April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

-fesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vine grower." In 15:1-8





 Mass Schedule

 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 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

There may be several of us here who enjoy gardening and are good gardeners. If you are, you may be able to understand better the language of today's Gospel reading. I am not the best gardener, but I understand pruning. I can cut trees, trim branches, remove overgrown shrubs, clear weeds but I have a limited knowledge about plants and flowers, and I am not good at planning and planting in the garden at the right time.

So, when Jesus says: He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit I can easily understand about cutting a brunch away, but I needed to meditate more on what is this: each branch that bears no fruit. What spiritual fruit did he want his disciples to bear? Who was the one who bore no fruit?

St. John says: *let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth,* so it is those who love their neighbor in deed and truth, that bring fruit. Jesus wanted his disciples to be fruitful branches by loving their neighbor. When he said: *each branch that bears no fruit* he meant people who only talk about love and don't really love in action. Fruitless branch is a person who uses elaborate words when talking about love but doesn't move finger to practice love.

Unlike in the example of St. Paul, who once pruned by Jesus himself, became very real and active with his love of God and in his fruit bearing for Jesus. After his Damascus experience where Jesus appeared to him and called him to preach his Gospel to outside world, Soul was renamed Paul and became the apostle of Christ. From that moment on Paul was in Christ like a brunch in the vine. He was so tuned with Jesus Christ that he said that Christ lived in him. A new grown brunch that was never cut away, but which bore beautiful fruit of true preaching and active love. He started to go round preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. He converted hundreds of people to true faith in God and helped with his example of what it is to be in Christ and what it means to bear fruit for Christ.

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!!

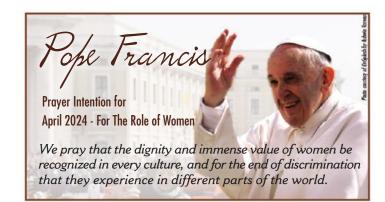
Rev. Deacon Bill Ladroga is retiring! - Dn. Bill informed me that he retires on **28 April 2024**, which will be his last Sunday of his diaconal ministry in St. Martha parish. Deacon Bill has **served St. Martha parish for the last 27 years**. He is now in his 46th year of his ordination as a Permanent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

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.

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 (May 5, 2024) is the 6th Sunday of Easter.

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



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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

Service Club made Get-Well cards for the sick in the hospital





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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun, April 28	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 [FS]	
	Clara Rodgers by Stephen Mislyan
	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
	L & D Mbrs of the Burch Fam by Joe & Be y Plouffe
Mon, April 29	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
	(L) Joanne Desrosiers by Marge and Paul Lortie
8:30am [GS]	Mr. Michael Tucker by Paul Vegliatante
12:00pm [JR]	Cyd Calamia by G & G Lupina
5:30pm [GS]	Thaddeus and Joseph by Marcia Norris
Tuo April 30	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
7.20 m [CC]	(L) Paul Lortie by Marge and Paul Lortie
/.JUUIII	(L) Faul Lorne by Marge and Faul Lorne
8:30am [JK]	Claire El Masri by Joe and Nora Stephan
12:00pm [65]	Lucilla Eschmann by Ann Crowley
5:30pm [JR]	(L) Barbara Romano by the Family
Wed. May 1	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
7·30am [GS]	Rose Welch by David and Paula Shigley
	Lawrence Caspard by the Milone Family
12:00nm [CF]	Michael Blair Frain by Jackie Fie
5·30nm [FC]	(L) Erin McGruder Helms by John & Mary McGruder
Thu, May 2	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
7:30am [JR]	(L) Paul Lortie by David and Paula Shigley
8:30am [FS]	Louis F. Bell by Lily Bell
12:00pm [CF]	Bob Corey by John Corey
	(L) Barbara Romano by the Family
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7:30am [UF]	(L) David M. Shigley by Paula Shigley
	Doris Stellwagen by Tina Mrockzowski
12:00pm [65]	(L) Donna Posani by John and Stephanie Iacopelli
	L & D Mbrs of the Julie Tierney Fam. by Friend
	(Vietnamese) Special Intentions
Sat May 4	Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21
7:30am	(L) David Shigley by Marge and Paul Lortie
8:30am []V]	Rose Linsky by the Corsaro Family
	(L) Danielle Gladding by Mom
	(L) Kelley Griffin by June Isaf
Sun, May 5	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-1
7:30am [GS]	Ryan Halstead by Mother
	(Hall/Spanish) Special Intentions
9:00am [GS]	Anthony, Jerry, & Vincent DiMora by Mimi & Jim Lerario
9:00am [CF]	(Hall) (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom and Dad
10:30am [CF]	For All Parishioners
12:00pm [FS]	Charles Cikovic by Dennis Cikovic
12:00pm [JV]	(Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm [JR]	L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Fam. by Joe & Betty Plouffe
	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

Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941.374.1068 right away.



Wednesdays in Geenen Hall 9:30-11:30am More information? stmarthawwp@yahoo.com • 941.525.2697





• 10am - Lectio Divina - Geenen Hall

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