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

The Pallottines (Society of Catholic Apostolate)

April 23, 2023 3rd Sunday of Easter

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,

Sunday Sermon – 3rd Sunday of Easter *From Fr. Chris*

On this third Sunday of Easter, we continue to celebrate in a more pronounced way the power and meaning of the Resurrection. Luke and Peter, whose words we hear today, were witnesses to the Resurrection and had interactions with the risen Christ. They were among the first to grapple with what it all meant and to share its Good News. We are recipients of that Good News and come together in worship – to be glad and rejoice in it.

Just as we return to their texts today, Luke and Peter turned to the most sacred texts of their time to make meaning of the Resurrection. As we still do, they sang the ancient psalms of David: *My heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted ... because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.* A thousand years after King David, this verse was sung anew by the disciples who witnessed the Resurrection. After their experience of Jesus and the first Easter, they found new meaning in these ancient lines about salvation.

Prior to Jesus, this psalm was sung in joyful anticipation of a king like David to restore his powerful throne. God's people would triumph, saved from corruption and the netherworld, through this mighty and regal descendent. But when judges, prophets, and kings [like David] failed to turn his people from sin and its destruction, and bring them to repentance, God sent his only Son as priest, prophet, and king. He would reconcile us to the Father, and would save our souls not through silver or gold but by his own precious blood.

It was difficult for the disciples to understand all the events surrounding Jesus. Cleopas and his companion were debating all that had happened as they walked to Emmaus. It was not until a traveling companion interpreted Scripture for them and broke bread with them that they saw Jesus and comprehended how he had fulfilled the Scriptures.

Fulfillment in Christ was known by God before the foundation of the world, Peter tells us. Salvation through Christ's sacrificial love poured forth was always the plan. The world was founded on it, the disciples witnessed it, and we are all redeemed by it. This is what we continue to celebrate this Easter season: God's love and mercy from the foundation of the world through Christ, broken and shared for us. Let us be glad and rejoice!

Feast of St. Mark Evangelist – April 25th

He is symbolized in Art by Lion for he begins his Gospel with the story of St. John the Baptist, who in the desert, preached conversion and called people to turn away from sin. John the Baptist was like a Lion in the desert from Ezekiel's prophesy. Mark is a great teacher of faith in Jesus Christ, he travelled with St. Paul and then with St. Peter, he is believed to be the first bishop of Alexandria. He is a patron of notaries, of Egypt, and of Venice.

St. Martha's Memorial Garden. We need everyone's co-operation, please! Our 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: figures of angel, crosses, plaques, or gravestones 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



Join Bishop Frank J. Dewane at 8:30 a.m. on the last Friday of each month for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio on 106.7 FM and 1410 AM in Fort Myers and 93.3 FM (NEW) and 1660 AM and in Naples

Outside of the listening area, visit https://dioceseofvenice.org/our-bishop/relevant-radio-podcasts.



Angels Attic 1255 Seeds Avenue Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Angel's Attic is a valuable non-profit resource serving the needy in Sarasota and the surrounding area. The Attic is a ministry of hope that provides much-needed clothing, shoes, bed linens, kitchen supplies and more at no cost. Angel's Attic gratefully accepts donations, but also gratefully accepts YOU!

Volunteers are the life blood that keep the heart of the Attic beating strong. Giving back to the community while lending your time and talent to Angel's Attic is rewarding and fulfilling. High school students can earn credit through the 'Community Service Hours' program.

Angel's Attic is located at 1255 Seeds Ave, just north off of 12th St., and open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 10 am - 1 pm. Contact Dottie Weil at 941-735-8855 for more information.



<u>MARRIAGE BANNS</u> Thomas Bartolozzi & Danielle Wrick (2) Joshua Little & Caitlyn Chinn (2)

Over 900 faithful joined the Good Friday procession down Main Street. Clergy speakers represented four Catholic Churches, including our very own Fr. George



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 23
8:00 a.m. Sunday Coffee - Geenen Hall
Monday, Apr 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
6:00 p.m. OCIA Classes - Conference Room
Tuesday, Apr 25 - St. Mark
10:30 a.m. Emmaus Bible Study - Conference Room
Wednesday, Apr 26
Thursday, Apr 27
10:00 a.m. Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall
6:00 p.m. Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall
Friday, Apr 28 - St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis de Montfort
Saturday, Apr 29 - St. Catherine of Siena
4:00 p.m. Rosary Giveaway - Courtyard

"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.

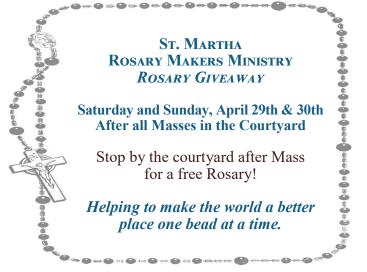
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WINE & CHEESE

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





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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RESPECT LIFE

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

If you are admitted to Sarasota Memorial Hospital, be sure to register as a Catholic and ask for visits from representatives of your faith. You will be on the Catholic patient list to receive Holy Communion and visits from the priest.

Have you included St. Martha in your will or trust or designated us as a beneficiary?



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Thank You!

We are blessed and grateful that you have chosen to leave a legacy gift in support of St. Martha. Please contact our Parish office at **(941) 366-4210** to inform us of your gift and how you would like it used.

To learn more about including St. Martha in your estate plans, please scan the QR Code to the right, visit

ccfdioceseofvenice.org/giving/ planned-giving/ or call the Catholic Community Foundation at:

(941) 441-1124.



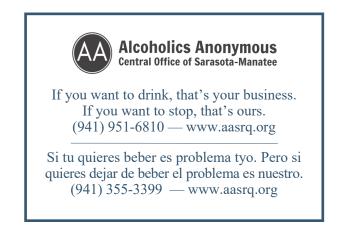
Theology on Tap Sarasota takes place on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Mandeville Beer Garden in Sarasota, 428 N. Lemon Ave, Sarasota. All young adults are invited to the garden for food and refreshments, presentations, and discussions about the Catholic Faith.

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 Sun., Apr. 23 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. [JR] Ingrid Fleischmann by the Lighthart Family 9:00 a.m. [GS] (Hall) (L) Gary & Antoniela by Karen, Ken, Angela & Phil 10:30 a.m. [CF] For All Parishioners 12:00 p.m. [FS] (L) Special Intentions of Al Zucaro by Catherine 12:00 p.m. [JV] (Hall/Viet) Special Intentions 5:30 p.m. [JR] L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Joe and Betty Mon., Apr. 24 Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29 7:30 a.m. [JR] Dr. Josef Halko by Duci Kovacik 8:30 a.m. [JV] Millie Barone by Joe and Carolyn 12:00 p.m. [GS] The Souls in Purgatory by Javier and Gloria Olivos 5:30 p.m. [JR] Grace Sheehan by Walter Serwatka Tues., Apr. 25 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20 7:30 a.m. [GS] David H. Shigley by David and Paula Shigley 8:30 a.m. [GS] Eric Dale by Paul Nardini 12:00 p.m. [JR] Jim Vaughan by Ann Crowley 5:30 p.m. [JR] Ron Foxworthy by the Heed Family Wed., Apr. 26 Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40 7:30 a.m. [JV] (L) Ken Hipp by David and Paula Shigley 8:30 a.m. [CF] Tom Hayes by Libby Walker 12:00 p.m. [CF] (L) Sue Vaughan by Ann Crowley 5:30 p.m. [CF] Tim Donahue by the Tuesday Bible Study Group Thurs., Apr. 27 Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51 7:30 a.m. [JR] Charles and Loretta Wilkens by Claire Collins 8:30 a.m. [JV] Fr. Patrick by Jean Berkey 12:00 p.m. [JR] Nicolas Linkowitz by Cathy and George Phillips 5:30 p.m. [FS] L&D Mbrs of the McGruder Family by Mary & John Fri., Apr. 28 Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 7:30 a.m. [JV] Timothy W. Donahue by Vivian Blake 8:30 a.m. [CF] Marie Hoffberg 12:00 p.m. [CF] Dr. Richard Glins by Carol and Joan Alden 5:30 p.m. [GS] L & D Mbrs of the Julie Tierney Family by Friend Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 Sat., Apr. 29 7:30 a.m. [CF] The Vincent LoCicero Family by Helen Halpern 8:30 a.m. [JV] Eric Dale by Paul Nardini 4:00 p.m. [FS] (L) Paul Lortie by Marge and Paul Lortie 4:00 p.m. [JR] (Hall) James Meade by Helen & Andrzej & Children 5:30 p.m. [CF] Anita Corben by Friend Sun., Apr. 30 Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10 7:30 a.m. [JR] Tim Donahue by Madeline Fox 7:45 a.m. [CG] (Hall/Span) Victoria Sancho by CTSRP 9:00 a.m. [GS] (L) Joann Desrosiers by Paul and Marge Lortie 9:00 a.m. [CF] (Hall) (L) Paul Lortie by David and Paula Shigley 10:30 a.m. [FS] For All Parishioners 12:00 p.m. [CF] (L) Joann Desrosiers by Alison 12:00 p.m. [JV] (Hall/Viet) Special Intentions 5:30 p.m. [JR] Charles Cikovic by Carlyn

Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS)

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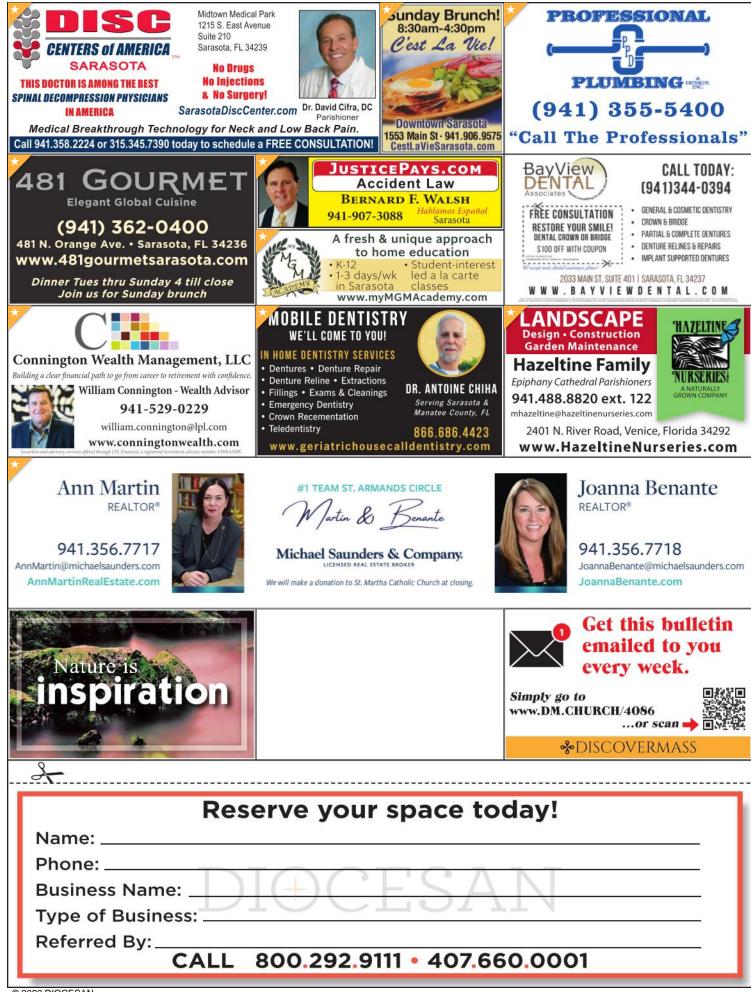
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