Divine Mercy

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH U.S.A. National Circus Church

The Pallottines (Society of Catholic Apostolate)

April 16, 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - *Vigil*

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., & 5:30 p.m. 7:45 a.m. Spanish - *Parish Hall* 12 p.m. Vietnamese - *Parish Hall*

Weekday 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. **Confessions** - *Reconciliation Room* **Saturday** 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Sunday thru Friday** 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration - Carosella Chapel Tuesday thru Thursday 9 a.m. - Noon

Rosary & Morning Prayer Devotions Rosary is prayed daily after the 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by Morning Prayer

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From our Pastor, Fr. George...

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

God ... in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1: 3)

On the Second Sunday of Easter we celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Apart from our scheduled Sunday Masses, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet in our church at 2.30pm and then there will be a special Mass at 3.00pm to mark this special feast.

Sunday Sermon – Divine Mercy Sunday

From Fr. George

One Easter prayer in the breviary says: Lord God, you increase and multiply your faithful by your abundant gift of grace. Look now on your chosen people, and clothe for ever in the garment of eternal life all those who have been reborn in Baptism. It refers to Easter blessing of water and the Sacrament of Baptism given to new members of the Church community. Easter is a time of regeneration, and baptism is the best sign of it. It symbolizes rebirth and renewal.

St. Peter in his letter says: "Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus Christ from the dead". Baptismal rebirth is given us by the merciful God who raised Jesus himself back to life after his death on the cross. Resurrection manifests the rebirth, resurrection makes rebirth possible, resurrection is our rebirth.

It's sign is the Sacrament of reconciliation instituted by Jesus himself and given to the whole world. It renews the grace of God in our heart and it revives our spiritual life. Confessing our sins leads to renewal, God is the one who renews, because he is the one who raises Jesus from death to life, but it is a human person who humbly and honestly confesses his sins and by this responds to God's invitation. When Jesus was sending his apostles into the world to preach the Good News, he breathed on them and gave them the power of the Holy Spirit who as we profess in the Creed is the Giver of life. So, Jesus sent his apostles to the world, to plant in human hearts a new life of God.

Divine Mercy Sunday is the reminder for us of the renewal and rebirth to which God is calling us. This whole Easter time with 5 more weeks of it ahead of us, which will lead to the Ascension and then to Pentecost. We should reflect a lot about our own Baptism and understand it as a call to constant renewal. The liturgy of the Church will help us, when we will witness a Baby's Baptism or be sprinkled with the holy water.

Bible and biblical readings, like the one today, taken from the letter of St. Peter, will lead us to better understanding of the Divine Mercy and better understanding of our own need of forgiveness. St. Faustina wrote about it quite extensively in her so-called Diary. We should read the word of God in the Bible and also the wisdom of other believers, who teach us how to renew the life of God in us.

Different parish activities, ministries or parish groups, which are less visible but which are as good and as fruitful, create opportunities for us to practice our mercy to others. Various groups and ministries help us to learn to practice our mercy better with the help of other parishioners. The Feast of the Divine Mercy calls us to Confession and reconciliation, calls us to renew the life of God in our hearts, to revive our Easter faith, to engage more in the church community and to trust the Holy Spirit. It speaks to us powerfully about unlimited and unconditional love of God, who is able to give a new birth to each one of us and who needs each one of us.

St. Martha's Memorial Garden in the courtyard should be kept and respected as it is - "The Memorial" garden. We don't allow any cemetery items such as: figure of angel, cross, plaque, gravestone to be placed in the garden and whatever is found there placed by the family or friends will be removed by our maintenance staff. If you have placed some of these items there, you can collect them from the parish office.

We pray for our candidates for Confirmation.

On the 27th day of this month Bp. Frank J. Dewane will come to St. Martha to confirm our young students. Mass will be held at 6.30pm in our church. Let's offer our special prayers for all who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation that they will be enlightened in faith by the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life.

We pray to the Lord for the end of war in Ukraine: Jesus, the Prince of peace, come to our help!

You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.

When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me - they have no regard for you. But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength on behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.

Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me. (*Psalm 86*)

Jesus, the Prince of peace, come to our help!

With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Fr. George

See the sacristan or deacon before Mass to request a gluten-free host.

Do You Need Help?

Catholic Charities is available if you need assistance for food, financial assistance or tele-mental health counseling. Please call **844-385-2407** Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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<u>CLERGY OR OFFICE STAFF WILL NEVER EMAIL</u> <u>YOU REQUESTING MONEY OR A GIFT CARD</u>



Emmaus Journey Bible Study

Please join us on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Bring your Bible and a desire to share and learn with fellow participants. All are welcome! Our facilitator is parishioner Lindy Donahue. For further information, contact Lindy at 724-263-8285 or lindydonahue@mac.com.

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, 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.

March 2023 812 Adults and 156 Children A total of 968 of our brothers & sisters receiving food.



Clergy

Rev. George Suszko, S.A.C. Pastor Rev. Jan Rykala, S.A.C. Rev. Krzysztof "Chris" Frost, S.A.C. Rev. Joseph Vu, C.R.M., *Hospital Chaplain* Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C. *(Retired)* Rev. Deacon William Ladroga Rev. Deacon C. Patrick Macaulay Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens Rev. Deacon Vern Smith Sr. Cathy Bonfield, S.S.N.D. Br. Lawrence Skitzki, C.S.C. Br. William Dygert, C.S.C.

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This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, Apr 16 - Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 a.m. Sunday Coffee - Geenen Hall

Monday, Apr 17

Tuesday, Apr 18

10:30 a.m. Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room

Wednesday, Apr 19

Thursday, Apr 20

10:00 a.m. Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall

6:00 p.m. Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall

Friday, Apr 21 - St. Anselm

Saturday, Apr 22

"Camp Kindness"

St Martha Church VBS/Summer Activity Week @ St. Martha School (4380 Fruitville Rd)



"Spreading God's Love One Good Deed at a Time" June 12-16, 2023 Participants: Grades Pre-K3 to 5: Pre-K3 must be three years of age and be fully potty trained. <u>https://permission.click/6yG9n/us</u> Jr. Counselors: Grades 6-8: <u>https://permission.click/QPbKY/us</u> High School Counselors: Grades 9-12: <u>https://permission.click/jDZ1w/us</u>

Registration available online only

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and in conjunction with the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), a prayer is offered for the healing of victims.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.



Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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WINE & CHEESE

Saturday, April 29 after the 4 pm & 5:30 pm Masses in the Courtyard

Get to know your fellow parishioners, guests and priests!

If you have any questions, or would like to join the Hospitality Ministry, call Beth Cannata at 941-321-2953



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Carosella Chapel is open for Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

All are welcome!





The Knights of Columbus Hall at 4880 Fruitville Rd., is open for Happy Hour every Wednesday from 4:30 PM to 7:30PM. Reduced prices on drinks and food specials available. All are welcome!

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If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.



Do You Take RMDs From Your IRA?



Did you know that you can make a donation directly to St. Martha from your IRA? This qualified charitable distribution (QCD) can satisfy all or part of your Required Minimum

Distribution (RMD) and reduce your taxable income! Contact your IRA account administrator to request a QCD from your IRA.

Charity: St. Martha, 200 N. Orange Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236 (EIN#: 59-0737906)

Donations from your IRA must be dispersed directly to a charity, like St. Martha, to qualify for the tax benefits! It can be designated for offertory, debt reduction, capital projects, CFA, tuition, or building our endowment funds. To inform us of how you would like your gift directed, please contact our Parish office at (941) 366-4210.

To learn more about QCDs, please scan the QR Code to the right, visit ccfdioceseofvenice.org/giving/iracharitable-rollover/ or call the Catholic Community Foundation at: (941) 441-1124.



Theology on Tap Sarasota takes place on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Mandeville Beer Garden in Sarasota, 428 N. Lemon Ave, Sarasota. All young adults are invited to the garden for food and refreshments, presentations, and discussions about the Catholic Faith.

The annual "Yom HaShoah - Hour of Remembrance" will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 23, at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. Each year the Diocese of Venice in Florida hosts this commemoration of the Holocaust as an interreligious gathering bringing members of the Catholic and Jewish communities together to recommit to the promotion of peace and solidarity among all peoples. The guest speaker will be Father Patrick Desbois, a Catholic priest who has dedicated many years to locating the sites where Holocaust victims lie and searching for witnesses who are still alive today and confirming these sites. All members of the Jewish Community are encouraged to attend, especially survivors of the Holocaust and their families, as well as members of the Catholic Community.

Mass for Victims of Child Abuse - April is Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month, and in conjunction with the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Diocese of Venice will hold a Mass for Victims of Child Abuse for the 16th consecutive year with Bishop Frank J. Dewane as the Celebrant. The Mass will take place at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 25 at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. All are invited to attend as we come together to pray for the victims of abuse.

Pierogi Dinner - On Saturday, May 20 from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Saints Cosmas & Damian Council 13341 of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a (Polish) Pierogi Dinner at Our Lady of the Angels Church in Lakewood Ranch. The net proceeds of the event will go to the parish building fund.

Catholic Medical Association Boot Camp & Leadership Meeting hosted by the Catholic Medical Association (CMA) will be from June 11 to June 18 at Ave Maria University. In addition, there will be a CMA Leadership Training Meeting from June 16 to June 18. For more information, please visit cathmed.org or call 484-270-8002.

The 14th Annual Ave Maria University Summer Youth Conference "REVEALED" invites all high school youth to attend. Two dates are offered: July 7 to 9 and July 14-16. Both weekends will be filled with faith, fellowship, music, and engaging speakers on the beautiful campus of Ave Maria University. The cost is \$180.00 per person, with an early bird rate of \$130.00 until April 1. Included is lodging, meals, and conference fee plus a t-shirt. Email aveconferences@gmail.com, visit the website at www.aveconferences.com, or call 239-348-4725, for further information.

Weekly Mass Intentions

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DIOCESE OF VENICE

1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285

Sun., Apr.	16	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31	
7:30 a.m.	[JR]	Dec'd Mbrs of Bros of Holy Cross by Bros of Holy Cross	
7:45 a.m.	[CG]	(Hall/Span) Gertrude Dumas by Bill Ciotti	
9:00 a.m.	[FS]	Harry E. Hammond by Ursula and Bob	
9:00 a.m.	[GS]	(Hall) (L) Margaret Henderson by Margaret	
10:30 a.m.	[GS]	For All Parishioners	
12:00 p.m.	[CF]	Terry Hubbard by Sharon and Ray Crucet	
12:00 p.m.	[JV]	(Hall/Viet) Special Intentions	
5:30 p.m.	[CF]	L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe and Betty	
Mon., Apr.		Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8	
	[GS]	Ingrid Fleischmann by the Lighthart Family	
8:30 a.m.	[GS]	Orlando D'Innocenzio by Craig Hellmann	
12:00 p.m.		Kara Caufield by Anna and Rose Rose	
5:30 p.m.	[JR]	Maria P. Cueva by the Family	
Tues., Apr		Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15	
7:30 a.m.	[JV]	Timothy Donahue by David and Paula Shigley	
8:30 a.m.	[JV]	Tom Ekovitch by Richard and Jackie Cantwell	
12:00 p.m.		John and Mary Calvano by Family	
5:30 p.m.	[JR]	Mary Serwatka by Walter Serwatka	
Wed., Apr.		Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21	
7:30 a.m.	[JR]	Dr. Igor Hutnik by Duci Kovacik	
8:30 a.m.	[GS]	Louis Zazarino by Bill Rex	
12:00 p.m.		(L) Gary Lupina by Wife	
	[GS]	Tim Donahue by Tom, Suzie, and Olivia	
Thurs., Ap		Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36	
7:30 a.m.	[JV]	James Collins by Mary Collins	
8:30 a.m.	[CF]	Brian Kneafsey by Marilyn Kneafsey	
12:00 p.m.		(L) Shaun McGruder by Mary and John McGruder	
5:30 p.m.	[FS]	Marie Hoffberg	
Fri., Apr. 2		Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15	
7:30 a.m.	[JV]	Hannz Kohl by Duci Kovacik	
8:30 a.m.	[FS]	Fr. Patrick Wilson by Helena McCarthy	
12:00 p.m.		Richard LaBelle by Charlotte McAleer	
5:30 p.m.	[CF]	Emerita Flores Cardona by Evelyn Moya	
Sat., Apr. 2		Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21	
7:30 a.m.	[JV]	Fr. Patrick by Vivian Blake	
8:30 a.m.	[5 V] [GS]	Cecelia Regan by Pauline Groetelaars	
4:00 p.m.	[CF]	Donald Crowley by Wife	
4:00 p.m.	[GS]	(Hall) Janine Prima by Karen Prima and Family	
5:30 p.m.	[65] [FS]	Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family	
Sun., Apr.		Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35	
7:30 a.m.	[GS]	Michael Diffley by Judy Mass	
7:45 a.m.	[CG]	(Hall/Span) Holy Souls in Purgatory by Javier & Gloria	
9:00 a.m.	[UU] [JR]	Ingrid Fleischmann by the Lighthart Family	
9:00 a.m.		(Hall) (L) Gary & Antoniela by Karen, Ken, Angela & Phil	
10:30 a.m.	[GS] [CF]	For All Parishioners	
10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	[CF] [FS]	(L) Special Intentions of Al Zucaro by Catherine	ĺ
12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	[FS] [JV]	(Hall/Viet) Special Intentions	
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OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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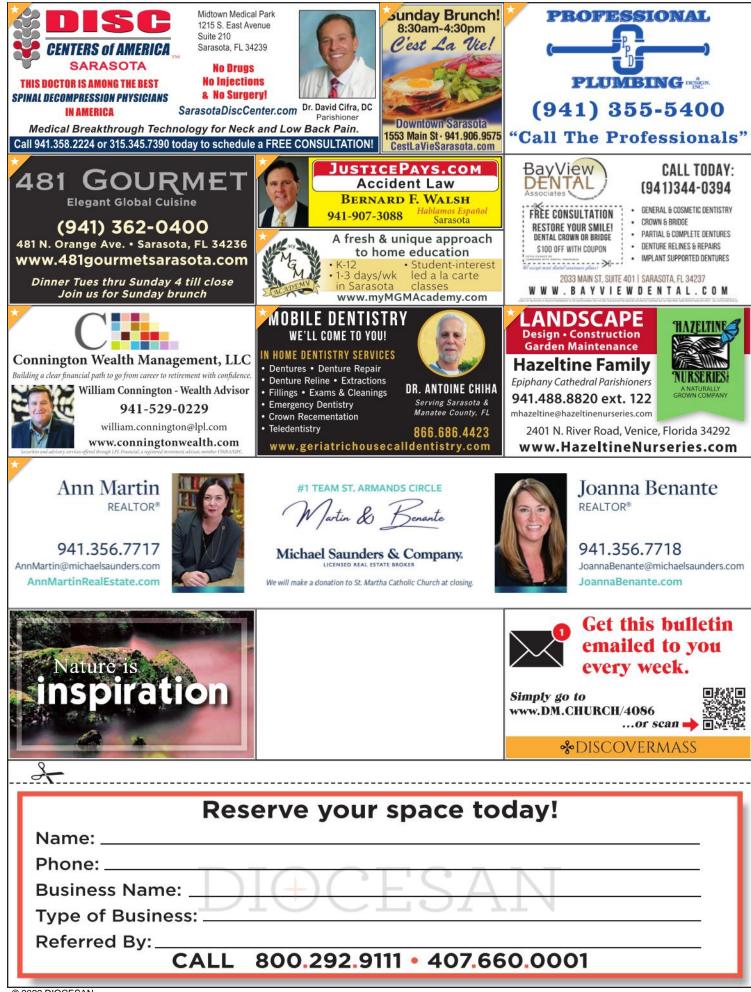
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