



ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 9, 2020

Mass Schedule

Saturday

7:30 a.m. & 8:30a.m. (*Church*)

(Vigil) 4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. (*Parish Hall*)

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m. (*Parish Hall*)

12 p.m. Vietnamese (*Parish Hall*)

Weekday

7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. (*Church*)

Confessions

Confessional window in Courtyard

Saturday 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday thru Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

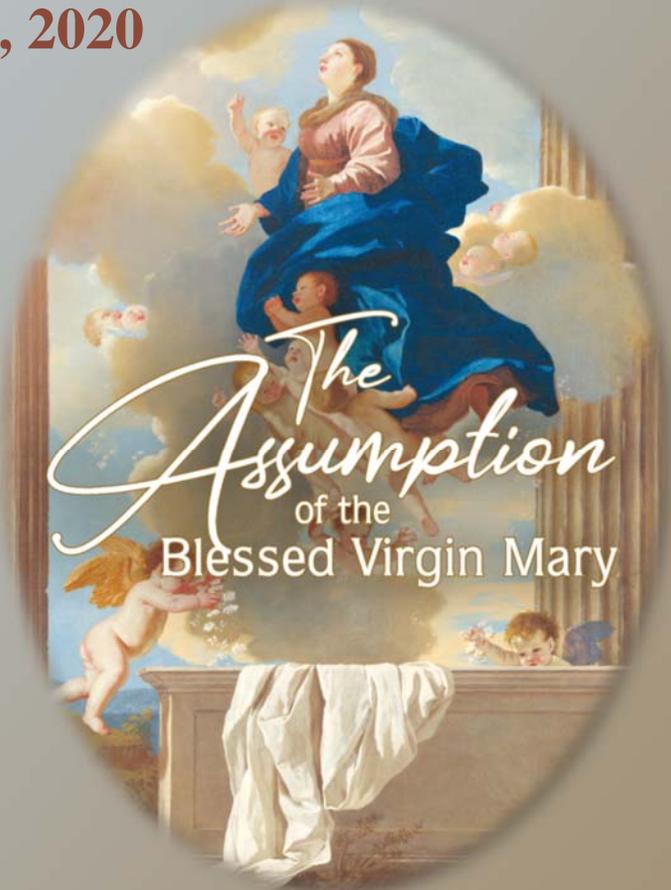
Holy Communion

Confessional window in Courtyard

Saturday 4 - 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 - 6 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 - 8 am, 9 - 9:30 a.m., 10:30 - 11 a.m.,
12 - 12:30 p.m., and 5:30 - 6 p.m.

Baptism Class - 2nd Monday of each month from
7 - 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. No need to **RSVP**



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

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

Rev. Jan Rykala, S.A.C.

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

My dear friends, the Florida coronavirus statistics are getting better, but they are still high. The most virulent factor is politicizing the pandemic! Last political fight is about the schools: “to open or not? That is the question.”

Bishop Dewane has announced that the new school year at Bishop Nevins Academy will begin on August 17th for students. This change will allow for two weeks of preparation for our teachers and staff.

For the start of the 2020-2021 school year, we will offer students one of two academic options.

- Option 1: In person - The student will be in the school building five days a week.

- Option 2 : At-home Synchronous Learning

(Out of 430 students, 83% have chosen In Person learning and 17% have chosen Synchronous learning.)

In order to finalize schedules and teacher assignments, parents must select the learning option that they prefer for each student. Please note that students who begin the school year in the remote option may still move to the in-person option at a later date. This change would be done in consultation with administration at the end of first quarter (October) or before beginning second semester (December).

Although this year will have different challenges, we are excited to start bringing our school community back together. If you have any questions or concerns after reviewing the plan, please contact the school. We will continue to offer updates when the details of our plan change. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you to educate the children of God of our parish.

The schedules of the first days of school:

August 17

- Grades 5 - 8th ONLY
- Grades 5 - 8th car line 7:20-8:00 a.m.
- Noon dismissal

August 18

- Grades PK3 - 4th ONLY
- Grades PK4 - 4th car line 7:20-8:00 a.m.
- Grade PK3 car line 8:00-8:15 a.m.
- Noon dismissal

August 19

- All students attend
- Grades PK4 - 8th car line 7:20-8:00 a.m.
- Grade PK3 ONLY drop-off 8:00-8:15 a.m.
- Noon dismissal

August 20

- First full day
- All grades attend classes
- Regular drop-off time 7:20-7:45 a.m.
- Regular pick-up time 2:45 p.m.

Today's Gospel, in its opening sentences, teaches us that it is absolutely necessary for all of us to take a break from our daily frenetic activity, and to concentrate on prayer and meditation, just as Jesus did, who: “went up on the mountain by Himself to pray, remaining there alone as evening drew on.” Let's give daily to Jesus some quality time as Jesus did with his divine Father. Let us follow His example, otherwise, step by step, material preoccupations will claim our allegiance, and we lose sight of God. When that happens and a tragedy

strikes us, then we will panic, and in our fear we will cry out: “God where are you?” just as the apostles did.

It is also amusing to see our pitiful little faith when confronted by tragedies, and we tempt God as Peter did: “Lord, **if it is really you...**” and into the drink went poor Peter! But how consoling it is to see that Jesus loves us, not withstanding our little faith and our doubts thrown in God's face by us, and He'll be always ready to help us, because He is the **Infinite Love!** “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

How are you doing with your, USA of course, vacation? Notice how Jesus realizes the universal need of R & R (rest and relaxation) for Himself and his disciples, as today's Gospel recounts. Just never miss Mass, except in those localities where it is almost impossible to find a Catholic Church. You can find out Mass times and locations of churches in your area by checking out www.masstimes.org.

From the time of the risen Lord, breaking bread with His disciples at Emmaus, up to now, almost two thousand years later, the center of our faith has been the **Eucharist**, our **total immersion in the Divinity**, Body and Soul. Some of our Protestant sisters and brothers insist on baptism only. While it is true that we have to open the door to enter into the joyful warmth and security of our house, the door of the house of God being our Baptism; we cannot remain just inside the door!

Without the Eucharist and other sacraments, our house is a wall with a door, which introduces us to four empty walls without a roof or rooms of furniture. It is not home, but an enclosure exposed to all storms... Thank God, we are Catholics! By the way, when we assemble for Mass, we Christians are becoming the lightning rod of God's anger toward the evil in the world! Through the sacrifice of Jesus, in which we take part, forgiveness comes to all of Sarasota's people, good and bad! That is why it is so hard to attend Mass on TV but without Eucharist.

August is the month when school starts. I still need more St. Martha's Angels to help some needy pupils with their tuition! If you can, please help! How fortunate many of us were to have been educated in Catholic schools. Many poor children of our parish do not have such good fortune, and I am appealing to you, dear friends, to help good practicing Catholic children to attend St. Martha School with the full one-year tuition. (Or a partial year!) Be a St. Martha Angel! As Edmund Albright wrote: “We are not a wealthy parish and you have been called on repeatedly for donations, but these little ones are the parish's future. They will replace us in the pews as worshipers, as ushers, as volunteers, and maybe even as priests, deacons or nuns.” Please help our parish grow and flourish. Help these children who will have to be placed elsewhere without your help. We gratefully accept any partial sum you may give us... Please help! Share the Catholic education you were privileged to have received with those who are too poor to afford it.

Saturday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven; it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be the regular Saturday and Sunday schedule. I still remember vividly the proclamation of the Dogma of the Assumption in St. Peter's majestic square. I thought that this was the most solemn religious occasion of the 20th century, until the announcement of the Second Vatican Council. In

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is dispensed until September 1, 2020.

Please visit our website, www.stmartha.org for a complete list of Guidelines for Masses at St. Martha Church



studying Church History, I was impressed by the ancient council of the Church, always proclaiming new Dogmas; also thinking how tragic were those ancient times when popes were imprisoned or killed. But in our lifetime we, with white hair (or whatever little hair is left, white or otherwise...), have witnessed a Dogma proclamation, an Ecumenical Council, a shooting of a pope, a pope who reigned only for a month, and one who reigned over 26 years...even two living popes!

On the topic of this Dogma of the Assumption, we must remember that this is based on the old tradition about Mary's falling asleep, and being taken up to Paradise, as pre-figured in the identification of the Blessed Mother with the woman clothed with the sun in the last book of the Bible (Revelation 12). An apocryphal narrative (Transitus Mariae, about 500 A.D.) gave body to this belief, as shown by the feast which was well established at the time.

Jesus did promise that He was going up to heaven to prepare a place for us, and He said: **"I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be"** (John 14:3), and Mary was the first to be risen and brought to heaven. On November 1, 1950, Pius XII solemnly declared as a Catholic Dogma that Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, closing **"Ex Cathedra,"** the long debate which raged in Christendom over the Assumption. We do know that for 1600 years the Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, and for a thousand years it was a Holy Day of Obligation. Because the Holy Spirit guides the Church, it would have been absurd to believe that the Church could have erred for centuries in such an important truth! So that, even if the Bible is silent on this matter, we firmly believe that Mary is joyfully united, body and soul, with the risen Lord.

Our head sacristan, Tom Patt has retired after a dedicated ministry to the people of God in St Martha: Thank you Tom, may Jesus reward you and your son with excellent good health and inner joy. His successor is Cori Stannish, our parishioner for years! We wish her and her family great zeal from all of us, God's people at St. Martha.

We are pleased to announce the ordination of parishioner Vern Smith to the Permanent Diaconate. He will be ordained a Deacon by Bishop Dewane along with six other men at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice on August 15th at 11 a.m. Although seating will be limited because of the pandemic regulations, parishioners are invited to attend the ordination. Deacon Vern will celebrate his ordination by assisting at two Masses of Thanksgiving at St. Martha on August 16th at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Please join us in congratulating him!

We lament the passing to the angels of Rose Marie Green, who worked very hard for many years in the Religious Education program. When she retired, we missed her gentle but efficient leadership and dedicated service to the children of God. May she enjoy the love and light of God in paradise.

Smile, God loves you and so does Fr. Fausto with your St. Martha clergy:

**Fathers Patrick, Jan, Chris, John, & Jerry
Deacons Bill, Patrick, Robert and Vern
Brothers Lawrence & William and Sister Cathy**

For daily readings visit:

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

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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.



**Knights of Columbus
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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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**2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project
Let your conscience be your guide**

Catholic faithful are called to political engagement shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. To help parishioners become informed on where candidates stand on key issues, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops has polled candidates running for the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature. To see how candidates appearing on the August 18 Primary Election / November 3 General Election ballot responded to the questionnaire, visit

www.flaccb.org/cqp

Remember, early voting for the primary starts on August 3. Some races are determined by the results of the primary election.

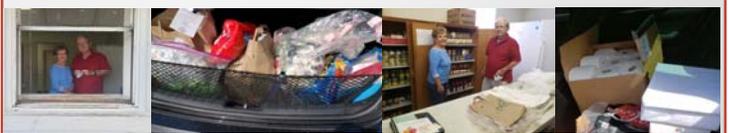
Caritas Food Pantry

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

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

10:00 a.m. - 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 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 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.*



MARRIAGE BANNES

Cody Moore & Hannah Veitkus (3)

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

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844-385-2423

Collier County
844-385-2404



We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you.

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CIVILIZE IT
DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE
2020

A divided country. Fights at the dinner table. Political vitriol. What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a climate?

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, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we

Take the pledge below as an individual, family, or community. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation.

I pledge:

Civility

To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

Clarity

To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

Compassion

To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

Signature _____

Date _____



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Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meetings will start on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 in Father Fausto Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic is cordially invited to attend. All attendees must wear a facemask and social distancing will be maintained.



For more information please contact:
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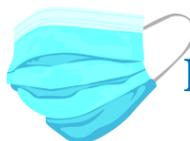
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Communication on Racism

The Diocese of Venice has established a webpage providing communications on racism at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/diocese-communicates-on-racism/>.

The page includes a letter to the Faithful from Bishop Dewane, a letter from Archbishop Gomez, the document "Open Wide Our Hearts" from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as well as a prayer against racism and other resources.



Don't forget your mask!

Sunday Offertory as of 7-1-2019 thru 6-30-2020		2020 Catholic Faith Appeal as of 07-30-2020	
Sunday Offertory & Unrestricted Donations	\$1,824,379.33	Goal	\$379,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$1,725,531.46	Contributions	-\$183,286.66
Operating Surplus	\$98,847.87	Needed to Reach Goal	\$195,713.34

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug. 9	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
7:30 a.m. [JR]	Jose Diaz by Alberta Gomez
9:00 a.m. [CF]	Sarah and Joseph Dormeyer by David and Paula
10:30 a.m. [FS]	For All Parishioners
12:00 p.m. [JC]	(Viet) Linh Hon Maria by Gd Trang
5:30 p.m. [PW]	Lvg & Dec'd Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe & Betty
Mon., Aug. 10	2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
7:30 a.m. [JR]	Blessed Sacrament by Alberta Gomez
8:30 a.m. [JC]	Madelyn Heibel by The Family
12:00 p.m. [CF]	Manuel DeJesus Roman by The Family
5:30 p.m. [PW]	Walter Sargent by Sharon Sargent
Tues., Aug. 11	Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
7:30 a.m. [JC]	Madelyn Heibel by The Family
8:30 a.m. [PW]	Catherine Warner by The Kelly Family
12:00 p.m. [CF]	(L) Louise by Friend
5:30 p.m. [JC]	Marie Hoffberg
Wed., Aug. 12	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
7:30 a.m. [CF]	Madelyn Heibel by The Family
8:30 a.m. [PW]	R. Dan Dowis by Sharon and Ray Cruet
12:00 p.m. [JR]	Barbara Stolfi Maggio by James Maggio
5:30 p.m. [FS]	Thomas J. Donato by Mary Pat McNally
Thurs., Aug. 13	Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1
7:30 a.m. [JR]	Catherine Griffin by Bro. William Dygert
8:30 a.m. [FS]	Nora Ferguson by Geraldine Heibel
12:00 p.m. [JR]	Paul Britanak by Daughter
5:30 p.m. [JC]	Onofrio Sozio by Dan Veitkus
Fri., Aug. 14	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12
7:30 a.m. [JC]	Mr. and Mrs. Smith by The Kovacik Family
8:30 a.m. [FS]	Dr. Steven Neuschel by Magda Kovacik
12:00 p.m. [JR]	Thomas J. Donato by Mary Pat McNally
5:30 p.m. [CF]	William Crowley by Miriam and Gerry Frielingsdorf
Sat. Aug. 15	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk
7:30 a.m. [JR]	Maria Hoffberg
8:30 a.m. [CF]	Ron Smith & (L) Family by Terry & Maureen Aldrich
4:00 p.m. [PW]	Woody Witt by Ginny Witt
5:30 p.m. [FS]	Felix Cortes by The Violette Family
Sun., Aug. 16	Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
7:30 a.m. [JR]	(L) Sister Lucia Haas by Rose
9:00 a.m. [CF]	Antonio Pereira by Maureen Peck
10:30 a.m. [FS]	For All Parishioners
12:00 p.m. [JC]	(Viet) Joseph Do by Joanne Licari
5:30 p.m. [PW]	Living Members of the Veitkus Family by Dan

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

Fr. Chris (CF), and Fr. John (JC)

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