

# Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025



## ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH



### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm Vigil  
4pm Vigil (Hall) • 5:30pm Vigil

**Sunday** 7:30am • 9am • 9am (Hall) • 10:30am  
12pm • 5:30pm • 12pm Vietnamese (Hall)

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

### Confession - Reconciliation Room

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

### Eucharistic Adoration - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

**Rosary** - Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

### St. Martha Catholic Church

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**Parish Office Hours** Monday-Friday 8am-12pm and 12:30-4pm

**April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
*Today's Sermon from Father George*

Our Church teaches us that God gives us faith, hope and love. That is why we are advised to keep praying for them constantly and we do it especially in the Rosary prayer. The Church calls them Theological Virtues and says that they are infused by God into the souls of the faithful, enabling them to act as God's children and merit eternal life. The virtues of faith, hope and love are essential for living a life in relationship with God.

In our Church we often pray to God to revive our faith and reignite our love. But I don't remember how we pray for hope. Our Catechism teaches us that Hope means trusting in God's promises and seeking eternal happiness through His grace.

When I checked this definition of hope and saw the words trusting in God's promises, I immediately remembered the Words: Jesus I trust in you, which we find on the image of Divine Mercy. So, they express hope, and they help us to understand what hope is.

Pope Francis gave us a short prayer, which we can see at the Jubilee banner in our church. We are Pilgrims of Hope, and the prayer says:  
*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us.*

Here we have: hope is that grace of God which should be awake in us. With trust in God's promises we reawaken hope, which is the grace of God. **So, at Easter we reawaken our hope in God's promises of the resurrection, we revive our faith in eternal life, and we reignite our love to God for his infinite grace.**

If hope needs to be reawakened, this means that hope falls asleep. Hope dozes off sometimes. When the disciples of Jesus saw him dying on the cross, they lost hope, even before the crucifixion when he was arrested in the garden Getsemani by the temple Guards they run away. When hope died, fear entered their hearts. They didn't know whom to trust.

One Friday in Lent, during our parish Stations of the Cross, I used: Mother Angelica's stations of the cross: In them the famous American nun gave her prayer which said: *The world asks over and over the question, if You are God's Son, why do You permit the world to be in the state it is in? Why are You so silent?* This question comes often in our conversations and discussions. Many of us, believing Catholics are affected by the state of the world, by wars, deaths of innocent people, deaths of women, children and elderly, by arrogance of evil people, by lies of corrupted leaders, by injustice in the world, by lawlessness of criminals by suffering of the sick and the poor. We ask the question: Lord, why are you allowing this? We are losing hope and fear dictates these questions.

Like in the biblical Psalm 53 we read: *The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They act corruptly and practice injustice; there is none that does good. God looks out from the heavens upon the children of Adam, to see if there is a discerning person who is seeking God.* Mary the mother of Jesus, stayed with him under the cross, she suffered with him and her heart was pierced with a sword, but she didn't lose faith and she didn't stop loving. Hope in God's promises kept her there, as it kept John, his disciple. Mary Magdalen who wanted to anoint Jesus witnessed the empty tomb on Sunday morning and brought Peter and John. They were discerning people who were seeking God. Other disciples, after a few apparitions of the Lord after his resurrection had their hope reawakened, the fear faded and they became courageous preachers of his resurrection. When they saw him alive again after his death, they realized that as long as they remain close to him, no evil and death will frighten them. They didn't understand all that



Our Pastor, Father George

**From Father George:**

**Your parish clergy members pray for God's blessing to you and your families** - Together with Fr. Gennadi, Fr. Jan, Fr. Joseph and Fr. Fausto, as your priests in St. Martha's parish and Deacon Bob, Deacon Pat and Deacon Vern, we pray for you at this time of grace. May God bless you and renew the spirit of the resurrection in your hearts. May He be generous and merciful to you!

**May God bless you all at this time of Easter -**

In this Jubilee Year we celebrate the 2025<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Jesus who came to us to fulfill God's promises of salvation. His precious life in human form ended with his death on the cross and his resurrection, which cleared the road to eternal life. May the Risen Lord bless us to overcome problems and fears and to have the gift of hope reawakened.

**Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27)** - We are going to hold the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the prayer of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 2.30pm in our church and then the special Mass at 3.00pm to mark this Feast of God's mercy

**St. Martha's Church building expansion reassessment** - After our initial meeting on April 5, 2025, at which I presented my opinion and observations on the subject I invite all parishioners, part-time parishioners and visitors to think about it as well, to pray about it and to help decide if we want to do it and be ready to support it financially or not. The text of my presentation is available in the parish office. We will have another meeting on April 26, 2025, at 10am in the parish hall to hear opinions of other parishioners.

**Next Sunday, April 27, 2025, is the Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy).**

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

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☑ Sunday Sermon from Father Gennadi

was happening to Jesus, but they began to be part of his kingdom, and they felt save. Even the unknown concept of eternity didn't cause panic in their human minds, the divinity which they touched gave them enough grace to make them his tireless apostles. They got together and prayed in the upper room to discern and to seek God because they had hope.

This is what we do in our faith, this is what our Catechumens and Candidates do - they discern and seek God, because there is hope in God's promises. When Pope Francis spoke about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, he said that *Confession is not about us going to God with lowered head, it's not us who come back to the Lord. It's Him who comes to visit us, to fill us with his grace, to share with us His joy. Confessing gives joy to the Father from the fact that he can lift us up. In the center of what we go through are not our sins but His forgiveness. Let's try to imagine, if our sins were in the center of this Sacrament, almost everything would depend exclusively on us, on our remorse, on our efforts, on our engagement. But it's not like this - in the center is He who frees us and stands us on our feet.* Let's see this Sacrament and other sacraments, like Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion from Divine perspective. They are signs for us of God's grace flowing to us through the cross of Christ. His resurrection, the fulfillment of God's promises, reawakens hope and overcomes fear.

### St Mary's Students at the Family Mass



### HELP WANTED at St Martha Welcome Ministry Volunteer

- Reaching out to new residents • Insure a safe environment for all worshippers
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## Canonization of Carlo Acutis

### WATCH PARTY!

See the Canonization LIVE  
 Sunday, April 27  
 4:30am | Parish Hall

## The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

### EXHIBIT

We invite you to come and immerse yourself in this amazing Eucharistic panel collection created by St. Carlo Acutis The World's First Millennial Saint

Church of St Patrick

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Saturday, April 26

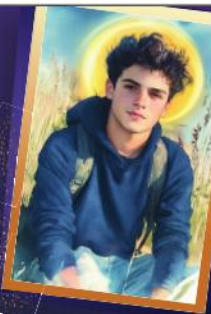
8:30am to 7:00pm | Parish Hall



Sunday, April 27

8:00am to 2:30pm | Parish Hall

- Replay of the Canonization Sunday afternoon
- Videos about this young saint's life
- Books and prayer cards available
- Sign a get-well card for Pope Francis
- Pray for St. Carlo and leave a message for his canonization



## Divine Mercy Sunday

### CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 27

2:30pm | Church

- ADORATION • CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY • LITANY OF DIVINE MERCY

To receive these graces and obtain complete forgiveness of our sins and punishment, we should go to confession before and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena will begin on Good Friday and conclude on the Saturday after Easter.



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Wednesdays in Parish Hall 9:30-11:30am

Questions? Contact Kelly Rizzo

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## Helping the Homeless Be Housed

*Please Help Make a Real Difference*

Many of us wonder how we can help. Should we give a few dollars to those suffering? 90% of our homeless suffer from addiction and/or mental illness. Giving cash enables the continuation of the homeless lifestyle.

**But what about our duty as Christians to help the poor and needy?** Aren't we supposed to help? YES, absolutely! But please let your donation truly do the good you intend. The church collects money to support our local homeless charities. **The Homeless Outreach donation box** is located near the main doors of the church. **The monies collected go to:**

**Caritas Food Pantry:** A parish ministry at St. Martha. The food pantry is open Monday-Friday and serves hundreds of families every week.

**Resurrection House:** Provides many free services to the homeless including breakfast, lunch, bathrooms, showers, toiletries, laundry service, clothing, chapel, barber, health screening, medical doctor, dentist, vaccines, and legal services.

**Family Promise:** An organization addressing the gap in local services for pregnant mothers experiencing homelessness. Expectant mothers and their children can be housed at the Family Promise Francis House or Family Promise funding housing. Family Promise currently houses 39 pregnant mothers with children.

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## Emmaus Journey Bible Study

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St. Martha Catholic Church, Conference Room – All are welcome!

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## This Week

### at St. Martha Catholic Church

#### Tuesday, April 22

- 10:30am **Emmaus Bible Study** - Conference Room

#### Wednesday, April 23

- 9:30-11:30am - **Walking with Purpose** - Parish Hall

#### Thursday, April 24

- 10am - **Lectio Divina** - Geenen Hall

### Diocese of Venice

1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285 . . . . . 941.484.9543

### Outreach Ministries

Altar Servers . . . . .	Dn. Vern Smith . . . . .	dcvern@stmartha.org
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Community Pregnancy Clinics . . . . .		941.260.5427
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Extraordinary Ministers . . . . .	Dc. Pat Macaulay . . . . .	dpat@novavista.com
Finance Council . . . . .	John Corey . . . . .	coreyjjj5@gmail.com
Family Ministry . . . . .	Gary Kerschner . . . . .	fmosm@comcast.net
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### Neighboring Diocesan Parishes

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## Welcome New Parishioners!

We are so happy to welcome you to  
 St Martha Catholic Church  
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### St. Martha Clergy

- Rev. George Suszko, S.A.C. Pastor
- Rev. Jan Rykala, S.A.C.
- Rev. Gennadi Romachko, S.A.C.
- Rev. Joseph Vu, C.R.M., Hospital Chaplain
- Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C. (Retired)
- Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens
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- Rev. Deacon Vern Smith
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### St. Martha Parish Staff

- Samantha McDonald, Business Manager
- Patricia Sileo, Director of Religious Education
- Blanca Goetz, Event Coordinator
- Pamela Paulson, Reception/Data Entry
- Maxine Brand, Reception
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- Susie Runnells, Sacristan
- Janet Cocco, Sacristan
- Joe Angelicola, Sacristan
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- Carlos Sierra Napoles, Maintenance
- Claudia Moschini, Rectory Chef

## Information for Families with Students in Catholic School

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that *parents receive the responsibility of evangelizing their children and calls them the first heralds of the faith.* The family is also called domestic church – the church of the home. It is so important for parents to be strong role models as active Catholics, becoming the primary catechists in the faith development of their children.

In keeping with this important role of parents, there will be two requirements to qualify for the Practicing Catholic Tuition Discount when submitting the Parish Affiliation Form.

The first requirement is 50% attendance at Sunday Mass for the year. To confirm your attendance, please place your offertory envelope in the basket during the offertory collection (an offertory contribution of at least a quarter should be included in the envelope).

The second requirement is participation in at least one parish ministry.

Please see the list (right) of qualifying ministries for parents, children, and families. ➔

**Ministries for Children**  
*Altar Server* Assigned to serve at a Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday Mass (training program provided)  
*Frequency* at least once a month.

**Ministries for Families**  
*Greeters & Offertory Gift Bearers* Before Mass, greet and welcome parishioners/visitors at the main entrance of the church, and during Mass bring offertory gifts to the altar.  
*Frequency* once a month.

**Family Ministry**  
Parents and children serve coffee and donuts to parishioners on Sunday morning for a ninety-minute shift between 7am & 1pm.  
*Frequency* once a month.

To enroll in a ministry, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator **Stuart Love** at [volunteer@stmartha.org](mailto:volunteer@stmartha.org) or **941.780.7834**

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Sun, Apr 20** ..... **Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9**

6:30am.....[FS] ....Sunrise Service –begins in the Courtyard–  
For All Parishioners

7:30am.....[GR]....For All Parishioners

9:00am.....[FS] ....For All Parishioners

9:00am.....[JR] ....(Hall) For All Parishioners

10:30am.....[GS]....For All Parishioners

10:30am.....[GR]....(Hall) For All Parishioners

12:00pm.....[FS] ....For All Parishioners

12:00pm.....[JV].....(Hall/Vietnamese) For All Parishioners

5:30pm.....[JR] ....For All Parishioners

**Mon, Apr 21** ..... **Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15**

7:30am.....[JV].....(L) Fr. Gennadi by Parishioner

8:30am.....[GS]....Brian Kneafsey by Marilyn Kneafsey

12:00pm.....[JR] ....Donald Kohler by Silvana Nandin

5:30pm.....[JR] ....(L) Shawn McGruder by John and Mary McGruder

**Tue, Apr 22** ..... **Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18**

7:30am.....[JR] ....Arthur Levin by Marcella

8:30am.....[JR] ....Robert Ficco, Jr. by Elaine and Richard Johnson

12:00pm.....[GS]....Fr. Patrick Wilson by Allie Freeman

5:30pm.....[GS]....Bruce Blamire by Collen Gray, David, & Sue & John Campbell

**Wed, Apr 23** ..... **Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35**

7:30am.....[GR]....Clint Hill by John Iacopelli

8:30am.....[JR] ....Robert and Ann Corey by John

12:00pm.....[JR] ....Missing and Exploited Children by Joe and Betty Plouffe

5:30pm.....[GS]....(L) Skyler Dangelo by Nicole

**Thu, Apr 24** ..... **Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48**

7:30pm.....[JV].....Herb Goldenberg by John Iacopelli

8:30pm.....[GR]....Honey Gfroerer by Jackie Halstead

12:00pm.....[GR]....Julie, Theodore, & Fred Cevrowski by Stephanie & Milton Kruk

5:30pm.....[FS] ....Fr. Patrick Wilson by John Corey

**Fri, Apr 25** ..... **Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14**

7:30am.....[GR]....David H. Shigley by David and Paula Shigley

8:30am.....[FS] ....Luigi Del Ben by Rita Dunn

12:00pm.....[JV].....Dec'd Mbrs of the Zucaro Family by Cathy Giblin

5:30pm.....[GR]....(L) Rhona Smile by Joyce Schaefer

**Sat, Apr 26** ..... **Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15**

7:30am.....[GS]....(L) Jean Turner by Friend

8:30am.....[JV].....Adam Kostrzewski by Diane Kostrzewski

4:00pm.....[JR] ....(L) Austin Carstens by Adriana

4:00pm.....[GR]....(Hall) Walter and Rose Szczeny by Marcia Derck

5:30pm.....[FS] ....Brian Matusz by Molly Dooher and Henry Kahwaty

**Sun, Apr 27** ..... **Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31**

7:30am.....[GS]....Ryan Halstead by Mom

9:00am.....[JR] ....(L) Ken Hipp by David and Paula Shigley

9:00am.....[GS]....(Hall) Thomas Schwartz by Bill and Maria Buerger

10:30am.....[FS] ....For All Parishioners

10:30am.....[GR]....(Hall) For All Parishioners

12:00pm.....[FS] ....L & D Mbrs of the McGruder Family by John & Mary McGruder

12:00pm.....[JV].....(Hall/Vietnamese) For All Parishioners

5:30pm.....[GR]....L & D Mbrs of the Burch Family by Joe & Betty Plouffe

Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Joseph (JV)  
Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr Gennadi (GR)

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