



# ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

*U.S.A. National Circus Church*

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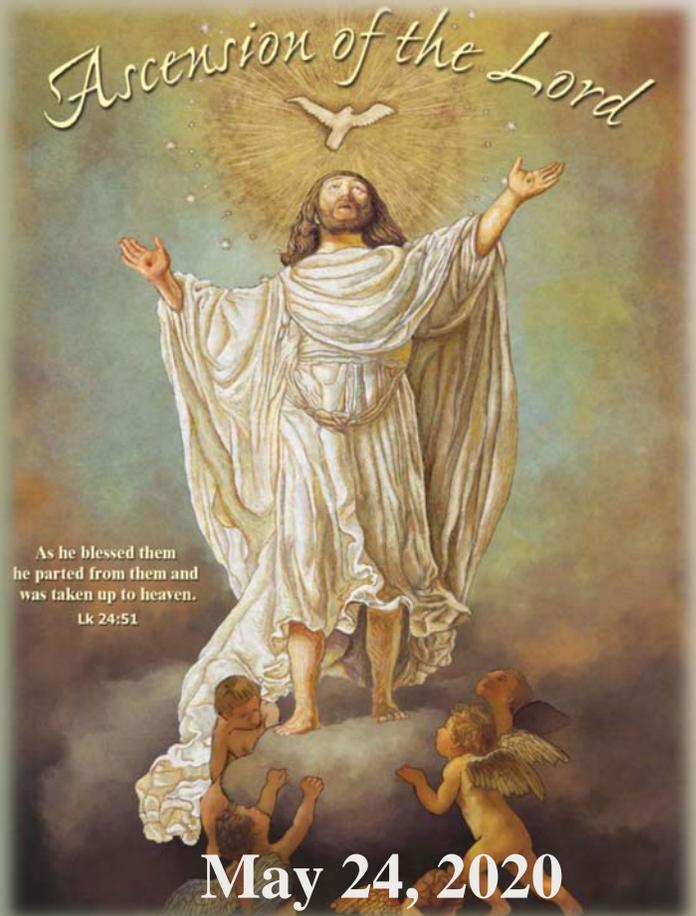
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**Hours**

Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**May 24, 2020**

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

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

**Happy Memorial Day!** On this day we remember all those who have died for our freedom. It is set aside to celebrate and honor United States men and women who have died serving their country in the military. Memorial Day originally began to honor and celebrate Union Soldiers who died during the American Civil War.

Let us also remember the first responders and medical personnel who have died of the pandemic, including our dead and ill parishioners, plus all deceased throughout the world from this coronavirus epidemic.

Our church is open for the regular scheduled Holy Masses, this weekend is the first on a festive day, let us pray that everything will go fine. Remember that our beloved Bishop has dispensed all parishioners from the obligation to attend Mass until June 30, so far. All your elderly priests and deacons have received permission to preside or serve at the altar, if we feel we are medically fit. All present at Mass **must wear a mask and Holy Communion must be received only in the hands.** It goes without saying, that if you do not feel well, you are dispensed from the Sunday obligation at all times, not just in a pandemic.

And, please, once the pandemic is over, as also the Bishop's permission, do not come to the confessional accusing to have missed Mass from March 22 to June 28! I do know your answer: "I feel better if I accuse myself!" My sweet friends, when you have a serious headache so that you need to visit your doctor, do you accuse also of a nonexistent backache or stomach ache just because it may feel better? Ah! Mamma mia! About you my dear elderly friends, the Bishop and I encourage you to stay home, but it is **your** decision, not ours: **we Catholics do not need an ID card to enter the Church.**

The problem we face, on the weekend especially, is that parishioners will find all stations in the hall occupied, and so they'll miss Holy Mass. To alleviate this situation, deacons and Eucharistic Ministers will distribute Holy Communion at the window of the Confessional Room on Saturdays from 4 - 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 - 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will also continue to offer the Holy Mass on our website, starting on Saturday at 4 p.m. At least all parishioners have abundant time to receive Holy Communion and assist Holy Mass either in person, on the web or on TV. Please remember that the Noon Mass is in Vietnamese.

If necessary, and there is a request, we may add one or two afternoon Masses in the hall. Please bear patiently the shortcoming of the 6' social distance rule, which severely cut our attendance by 70%.

**This Memorial Day, Masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** Please enjoy your holiday parties, picnics and barbecues, but remember my long-standing advice...if you drink, be sure to have a designated driver. We want you back next Sunday!

**Today is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord**, when we commemorate the last time Jesus appeared to His disciples, just 40 days after His resurrection.

I can imagine the lump in the throats of his followers, when they saw Jesus levitating from the ground, and slowly ascending higher and higher, getting like a little dot

disappearing in a cloud, never to be seen again. The message they received from the angels is still valid today: "This Jesus will come back" at the final judgment! Let us, His followers, wait for the Lord and utter the final sentence of the Bible: "Maranatha," Come, Lord Jesus, come back!

By the way, many Christians believe that Jesus walked, ate, slept, preached and performed miracles for 40 days after His Glorious Resurrection. But an objective reading of the Gospel shows that Jesus kept Appearing (not staying permanently) to His apostles and disciples, according to His plan to reinforce the faith of the followers. (One time, He appeared to more than 500 brethren assembled together as St.

Paul tells us in 1 Cor 15:6.) The last time He appeared to His followers, Jesus used the powerful image of levitation (suspension and movement of our bodies in mid-air, naturally without artificial means of support whatsoever) because of the Jewish popular belief, that we colloquially also follow today, that God's house is in the Heavens!

The Ascension commemorates the last public appearance of Jesus on earth before His second coming. Naturally, Jesus' private appearances did take place later on; even in Biblical Times, the most famous one is when Jesus manifested His personal identity with the persecuted Christians to the persecutor Saul on His journey to Damascus (Acts 9: 4; Phil 3:6).

The Ascension also give us the consoling Pre-figuration of our own resurrection, when our bodies ("Pneumatica Somata" in St. Paul's words) will be reunited with our souls to start the never-ending paradisiac eternity!

**Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday**, the great feast that marks the birth of the Christian Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. **Red is the liturgical color for this day and it is encouraged that the faithful wear red to Church that day.** Red is symbolic of the love of the Holy Spirit and recalls the tongues of fire in which the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles that first Pentecost. The color red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

Due to the restrictions for gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Pentecost Liturgy which takes place on May 31 will not include any confirmations. A date will be set when it is safe to do so. We pray the candidates are preparing for the sacraments by spending time in prayer and have been participating in the live stream of the Mass and will attend, if possible, Mass in person.

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

*How can we restore a harmonious relationship with the earth and with the rest of humanity? A harmonious relationship... We so often lose sight of harmony: harmony is a work of the Holy Spirit. In our common home too, on the earth, and in our relationships with people, with our neighbour, with the poorest, how can we restore this harmony? We need a new way of looking at our common home. For this is not a storehouse of resources for us to exploit. For us believers, the natural world is the "Gospel of Creation": it expresses God's creative power in fashioning*





human life and bringing the world and all it contains into existence, in order to sustain humanity. As the biblical account of creation concludes: “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” (Gen 1:31). When we see these natural tragedies that are the earth’s response to our mistreatment, I think: “If I ask the Lord now what he thinks about it, I do not believe he is saying it is a very good thing”. It is we who have ruined the Lord’s work!

In today’s celebration of Earth Day, we are called to renew our sense of sacred respect for the earth, for it is not just our home but also God’s home. This should make us all the more aware that we stand on holy ground!

**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**



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

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

 **Website**  
www.stmartha.org

 **Facebook**  
St. Martha Roman Catholic Church  
(English)  
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(Vietnamese)

 **You Tube**  
St Martha Catholic Church Sarasota, FL  
(English)  
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(Vietnamese)

**GUIDELINES FOR MASSES AT ST. MARTHA CHURCH**

- 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 and moving forward.
- A facemask **MUST** be worn by **ALL** attending Mass.
- 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 or those with underlying health conditions are encouraged to stay at home, *however attendance is at their discretion*. Those with fever or flu-like symptoms **MUST** remain 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 return 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 on Saturdays from 4 - 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 - 6 p.m.; on Sundays, continuously from 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Daily Masses are Monday - Friday (7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Noon, and 5:30 p.m.) and Saturday (7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.) and will be celebrated in the Church. The Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses will be celebrated **ONLY** in the Parish Hall, because of its greater capacity. Saturday vigil Masses are 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Masses are 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon (in Vietnamese), and 5:30 p.m.
- Individual Confessions will take place at the window of the Confessional in the courtyard Sunday - Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Saturday 9 - 10 a.m. and 3 - 4 p.m.
- Baskets with long handles will be used for collections, but the Mass will continue because there is no procession with gifts.
- 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 elderlies.



**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](mailto:anthonycocco@aol.com).



Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!

**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.

**Family Promise of Sarasota  
Looking for Director!**



Apply to: <https://www.indeed.com/job/director-3ec2d2d61b44a796>

We have secured our day center, and will be hiring a director as soon as possible We begin operations in the fall! We are also looking for public relations people who have a passion for helping the homelessness who might be interested in joining our Board. For details contact Deacon Kevin at: [kmckenney55@gmail.com](mailto:kmckenney55@gmail.com)

**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

The Diocese of Venice Catholic Center will continue live streaming Daily and Sunday Masses at 9:15 a.m. on their Facebook page: **Diocese of Venice in Florida**

**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.



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

**For daily readings visit:**

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



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](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!*

### SHOP & SUPPORT ST. MARTHA PARISH

**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](http://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>



### Do you have a will or trust?

If you have a will or trust currently, or plan to create one, we hope you might consider St. Martha. By leaving a legacy gift, you will be ensuring that future generations will benefit from the many ministries at St. Martha. The wording of a bequest in your will can be as simple as the following: "I bequest (the sum of \$\_\_\_\_) or (\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate) to St. Martha Parish in Sarasota, Inc., located at 200 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida, 34236. Tax ID#59-0737906."

Please contact Teresa McCoy in the Parish at 941-366-4210 or [tmccoy@stmartha.org](mailto:tmccoy@stmartha.org) if we can be of any assistance.

*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.*

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Online Retreats

During the current health crisis, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice will offer online 3-day, 5-day, and 8-day retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

In these online retreats, Father Mark Yavarone, OMV, or Father Lino Estradilla, OMV, trained spiritual directors, will meet with you for an hour each day via a link provided to you, to help you to pray and to recognize how God is speaking to you. A Bible and journal should be available for your use. Participants will be emailed any additional materials needed as the retreat unfolds. The cost, is as follows:

**3 - day retreat - \$132.23**

**5 - day retreat - \$203.98**

**8 - day retreat - \$306.48**

All information will be confidential, and password protected. If you would like to participate, please email Denise Riley at [riley@olph-retreat.org](mailto:riley@olph-retreat.org) and a code will be provided for your online registration as well as an application. For planning purposes, please allow 7 days from your completed application until the beginning of your retreat.

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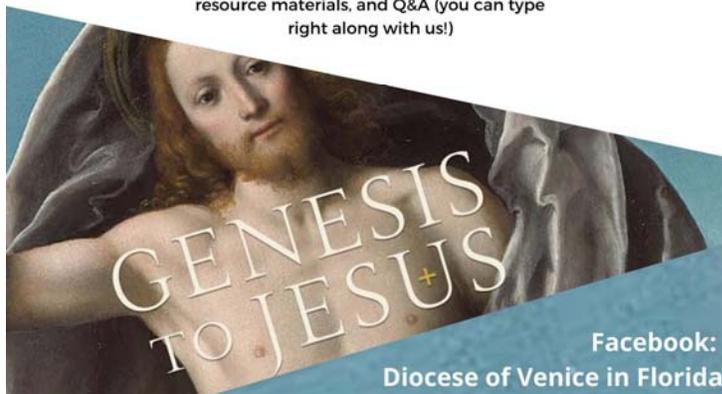


# LIVE ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

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!)



Facebook: Diocese of Venice in Florida

### Sunday Offertory as of 7-1-2019 thru 4-30-2020

Sunday Offertory & Unrestricted Donations	\$1,516,744.05
Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,584,158.35</u>
Operating Shortfall	<b>-\$67,414.30</b>

### 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal as of 05-14-2020

Goal	\$379,000.00
Contributions	<u>-\$142,216.88</u>
Needed to Reach Goal	\$236,783.12

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**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

**Mon., May 25 Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33**

7:30 a.m. JC Ann Britanak by Sister  
 8:30 a.m. JR (L) Mary Yaska by Mary  
 10:30 a.m. CF For All Parishioners

**Tues., May 26 Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a**

7:30 a.m. JH George Mould by Paul & Marge Lortie  
 8:30 a.m. PW (L) Winky by Mother  
 12:00 p.m. JC Elizabeth Fett by Ann Crowley  
 5:30 p.m. CF Victoria DeBalko by Daughter

**Wed., May 27 Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19**

7:30 a.m. CF (L) Sabrina by Friend  
 8:30 a.m. PW Patricia Delaney by the Delaney Family  
 12:00 p.m. JH Delores Lillvis by Ann Crowley  
 5:30 p.m. JR Robert Romaine by Gail & Fr. Robert Romaine

**Thurs., May 28 Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26**

7:30 a.m. JC Grace Mould by Paul & Marge Lortie  
 8:30 a.m. FS Marie Hoffberg  
 12:00 p.m. FS Tess Rosales by Terry & Maureen Aldrich  
 5:30 p.m. JR Clifford E. Hartbrodt by nancy Brown

**Fri., May 29 Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19**

7:30 a.m. JC (L) Robert Mehaven by Marge & Paula Lortie  
 8:30 a.m. JR William & Harriet McGowan by Rita McGowan  
 12:00 p.m. CF Jenna Mahoney by Eileen Prisco  
 5:30 p.m. FS For All Graduates

**Sat., May 30 Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25**

7:30 a.m. JR For Public Health Workers & All Civic Leaders  
 8:30 a.m. CF Robert Francis Harrington  
 4:00 p.m. PW Adele L. Borome by Borome Family  
 5:30 p.m. FS Ellen Franczak by Bob & Rosemary Stanko

**Sunday, May 31 Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23**

7:30 a.m. JR Phyllis Kos by Sally Harrison  
 9:00 a.m. CF Dorothy Kayne by Al Dilenge  
 10:30 a.m. FS For All Parishioners  
 12:00 p.m. JC (Viet) Linh Hon Giuse by Gd. Ba Truc  
 5:30 p.m. PW Carl Randolph by Estella clemendor

*Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr. Patrick (PW), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF),  
 Fr. John (JC), Fr. Victor (VC), Fr. Jerry (JH)*

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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Casa Santa Marta	Paula Jaramillo	941-366-4448
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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

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St. Mary Star of the Sea	Longboat Key	941-383-1255
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St. Joseph	Bradenton	941-756-3732
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Our Lady of the Angels	Lakewood Ranch	941-752-6770

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

## CARDINAL MOONEY HIGH SCHOOL

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