaving the Church, eliminating the temptations of touching or hugging.
- Holy Communion will be dropped in the cup of your hand only. All communicants, after receiving Jesus, must step aside, temporarily move the mask and receive Jesus, and immediately returning to their seat.
- If the Hall is fully occupied or you are unable to attend Holy Mass, Communion will be distributed by the Deacons at the window of the Confessional in the courtyard for 30 minutes on Saturdays, 4-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-6 p.m.; and on Sundays, continuously from 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Daily Masses, Monday thru Friday (7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Noon, and 5:30 p.m.) and Saturday morning (7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.) will be celebrated in Church. On Sunday the Holy Mass will be celebrated **ONLY** in the Parish Hall, because of its greater capacity. Sunday Masses are 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon (Vietnamese), and 5:30 p.m.
- Individual Confessions will take place at the window of the Confessional in the courtyard Sunday thru Friday, 11:30 a.m. – Noon; and Saturday 9 – 10 a.m. and 3 – 4 p.m.
- Only baskets with long handles will be used for collections, but the Mass will continue because there is no procession with gifts. Large baskets may be put at Church exit for people to drop envelopes or donations.
- Marriages, Baptisms, and Funerals may resume following the general rules of 25% capacity and the 6 feet social distancing between people not living in the same household.
- Communal Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturdays is suspended. The Adoration Chapel continues to be closed. All organized Parish activities are suspended except for the Sacred Liturgy.
- All Deacons and Priests above the age of 70 will not preside at Masses or minister to you unless they receive special dispensation from the Bishop, the reason is to safeguard your good health from vulnerable elders.

Today's Gospel is all about love, not just a feeling but a deep emotional, intellectual and spiritual commitment to Jesus in the totality of body and soul, by obeying the will of our risen Saviour.

The promised spirit of love, given to us in Baptism and celebrated in Confirmation, distinguishes us from the non-Christians who cannot accept such an immensely spiritual gift. We believe and commit ourselves to harmony more than conflict, to peace more than war, to forgiveness more than vengeance, and to feeding the enemies when they are



hungry. Because His Infinite Love doesn't leave us orphans and compels us to be loving. Jesus is a splendid example of love to the entire world.

Being that we're on the topic of loving; we may ask: "How do we love Jesus?" Good question! We cannot love Jesus in the same way of children and parents, or of husband and wife; neither money, nor intimacy, nor social position can make us buy such divine love. Jesus says clearly: "Those who obey the commandments they have from me, they are those who love me;" and as proposed earlier by Jesus (Jn 13: 34-35), we identify the commandments with the command to love God and neighbor; everything else is secondary! And do you experience Jesus' love? Do you feel Jesus' love?

By the way, a question frequently asked is: "Does the Eucharist forgive sin?" Certainly it does! It has been the constant tradition of the Church that receiving Holy Communion does forgive sins. The Church, in concluding the liturgy of the 9th Sunday of Ordinary time prays: "Lord... Make us Holy by sharing your life with us and by this Eucharist forgive our sins." But it is also a constant tradition of the Church that an unrepented deadly sin is an impediment to receiving Holy Communion: "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the Body and Blood of the Lord." (1 Cor 11: 27) Because of the severe upbringing between the 1st and 2nd Vatican Councils, owed no doubt to the subtle influence of the Jansenist heresy on the Catholic Church in the past 300 years, we thought that we must have all sins forgiven in the confessional before receiving Jesus at Mass.

This is why in Italy, before Vatican II, we used to hear confessions even during Mass, so that there would not have been any chance of committing even a venial sin before Holy Communion. Admittedly, such an ultra-rigid Jansenist tradition was a distortion of our true doctrine, and the 2nd Vatican Council did help us to correct it. This also explains the reduced attendance to the Sacrament of Penance which we have experienced in the last 40 years. But, again, please remember that the Sacrament of Penance does forgive all sins, mortal and venial, and it is one of the most effective means of achieving holiness, repentance and humility in our spiritual lives. Please take advantage of our priests' availability for daily confessions. Do not live with mortal sin on your souls! The daily confession schedule at 11:30 am gives you all a chance to be reconciled with God, even if you work, because it is scheduled around lunch time. In case of need, just call a priest for an appointment. God can call us at any time and in any place; let us be prepared to meet him with a forgiven and stainless soul.

Next week we will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) in our parish. This collection supports the essential work that keeps the gospel message in the world, providing Catholic content for radio, the Internet, television, and online media. Please be generous in this important collection. Half of the proceeds from this collection stay here in our Diocese to support, among other things, our weekly Diocesan televised Mass. And as our Bishop mentions in his letter this week:

"By supporting the CCC, people from all over are able to experience the Scriptures in a new way and are never far from the Word of God."

Regarding the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, all U.S. ecclesiastical provinces, except Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha and Philadelphia have transferred the celebration of the Ascension to the 7th Sunday of Easter, next Sunday, May 24. And so, this Thursday is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

A couple Sundays ago, I quoted Pope Francis on his encyclical "Laudato Si". The following is a papal reflection:

Because of our selfishness we have failed in our responsibility to be guardians and stewards of the earth. "We need only take a frank look at the facts to see that our common home is falling into serious disrepair" (ibid., 61). We have polluted it, we have despoiled it, endangering our very lives. For this reason, various international and local movements have sprung up in order to appeal to our consciences. I deeply appreciate these initiatives; still it will be necessary for our children to take to the streets to teach us the obvious: we have no future if we destroy the very environment that sustains us.

We have failed to care for the earth, our garden-home; we have failed to care for our brothers and sisters. We have sinned against the earth, against our neighbours, and ultimately against the Creator, the benevolent Father who provides for everyone, and desires us to live in communion and flourish together. And how does the earth react? There is a Spanish saying that is very clear about this. It goes: "God always forgives; we humans sometimes forgive, and sometimes not; the earth never forgives". The earth does not forgive: if we have despoiled the earth, its response will be very ugly.

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

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



Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Victory Council #3358

Attention all practicing Catholic men over the age of 18- are you interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? We invite you to an online 30-minute ceremonial exemplification. If interested contact Anthony Cocco, Grand Knight at 941-504-6960 or anthonycocco@aol.com.

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844-385-2407

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

Collier County
844-385-2404



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/>



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Do you have a retirement account?

The owner of an IRA or 401k names a beneficiary. One way to avoid taxes on your inheritance altogether is to designate St. Martha as your beneficiary. When you name a charity as a beneficiary to receive your IRA or other retirement assets upon your death, neither you and your heirs nor your estate will pay income taxes on the distribution of the assets.

Changing the beneficiary of a retirement account is a simple process and does not generally require a change to your will or trust. Please contact Teresa 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.**

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
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As Americans, as Catholics and as pastors of our people, we write therefore today to call our fellow citizens back to our country's founding principles, and most especially to renew our national respect for the rights of those who are unborn, weak, disabled and terminally ill. Real freedom rests on the inviolability of every person as a child of God.

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.



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.








Welcome back! We missed you!
When you visit, be sure to wear a mask!

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.

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 bringing 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!*

Diocese of Venice in Florida

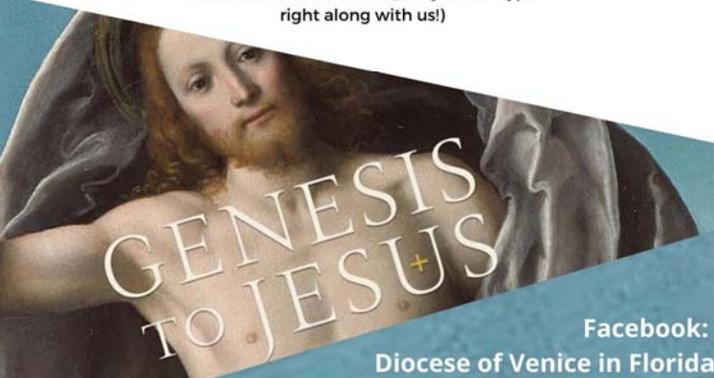


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Diocese of Venice in Florida

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	-\$10,629.87

2020 Catholic Faith Appeal as of 05-07-2020	
Goal	\$379,000.00
Contributions	<u>-\$134,670.79</u>
Needed to Reach Goal	\$244,329.21

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

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

Mon., May 18 Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a

7:30 a.m. JR David Frauenhofer by Bert & Sue Giroux
 8:30 a.m. PW Victoria DeBalk by Daughters
 12:00 p.m. JH Ricardo Brennand by Margaret Gale
 5:30 p.m. CF (L) Anthony & Anamarie Stewsloff by Lynda Blouin

Tues., May 19 Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

7:30 a.m. JC Public health officials and all civic leaders
 8:30 a.m. CF Marie Hoffberg
 12:00 p.m. JH Emma & Joe Johanek by Ralph Lester
 5:30 p.m. PW Those who have been lost due to this virus

Wed., May 20 Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

7:30 a.m. JR Healing of those afflicted with the virus
 8:30 a.m. PW Doctors, nurses, and all caregivers
 12:00 p.m. CF Bill Cornelius by Karen Cornelius
 5:30 p.m. JR For all graduates

Thurs., May 21 Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

7:30 a.m. JR Public health officials and all civic leaders
 8:30 a.m. JC Caroline Schippereit by Mother
 12:00 p.m. JH Those who have been lost due to this virus
 5:30 p.m. JR Healing of those afflicted with the virus

Fri., May 22 Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

7:30 a.m. JC (L) Mercedes Carey by Friend
 8:30 a.m. JH Doctors, nurses, and all caregivers
 12:00 p.m. JR Delores Lillvis by Carmeena Sandella
 5:30 p.m. CF For all graduates

Sat., May 23 Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

7:30 a.m. JR Public health officials and all civic leaders
 8:30 a.m. JH Those who have been lost due to this virus
 4:00 p.m. FS Rocco Tufaro by Rita & Leonard Tufaro
 5:30 p.m. PW Anna Colatone by Bill Doland

Sunday, May 24 Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

7:30 a.m. PW Margaret A. Klingner by John DeStefano
 9:00 a.m. JH Nancy Dukes by Linda Angell
 10:30 a.m. FS For All Parishioners
 12:00 p.m. JC (Viet) Jacqueline Clark Ryan by Robert & Patricia Clark
 5:30 p.m. CF Mary Sikorski by Bob & Rosemary Stanko

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

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