April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

"Peace be with you."

Luke 24:36





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Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm (Church) Vigil 5:30pm Vigil Sunday 7:30am - 9am (Church) - 9am (Hall) 10:30am (Church) • 10:30am (Hall) • 12pm • 5:30pm 12pm Vietnamese (Parish Hall) Weekday 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

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Confession - Reconciliation Room Saturday 9-10am • 3-4pm Sunday-Friday 11:30am **Eucharistic Adoration** - Carosella Chapel Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

Rosarv Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

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April 14, 2024

From Our Pastor, Father George

April 14, 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter From Deacon Bob

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

How Blessed are we! In today's second reading, 1 John Chapter 2, John reminds us that our Advocate with the Father, is none other than Jesus Himself! Literally this means paraclete. In today's world we would refer to an advocate as our lawyer. So John in this epistle is telling us Jesus will be our lawyer on judgement day. It can't get any better than this, right? Wrong! It gets better! Throughout the Bible we are reminded who is going to sit as our judge on judgement day. Jesus! In Mt 10:27, 25:31-46, Jn 5:21, Jn 5:22 and 12:48, In Acts, Colossians, James, 2 Cor: just to name a few; all speak of Jesus as our Judge!

In the judgement of our souls, God has stacked the deck in our favor. Our lawyer who is defending us, is also our judge. And it even gets better. As Jesus tells us, there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend. Jesus did that too. Our lawyer and our judge loves us beyond all

telling, as Father Patrick Wilson used to remind us.

But the good news does not stop there. Our judge is also the one offering us His Divine Mercy. Jesus himself tells us in today's Gospel, that His death and resurrection was for the purpose *that repentance*, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all nations.

Jesus has done all the heavy pulling in our judgement. He died for our sins and He rose from the dead to show us we can rise from the dead of sin as well. Then He has taught us if we are truly sorry for our sins, if we repent, His Divine Mercy will be ours.

To sum up how blessed we are: Jesus is our lawyer, our judge, loves us so much He laid down His life for us, then He rose from the dead to prove we can rise from the ashes of our sin. All we need to do, is be heartfully sorry for our transgressions. That is how much our God loves us!

From Father George

Fr. Chris Frost will be leaving St. Martha's

parish! - The new regulations from March 2023 of the US Immigration Office have blocked Fr. Chris' application for a Green Card consequently when his working Visa expires at the end of May 2024, he will have to leave the country. These regulations affect thousands of foreign Religious Workers of different religions and denominations from all over the world who currently work in the United States. 55,000 green cards have been relocated from the Religious Worker category to immigrants arriving at the southern border, creating a 4-5 year backlog for potential applicants (priest and nuns) to apply. We are planning the **Thank you party for Fr. Chris on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 6:30pm in our parish hall.**

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Rev. Deacon Bill Ladroga is retiring -Dn. Bill informed me that he retires on 28 April 2024, which will be his last Sunday of his diaconal ministry in St. Martha parish. Dn. Bill has served St. Martha parish for the last 27 years. He is now in his 46th year of his ordination as a Permanent Deacon. Dn. Bill assisted at two weekday Masses, and he

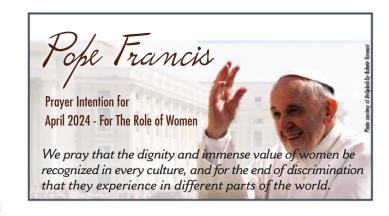
preached at them, and two weekend Masses, and he preached at them as well. Every month he conducted Communion Services at 6 nursing homes. He was a team member of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults; he took care of scheduling Masses for deacons. He conducted Funeral Services, interments and he was an Assistant Faithful Friar, Knights of Columbus 4th Degree. We thank him for these and many more things that he has done within the last 27 years in St. Martha parish. We appreciate his dedication and his long spiritual service that he gave to so many. God bless you, Deacon Bill!

> Please check the warning - in this bulletin against voting for Amendment 4 in the November ballot 2024 in the State Law about abortion.The Bishop's Conference of Florida ask us to inform ourselves about the current pro-life efforts and works. Pray also for the protection of unborn babies!

We are slowly preparing for **the Confirmation** for our 10th grade students (May 1, 2024) and the **First Communion** (May 4 and May 11) of our G. 2 students from our parish RE department classes and also of the students from Bishop Nevine Academy. Let's pray for them asking God to grant his special blessing to them!

Next Sunday (April 21, 2024) is the 4th Sunday of Easter.

With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, *Father George*



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- Deacon Bob





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Emmaus Journey Bible Study

Bring your Bible and a desire to share and learn with fellow participants with facilitator and parishioner Lindy Donahue. All are welcome! Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am (including Summer) St. Martha Catholic Church, Conference Room Lindy 724.263.8285 lindydonahue@mac.com

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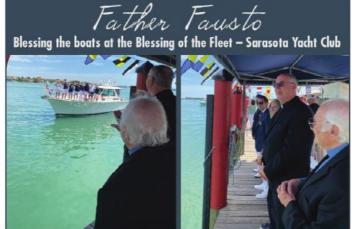
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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun, April 14Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
7:30am [CF] Erich Kolar by Mom
7:45am [CG] (Hall/Spanish) Special Intentions
9:00am [JR] Lucille and John Buyko by Ann Crowley
9:00am [GS] (Hall) (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom and Dad
10:30am [CF] For All Parishioners
10:30am [FS] (Hall) For All Parishioners
12:00pm [GS] Aldo Giovanucci by Rita Giovanucci
12:00pm [JV] (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm [JR] L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe
Mon, April 15Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
7:30am [GS] Liam Keegan by Patricia Flannery
8:30am [JV] Richard Feasley by Susanne Rainier
12:00pm [JR] Jack and Carol Healy by Joann
5:30pm [GS] Sabah Ghali by Antoon
Tue, April 16Acts 7:51–8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
7:30am [CF] Claire Arbour by Paul and Marge Lortie
8:30am [GS] L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe
12:00pm [GS] Larry Sierra by Helene McCarthy
5:30pm [CF] Special Intentions
Wed, April 17Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
7:30am [JR] Anne Newman by David and Paula Shiqley
8:30am [CF] Jane O'Connor by John Slattery
12:00pm [JR] Margita Kovacik & Maria Neuschel by Magda Kovacik
5:30pm [GS] Tim Donahue by Steve and Mimi Arch
Thu, April 18Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
7:30am [JV] The Poor Souls in Purgatory by John & Stephanie Iacopelli
8:30am [JR] Thomas and Elinor Norton by Gerard Norton
12:00pm [CF] Ester Tengco by Romulo & Mafaloa Tengco
5:30pm [FS] Peter A. Fragala by Mom & Dad
Fri, April 19Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
7:30am [GS] (L) St. Martha Staff by Jack Buckingham
8:30am [JV] Richard Padula, Jr. by Bob and Lois Guide
12:00pm [GS] Gaetano Fiorito by John and Stephanie Iacopelli
5:30pm [CF] (L) Shaun McGruder by John and Mary McGruder
Sat, April 20Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
7:30am [JV] Mary Worley by June Isaf
8:30am [GS] James Collins by Mary Collins
4:00pm [JR] Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Molitoris by John Iacopelli
5:30pm
Sun, April 21Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
7:30am [GS] Frank Cikovic by Dennis Cikovic
7:45am [CG] (Hall/Spanish) Special Intentions
9:00am [CF] Albert Spero, Sr. by Ann Crowley
9:00am
10:30am [JR] For All Parishioners
12:00pm [JR] Daniel J. Quinn by Jim and Eileen McCormack
12:00pm [JV] (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm [CF] Kerwin Anthony Baker by Virginia Low
Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS)
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Extreme Abortion Amendment Decision

A cruel and dangerous abortion amendment will be added to the ballot in November. Please acquaint yourself with the facts by visiting **TooExtreme4FL.com**, and **vote NO** on **Amendment 4**!

If you are concerned about this recent Florida Supreme Court decision to allow the extreme abortion amendment to appear on the ballot and are interested in doing something about it, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941.374.1068 right away.





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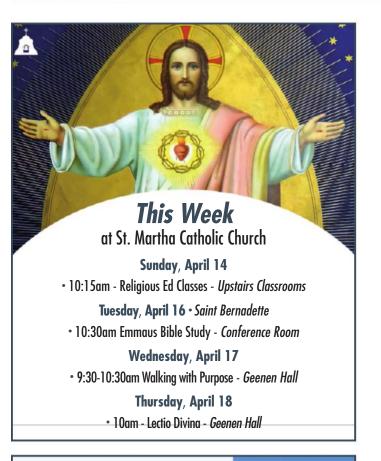
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St Martha's

Caritas Pantry

Volunteers Needed for Caritas contact volunteer@stmartha.org Caritas, an outreach ministry providing assistance with utility payments, food, transportation, prescriptions, and work attire for thousands of Sarasota in acute financial need.

This is a joint effort by First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Church of the Redeemer, St. Martha Catholic Church, and First United Methodist Church

We are honored to serve our community.Great work all and thank you! January-March 2024 we served 1,959 households and 3,562 individuals 602 Children and 2,960 Adults.



Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress Indianapolis - July 17-24, 2024 with the Next Poy. Events J. Devene Picken of the Disease of Venice

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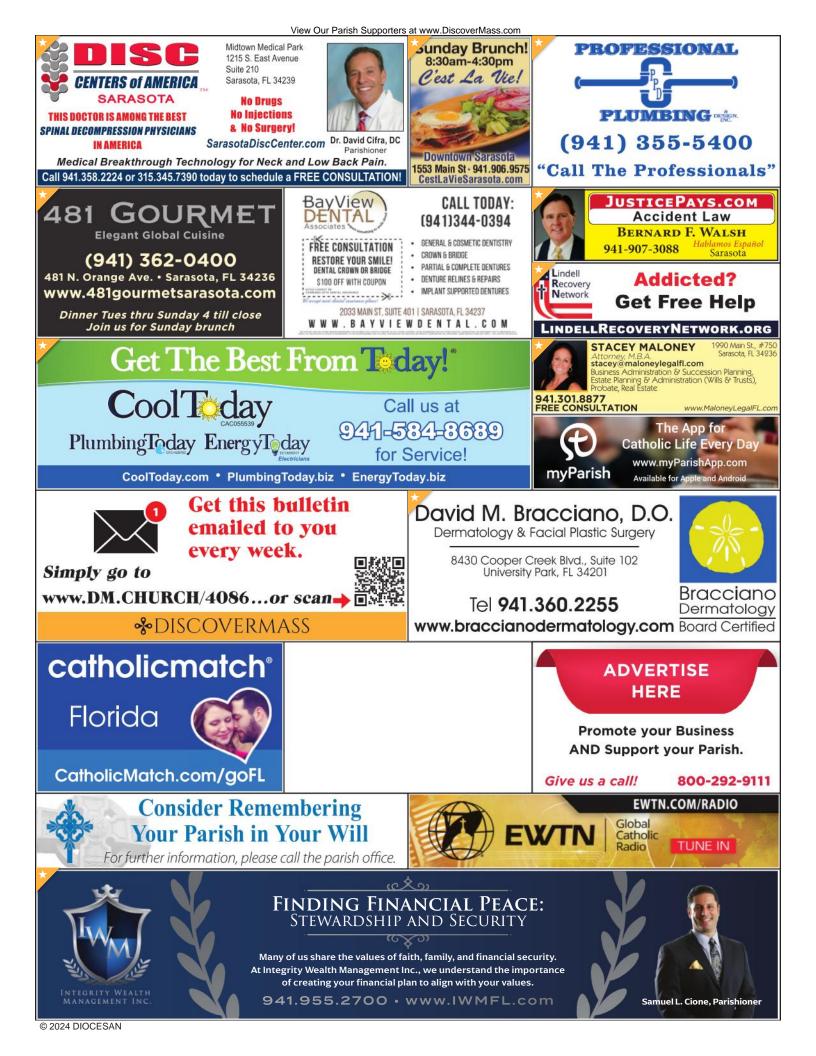


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