ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 7, 2021
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule
Saturday
7:30 a.m. & 8:30a.m. - Church
4 p.m. Vigil - Church & Parish Hall
5:30 p.m. Vigil - Parish Hall

Sunday
7:30 a.m. - Parish Hall
9 a.m. - Church *(Family)* & Parish Hall
10:30 a.m. - Church & Parish Hall
12 p.m. English - Church
12 p.m. Vietnamese - Parish Hall
5:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

Weekday
7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - Church

Eucharistic Adoration
Carosella Chapel (Reservation Required)
Tuesday thru Thursday 10 a.m. - Noon

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 9 - 9:30 a.m., 10:30 - 11 a.m.,
12 - 12:30 p.m., and 5:30 - 6 p.m.

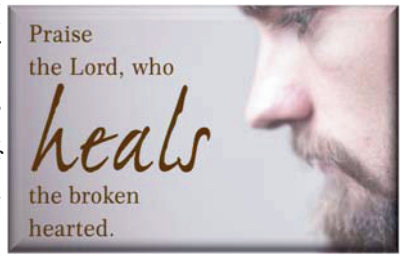
Baptism Class - 2nd Monday of each month from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. No need to ***RSVP***

From Our Pastor, Fr. Fausto …

My Dear Friends,

The tone in first reading today is so pathetic, and it makes us stop in our tracks and remain confused and puzzled because usually the messages of the Sunday readings and the Gospel are connected. But it seems that today, the one is like night and despair, and the Gospel is daylight and joy. In these pandemic times, I'm sure we all resonate with Job's feelings when we are feeling angry, frustrated, lonely, depressed and almost ready to scream: "*Stop the World! I wanna get off*."

Just think of all these past eleven months, with confinement at home, lost wages, or even worse, lost jobs, with frayed nerves, lost vacations, even lost the exultation of football games or Superbowl itself, of dining out, of cancelled theaters, movies, operas, and so forth and so on. And never mind not having the company of relatives and friends, especially in the season, missing are the normal joys of life! And, above all these troubles, not being able to squeeze Jesus in our hearts in Holy Communion, just watching the Holy Mass on TV or on the web, without kiss of peace or a hug! I missed your hugs and the high five with your smiling children at the end of Masses.



We all had such moments and sometimes the night of the soul is so long, and the sun of joy so short! It always reminds me of those up-north winter endless days when a leaden sky is so constant and oppressive! "*Is not man's life on earth a drudgery*," asks Job, and then goes on deeper and deeper into the hole of despair: "*I shall not see happiness again!*"

The answer is **JESUS**. After the synagogue's service, Jesus starts with a miraculous healing of Simon's mother-in-law. He approached, grasped her hand and helped her up. No one asked or begged for her healing, Jesus acts on His own. Likewise Jesus will approach us in our dark moments, when we seem to drown in our own fear and loneliness! We are not reaching for Him, no energy left to pray and beg, Jesus grasps our hand and pulls us up out of darkness into the rays of sun that dry up our tears, that warm up our cold bones and fill our hearts with joy!

So we can reject any devil's dominance over us. Demonic possession very rarely reaches physical traits of the Hollywood hype like the Exorcist movie. If the devil can possess our mind and soul through any diabolic means, it doesn't need to control the body. Possessed people will look normal on the outside but their actions reveal their diabolic conditioning.

Look at history: the debauchery of the Roman empire, the atheist communist regimes such as North Korea, the godless Nazi Holocaust, for example are diabolic direct challenges to God. If God is creation of life, they (devils and followers) are life destroyers in any way, shape or form. If God is the provider of joy, they are heartless killers. If God is order, they are for riots, terror and media rage. If God is love, they are for total, uncompromising hate. If God is for truth, they are for total lying.

Today's Gospel gives us a reinforcement of the power of God over the Devil: "*But Jesus would not permit the demons to speak.*" The devil, like any other creature of God, cannot do anything without God's permission. It was submission to God that originally caused them such a blow to their pride that they rebelled against God, and were expelled from paradise into a state of life created by God just for them and their followers: Hell! Just meditate on these words of Matthew's Gospel (25:41): "Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels!" Hell was not created for us human beings, but for Lucifer, the chief rebel angel, and his followers. But all those who reject God's love and lead hateful and selfish lives will join Satan in Hell.

For the rest of us, especially those few who become one with Jesus in Holy Communion at every Mass, the promise of Jesus becomes true: "Whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:58). And, so, whenever people ask you why we go to Mass, we can answer with this deep truth of our faith: "Because anyone who feeds on Me will have life because of Me, Jesus" (John 6:57). Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, who is unceasingly working to lure Christians to Hell, having received from God the power to test our faith; having power of death over those outside the church (Heb 2:14), but not over us, the baptized (1 Jn 4:4 & 5:18). By the way, that is the reason we rarely see demonic possession among the baptized, notwithstanding Hollywood hype!

The earliest Christians gathered together to help each other understand, and put into practice in their lives, the message Jesus left them. Each day we face events that, influenced by our faith, cause us to make choices. Understanding and living our faith is a life-long process.

May I make a suggestion to all of you in the matter of Holy Communion? Because of your well founded reasons for participating on the web Mass, maybe your entire family can choose a day of the week to come to church and receive Holy Communion at one of the four daily Masses at St. Martha (7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Noon, and 5:30 p.m.). You will be very happy and much stronger in faith and love when Jesus, our lover, unites himself to us.

The 2021 Sunday Offertory Campaign and Catholic Faith Appeal are officially underway. We have shared with you all the wonderful happenings in our parish and in our Diocese. Through the Offertory Campaign and Catholic Faith Appeal, we have a great opportunity to strengthen our parish and our community. But we cannot do it without you!

I would like to thank you again, dear parishioners, for making our 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal a success and for your increased generosity to our Sunday offertory collection in 2020.

You should have received a letter from the Diocese with a commitment card for the Catholic Faith Appeal and this week you will receive a letter from me which includes a commitment card for the Offertory Campaign. Please search your heart for the sacrificial gift, that as a follower of Jesus represents your deep desire to live as He did and help others. We ask that you either bring your commitment card with you to Mass or mail it to the parish office.

As pastor, I must try to encourage generosity because of the importance of a successful campaign. "*Until now, you have not asked anything in My Name, ask and you will*

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is dispensed until into the New Year *(date to be given at a later time)*.

receive….” John 16:24. Please continue to be generous and support our 2021 Offertory Campaign and 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal. And please continue to pray for our success!

Today is Caritas Sunday and the volunteers will be outside the church doors after each Mass. Each month you dear parishioners are very generous in helping the needy in our area, and you will be rewarded in Paradise.

Go Brady and Buccaneers today!

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

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Columbus Hall, 4880 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota

Valentine Dinner
Friday, February 12, 2021

Chicken Parmesan and Vegetarian Stuffed Shells

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. **Dinner** 7:00 p.m.

Cost is $15 per person
Pay at the door that evening - Cash Only
A full cash bar with soda, beer, wine & liquor will be available for dine in; and Music.
Dine In or Take Out

Reservation required
Call: Tony at 941-504-6960
Email: anthonycocco@aol.com

COVID-19 Vaccines

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. The full statement and additional information are available online in English and Spanish at usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research.

Pay It Forward

Do you own appreciated real estate that you want to donate?

Did you know that you can donate real estate directly to St. Martha? The donor receives an income tax charitable deduction for the full market value, capital gains taxes are avoided, and St. Martha receives the full value of the real estate. For some, alleviating capital gains tax associated with selling real estate has allowed them to be able to give very generously.

We can assist you in the process of transferring real estate. Please contact Teressa McCoy in the Parish Office at 941-366-4210 or tmccoy@stmartha.org for real estate transfers.

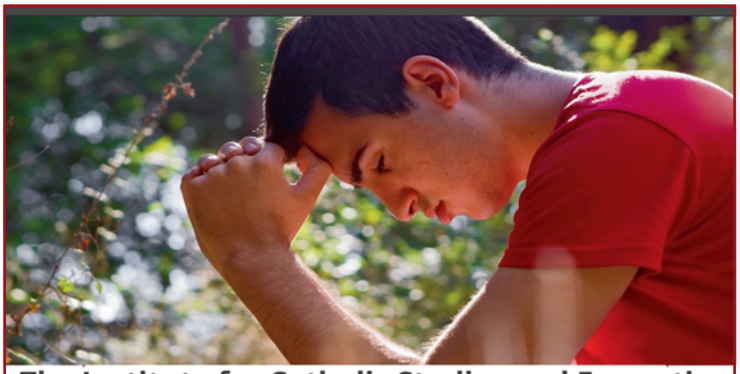
Thank you for your support of St. Martha Parish. Our parishioners are our only source of funds and your contributions keep the lights on, enable parish ministries, and support our outreach to the poor.

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Pope Francis,
Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions February 2021

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



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Catholic Community Foundation

Mary Fran Carroll Scholarship

Now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

PURPOSE: The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to offer multiple $3,000 Mary Fran Carroll Scholarships to residents of Sarasota County, Florida for tuition, books and fees at an accredited college, university or vocational program (*housing and living expenses not eligible*). Ms. Carroll was a woman of deep Catholic faith, who wanted those receiving her scholarship to benefit from her legacy by being better prepared to face the challenges of the world today and the generations to come, in addition to using their education for the betterment of the entire community.

TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Academic scholarships of $3,000 each will be available to residents of Sarasota County, Florida. These educational opportunities are open to graduating seniors and recent high school graduates (within the last 2 years) from Catholic, private or public high schools in Sarasota County, Florida who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree in any accredited college or university.

Non-traditional Scholarship

Academic scholarships of $3,000 each will be available to residents of Sarasota County, Florida. These educational opportunities are open to adult learners who are returning to school to obtain a college degree or vocational certification after being out of high school for three or more years (non-traditional students).

RENEWABLE: Each scholarship can be renewed annually up to a total of five academic years for students maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 (unweighted) scale.

APPLY: www.ccfdioceseofvenice.org

DEADLINE: All applications and supporting documents due by March 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm

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February 17 - March 28

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN Sarasota!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results over 27 coordinated campaigns:

- **18,000** babies saved from abortion
- **211** abortion workers converted
- **107** abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, 736 Central Ave, Sarasota
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Rich, 941-923-0752, 40DFLSarasota@gmail.com
- **Learn more** ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/Sarasota

Alcoholics Anonymous
Central Office of Sarasota-Manatee

If you want to drink, that's your business.
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Caritas Food Pantry
First Baptist Church
1661 Main St, Sarasota, FL 34236
(Food pantry located on Adelia Ave)

Monday through Friday, 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.

January 2021
Households served: 262
459 adults and 226 children = Total fed of 685

UPCOMING EVENTS

Theology on Tap Sarasota - Theology on Tap has resumed on the third Thursday of the month (February 18) at 7 p.m. at the Mandeville Beer Garden in Sarasota, 428 N. Lemon Ave, Sarasota. Join us outside in the garden for free food and refreshments, presentations, and discussions about the faith. If you have any questions, please contact Joshua Mazrin at evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org.

Monthly Days of Prayer - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center in Venice is offering its Monthly Day of Prayer on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes two conferences, a simple lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with distribution of ashes, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On February 20-21, Fr. Mark Yavarone, OMV will offer a weekend seminar on St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment of Spirits. For more info or to register for either event, call Denise Riley at (941) 486-0233, ext. 3004, or visit our website (www.olph-retreat.org) and click on "Schedule of Events."

Virtual Fundraiser, Our Mother's House, a program of Catholic Charities which provides housing and support for homeless mothers and their infant children, is having a virtual fundraiser titled "Child's Play." This night of interactive fun begins at 7 p.m., Thursday, February 25, with funds raised used to ensure that the mothers and their children receive the support they need as they strive for self-sufficiency. For information about the event, contact Lisa Ventura at Lisa.Ventura@CatholicCharitiesDov.org or 941-485-6264. A generous donor has offered to match all donations up to a total of $125,000. Please participate and help make a difference.

2021 Marriage Preparation Retreats - The Diocesan Office of Family Life is offering "Day of Reflection" retreats for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The retreats are from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays April 17, August 7 and November 13. To register, please visit https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/marriage-preparation-retreat-2021. To sign up for the retreat in Spanish, please contact St. Jude Parish in Sarasota at 941-955-3934. For more information or to inquire about a virtual option contact Carrie Harkey at 941-484-9543 ext. 3019.

Don't forget your mask!

Sunday Offertory as of 7-1-2020 thru 12-31-2020	
Sunday Offertory & Unrestricted Donations	$841,172.08
Operating Expenses	$871,633.12
Operating Shortfall	-$30,461.04

2021 Catholic Faith Appeal as of 1-28-2021	
Goal	$359,000.00
Contributions	-$6,565
Needed to Reach Goal	$352,435

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun., Feb. 7		**Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39**
7:30 a.m.	[CF]	(Hall) Charles Wilkens by Claire Collins
9:00 a.m.	[JR]	(Hall) All essential workers
9:00 a.m.	[CF]	(Church) Michael James Houlihan by Michael Houlihan
10:30 a.m.	[FS]	(Hall) For All Parishioners
10:30 a.m.	[JR]	(Church) For All Parishioners
12:00 p.m.	[PW]	(Hall/**ENG.**) Doctors, nurses, and caregivers
5:30 p.m.	[PW]	(Hall) Liv & Dec'd Mbrs of the Plouffe Fam. by Joe Plouffe
Mon., Feb. 8		**Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56**
7:30 a.m.	[JR]	Lillian Massara by Aldo Massara
8:30 a.m.	[PW]	Robert Myers by Tom Murphy
12:00 p.m.	[JR]	Marie Hoffberg
5:30 p.m.	[CF]	Deborah Dietz by Friend
Tues., Feb. 9		**Gn 1:20 - 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13**
7:30 a.m.	[PW]	John Verdi by David and Paula Shigley
8:30 a.m.	[PW]	**(L)** Mike and **(L)** Laverne Aldrich by Terri and Maureen
12:00 p.m.	[CF]	Tessie and Michael Kruk by Stephanie and Milton
5:30 p.m.	[CF]	Marie Badessa by Lynn McDonald
Wed., Feb. 10		**Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23**
7:30 a.m.	[JR]	Frances Stemley by Marcia Derck
8:30 a.m.	[CF]	Marie Badessa by Tomo Michael
12:00 p.m.	[JR]	Anna Schroeder by Francis Schroeder
5:30 p.m.	[PW]	John and Victoria Kovacik by Magda Kovacik
Thurs., Feb. 11		**Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30**
7:30 a.m.	[JC]	**(L)** Cheryl Huston by David and Paula Shigley
8:30 a.m.	[FS]	Sean O'Hern by Kate Shaver
12:00 p.m.	[JR]	Stephen Kunk by Jane and Sam Norton
5:30 p.m.	[JR]	Lena Spero by Ann Crowley
Fri., Feb. 12		**Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37**
7:30 a.m.	[JR]	Sean O'Hern by David and Paula Shigley
8:30 a.m.	[FS]	Diane Johnson by Ann Kelly
12:00 p.m.	[CF]	Barbara Maggio by James Maggio
5:30 p.m.	[JC]	Sybil Grannum by Mary Zhelesnik
Sat., Feb. 13		**Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10**
7:30 a.m.	[JC]	Jose Guiterrez by Alberto Gomez
8:30 a.m.	[JR]	Sacred Heart by Alberto Gomez
4:00 p.m.	[FS]	(Hall) Lillian and Josephine Sedita by Lenny and Rita
4:00 p.m.	[CF]	(Church) Gerald J. Boryszewski, Jr. by Boryszewski Family
5:30 p.m.	[PW]	Frank Morusiewicz by Fr. Patrick and Patty Sileo
Sun., Feb. 14		**Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45**
7:30 a.m.	[CF]	(Hall) Michael and Tony Kuczaboski by Jackie
9:00 a.m.	[CF]	(Hall) Mae and Leo Keeler by Claire Collins
9:00 a.m.	[JR]	(Church) **(L)** Mary and **(L)** Ray Bradley by Lynda
10:30 a.m.	[FS]	(Hall) For All Parishioners
10:30 a.m.	[JR]	(Church) For All Parishioners
12:00 p.m.	[JC]	(Hall/Viet) Special Intentions by the P. Family
12:00 p.m.	[PW]	(Church) The LeTourneau Family by Lynda Blouin
5:30 p.m.	[PW]	(Hall) Liv & Dec'd Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe

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

Outreach Ministries

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Arimathean Ministry	Geri Roberts	941-600-8479
Bethesda House	Colleen McMenamin	941-366-1886
Catholic Charities	Joan Pierse	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	Parish Office	941-366-4210
Eucharist Adoration	Vicki Hatch	734-646-6188
Finance Council	John Corey	coreyjjj5@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	Sharon Fisher	941-713-3447
Parish Council	Beth Cannata	941-321-2953
Prayer Line	Diane Domagala	941-306-6503
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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

Parish, Nursing Home, and Homebound	Dn. Kevin Monahan	dckevin@stmartha.org
Hospital	Calvin Kreider	941-928-6995

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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

4380 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34232

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Principal: Mrs. Siobhan Young

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