"I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."





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Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm (Church) Vigil

5:30pm *Vigil*

Sunday 7:30am - 9am (Church) - 9am (Hall)

10:30am (Church) • 12pm • 5:30pm

12pm Vietnamese (Parish Hall)

Weekday 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

Confession - Reconciliation Room

Saturday 9-10am • 3-4pm Sunday-Friday 11:30am

Eucharistic Adoration - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

Rosary

Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

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From Our Pastor, Father George

April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

From Father Chris

Dear Parishioners of St. Martha,

On the first day of kindergarten, parents are usually more nervous than the children. Parents tell their children how much fun they will have, how they will make new friends and do art projects and learn to read. The children usually have new crayons, backpacks and lunch boxes and can't wait to see what comes next. Parents, on the other hand, are often nervous about letting go. What if my little girl gets sick? What if my son gets teased? What if she doesn't do well in reading or math?

These parents are not overprotective, they are simply living out their innate role as good shepherds. Parents shelter their children. They make sure their child does not hunger or thirst. They keep their children out of danger, and wipe away every tear from their eyes.

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is often called *Good Shepherd Sunday*, from the comforting imagery of Jesus as the shepherd who will lead his sheep to eternal life. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects and provides for his flock, even to the point of laying down his life so we may live more abundantly. By his death and resurrection, Jesus Christ *opened* heaven to us. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches what we must do to be saved, to join him in the kingdom of heaven.

This Easter season, inspired by the efforts of the New Evangelization, I challenge us to respond in three ways to Jesus as the Good Shepherd:

First, get to know the voice of Jesus by getting into the discipline of reading from the Gospels every day. The peace and comfort you will experience from the words of the Good Shepherd will surprise you!

Second, pray for those who shepherd the Church. Pray for our priests, bishops, religious and lay ministers who are responsible for the pastoral care of the people of God. We need to be sustained in our ministries by grace.

Finally, do not forget your responsibility to shepherd others into the kingdom of God. Parents, you love your children and shepherd their health, behavior, education and advancement in maturity. Make sure you provide for their formation and education as Catholic Christians as well. Every one of us can make an effort to speak more freely about the person of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and how he has been a comfort and a guide to us. As we speak about our faith, we offer others the opportunity to join that great multitude in the kingdom of heaven.



Confirmation - G-10 students, together with their parents and teachers are preparing to receive this Sacrament from

Bp. Frank J. Dewane on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:30pm.

First Holy Communion - G-2 students together with their parents and teachers are preparing for this sacrament on Saturday, May 4 at 10am — Religious Education at St. Martha's parish and Saturday, May 11 at 9:30am and at 11:30am for BNA students. Let's pray for our young people and children, asking God to grant his special blessing to them!

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, beginning at 5:00pm in our parish hall.

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. Deacon 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 six 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!

Next Sunday (April 28, 2024) is the 5th Sunday of Easter.

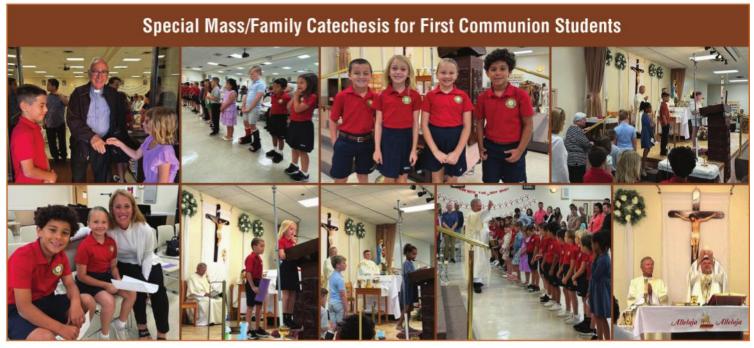
With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family,

Father George













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Weekly Mass Intentions

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Sun, April 21	Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
	Frank Cikovic by Dennis Cikovic
7:45am [CG]	(Hall/Spanish) Special Intentions
	Albert Spero, Sr. by Ann Crowley
	(Hall) Antonette Digman-Plowman by Marie Digman
10:30am [JR]	
	Daniel J. Quinn by Jim and Eileen McCormack
	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm [CF]	Kerwin Anthony Baker by Virginia Low
Mon, April 22	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
	Dr. Asghar Cububack by the Milone Family
8:30am []	
	Andrew Dowd by Jackie Filion
5:30pm []	Ann Jackson by Pauline Groetelaars
Tue April 23	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
	Dr. John Hoertz by Thomas and Jacqueline Kelly
	(L) Joshua Duarte by Mom and Dad
	Missing and exploited children by Joe & Betty Plouffe
	Andrew Dowd by Donna Ross
	Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
	David H. Shigley by David and Paula Shigley
	(L) The Cocco Family by Janet
	(L) Kathleen Pearson by Margaret Henderson
5:30pm[]	Tim Donahue by Steve and Mimi Arch
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	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
	For a greater respect for all human life
	(L) June Sounders by Pat Gunzelelman Al Zucaro by Catherine Giblin
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	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
	(L) Ken Hipp by David and Paula Shigley
	Robert J. Scully by Fran and Pat McGettgan
	(L) Rev. George Suszko, S.A.C. by Jack Buckingham
·	(L) Barbara Romano by the Family
Sat, April 27	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
	(L) Eileen Morgan by Patricia Flannery
	Famiglia Campanale by Carmella Scarongella
	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stedl by Marianne Richards
	L & D Mbrs of the McGruder Fam. by John & Mary McGruder
	Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
	Ryan Halstead by Mother
	(Hall/Spanish) Special Intentions
	St. Martha's Volunteers by Clergy
	(Hall) Holy Souls in Purgatory by John J. DeStefano
10:30am[]	
12:00pm[]	Clara Rodgers by Stephen Mislyan
	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions L & D Mbrs of the Burch Fam by Joe & Be y Plouffe
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Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (J	R), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS)

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!

This amendment to the Florida constitution would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women. 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

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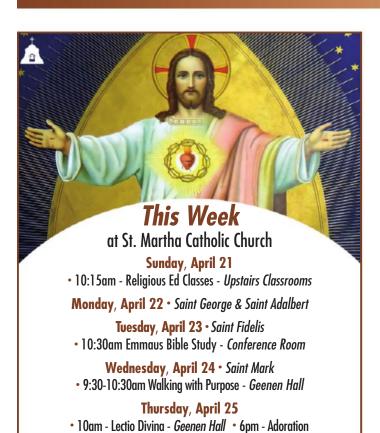


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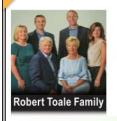
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