

April 12-18, 2026



“Jesus, I trust in You”



ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm *Vigil*

4pm (Hall) *Vigil* • 5:30pm *Vigil*

Sunday 7:30am • 9am • 9am (Hall) • 10:30am

12pm • 5:30pm • 12pm Vietnamese (Hall)

Weekday 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm

Confession - Reconciliation Room

Saturday 3-4pm • Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11am

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 12, 2026 - by Deacon Pat

Welcome to Divine Mercy Sunday! What makes it so special? It came about, in the last century from Jesus appearances to a humble Polish Nun – St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. Jesus told her that ***Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy!***

Based on her diary, Pope John Paul II on her canonization in 2000, established the Divine Mercy Feast Day as the Second Sunday after Easter. The following is from thedivinemercy.org (the website of the National Shrine, administered by the Marian Fathers):

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

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- Deacon Pat***

I invite you to go to the National Shrine's website thedivinemercy.org to explore ways available to deepen your Faith through devotion to Jesus' Divine Mercy.

In the Gospel passage, we see Jesus visiting the Apostles, twice, in a locked upper room. Both times He showed His

wounds. But, instead of being vengeful, he showed His Divine Mercy, by telling them Shalom (Peace) and breaking bread with them.



Our Pastor, Father George

Notes From Father George:

Additional Mass today - On this Sunday, April 12, we will have an additional Mass in our church at 3pm to mark the Feast of the Divine Mercy.

From St. Faustina - *Mercy is the greatest attribute of God.*

Holy Week/Easter 2026

impressions - The three days of Confessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the Holy Week in St. Martha were well attended

by huge number of people, May God bless everyone who came to reconcile with God. Similarly, we have had over 3,400 people who attended our Masses on Easter Sunday. Great thanks to the music director, cantors and choir members for beautiful singing as well as all sacristans, lectors, ushers and altar servers for helping in these special Liturgies!

Next Sunday, April 19, 2026, is 3rd Sunday of Easter.

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

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In the first visit, when Thomas was not present, He gave them the Holy Spirit and established the Sacrament of Penance: *Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*

In the second visit, with all of the Apostles present, He invited Thomas to *Put your finger here and see my hands and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.* Thomas responded, *My Lord and my God!* Importantly for us, Jesus then said *Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*

Because of our belief in Jesus as our Redeemer, **we are blessed!**

So, each of us are called to appreciate our Blessing that Jesus mercifully gives us! The most popular devotion is to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Instructions are found on thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet.

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Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil at St Martha Catholic Church!



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April 8-May 20 from 9:30-11:30am

St. Martha Geenen Hall

For more information or to register
Contact Jacqueline Kelly

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Happy Easter!

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Day of Reflection for Sacramental Marriage is a day for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church.

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2026 SCHEDULE

June 20

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September 12

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November 14

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Jim Gontis, Director, Dept of Evangelization

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Weekly Mass Intentions



Sun, Apr 12 . . . Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

- 7:30am.....[JV] . . Kyle Angeles by the Corsaro Family
- 9:00am.....[GR] . . St. Martha's Volunteers by the Clergy
- 9:00am.....[FS] . . (Hall) Chesterine and Henry Drabicki by the Ordonez Family
- 10:30am.....[FS] . . For All Parishioners
- 12:00pm.....[GS] . . L&D Mbrs Norris, Nasrallah, Dennis, Madden Families by Marcia Norris
- 12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
- 3:00pm.....[GS] . . Divine Mercy Mass
- 5:30pm.....[GS] . . L & D Mbrs of the Cummins Family by Bob & Virginia Forget

Mon, Apr 13 . . . Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

- 7:30am.....[GS] . . Dec. Mbrs of the Vincent LoCicero Family by Helene Halpern
- 8:30am.....[JV] . . Marie-Rose Younan by Joe and Nora Stephan
- 12:00pm.....[JV] . . Kim Martin by Stu and Joan Love

Tue, Apr 14 . . . Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

- 7:30am.....[JV] . . Erich by Mom
- 8:30am.....[JV] . . Renee Younan by Joe and Nora Stephan
- 12:00pm.....[GS] . . (L) Dennis O'Neil by Bob and Debbie Frank

Wed, Apr 15 . . . Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

- 7:30am.....[GR] . . Catherine O'Rouke by Thomas and Jacqueline Kelly
- 8:30am.....[GR] . . William L'Heureux by the Family
- 12:00pm.....[GS] . . L & D Mbrs of the Thomas Family by Betty and Joe Plouffe

Thu, Apr 16 . . . Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

- 7:30am.....[JV] . . (L) Fr. Gennadi Romachko, S.A.C. by David and Paula Shigley
- 8:30am.....[GR] . . Ryan Halstead by Mom
- 12:00pm.....[FS] . . Ione Fowler by Rose Fowler

Fri, Apr 17 . . . Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

- 7:30am.....[GS] . . (L) Alan Rose by Judy Kozlowski
- 8:30pm.....[FS] . . Carl Gugino by the Heibel Family
- 12:00pm.....[GR] . . (L) Donna Bakr by Cruz

Sat, Apr 18 . . . Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

- 7:30am.....[GR] . . Sandra LaVon Herrmann by Dick Quinn
- 8:30pm.....[JV] . . For Greater Respect for all Human Life
- 4:00pm.....[GR] . . (L) Robert Frank by Debbie Frank
- 4:00pm.....[GS] . . (Hall) Special Intentions
- 5:30pm.....[FS] . . Ester Tengco by Romulo and Mafalda Tengco

Sun, Apr 19 . . . Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

- 7:30am.....[GR] . . (L) Amy Sheridan by the Family
- 9:00am.....[FS] . . John and Angelino Lerario by Jim and Mimi
- 9:00am.....[GS] . . (Hall) (L) Shaun McGruder by John and Mary McGruder
- 10:30am.....[GR] . . For All Parishioners
- 12:00pm.....[GS] . . Gaetano Lupo by Sisters
- 12:00pm.....[JV] . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
- 5:30pm.....[GR] . . Gerald J. Boryszewski, Jr. by Mom and Dad

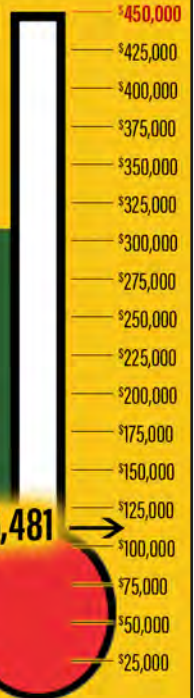
Fr. George (GS), Fr. Joseph (JV),
Fr. Fausto (FS), Fr. Guennadi (GR)

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Events & Announcements

Theology on Tap, Thursday, April 16 at 7pm - Calling all young adults! Join us for an evening of fellowship, faith and fun with other Catholic young people from across the Diocese. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, connect with others, and enjoy an evening out with friends old and new. Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults in their 20s and 30s to explore faith topics in a relaxed social setting, the **third Thursday** of every month at **Oak & Stone, 5405 University Parkway, University Park**. To learn more, contact Andres Prias, 941.441.1122.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Grove City, 5265 Placida Road, has been designated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane as a Jubilee site - welcoming pilgrims throughout the Jubilee Year. The Church Sanctuary and Poor Clare Adoration Chapel will be open from **9am to 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays** to welcome pilgrims, and at other times by arrangement. More information: sfochurch.com/jubilee-2025.



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A Note From The Principal...



To Our St. Martha Parish Family,

As we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter and the hope of the Resurrection, we are reminded of the many blessings God has given our parish community, especially our parish school, St. Martha Catholic School.

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our upcoming Giving Challenge and Golf Outing, with details available on this page. Funds raised will help us continue enhancing our campus, including adding a perimeter fence to provide an extra layer of safety and security for our students and staff. St. Martha Catholic School is a vital ministry of our parish, forming young hearts and minds in faith, knowledge, and service.

Thank you for your continued support in strengthening our school and investing in the future of our children.

God Bless!
Mrs. Hanson



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Events & Activities



Emmaus Journey Bible Study

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Call Lindy 724.263.8285 lindydonahue@mac.com

ST MARTHA MELODY MAKERS Youth Choir



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!
- Psalm 100:1

All St Martha's youth are invited to join in the singing!

More information, schedule, and to join:
Joy: 941.587.3584 or mjoylfl@comcast.net

Join Us for St. Martha Wine & Cheese!

April 18 after the 4pm and 5:30pm masses in the Courtyard.
It's a great way to meet other parishioners and to get to know the priests better.

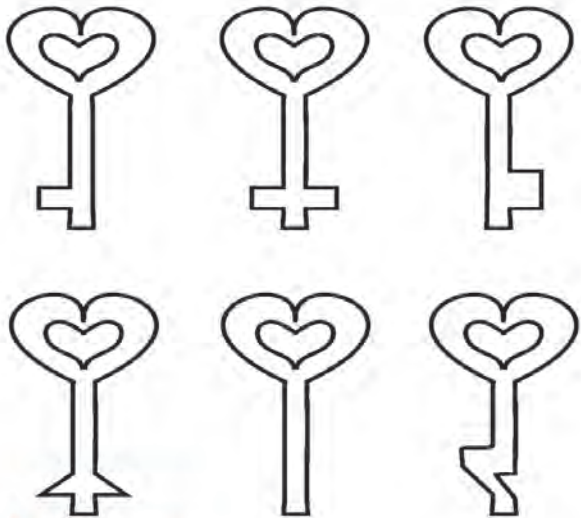



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Which key will unlock this door?



MISSION

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Fun Fact about the ART in St MARTHA Church
The Story of the Wedding at Cana



This beautiful stained glass window represents the a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. Jesus, and His mother Mary, were in attendance at the wedding when the celebration ran out of wine. Mary lets Jesus know, and Jesus asked that many jars be filled with water. He proceeds to turn the water into wine, and this is recognized as His first public miracle and is the second of the *Luminous Mysteries* which focus on key moments of Christ's public ministry: 1) Baptism in the Jordan 2) Wedding at Cana 3) Proclamation of the Kingdom 4) Transfiguration and 5) Institution of the Eucharist.

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Read much more about our Parish at StMartha.org

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Interested in joining?
Contact Emil Efthimides at ede24@usa.com or Samantha McDonald, Parish Hall 941.366.4210 smcdonald@stmartha.org

Welcome New Parishioners!

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St. Martha Parish Staff

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Samantha McDonald, Business Manager
 Patricia Sileo, Director of Religious Education
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 Pamela Paulson, Reception/Data Entry
 Maxine Brand, Reception
 Thomas Varas, Music Director
 Susie Runnells, Sacristan
 Janet Cocco, Sacristan
 Joe Angelicola, Sacristan
 Miguel Jimenez, Facilities Manager
 Eris Nunez, Maintenance
 Carlos Sierra Napoles, Maintenance
 Claudia Moschini, Rectory Chef

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 Rev. Guennadi Romachko, S.A.C.
 Rev. Joseph Vu, C.R.M.,
 Hospital Chaplain
 Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia,
 S.A.C. (Retired)
 Rev. Deacon Robert Gaitens
 Rev. Deacon C. Patrick Macaulay
 Rev. Deacon Vern Smith
 Sr. Cathy Bonfield, S.S.N.D.



A Message from BISHOP DEWANE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal focuses on strengthening the Church in the United States and its territories that are financially unable to offer basic pastoral ministries and services without outside assistance. This Appeal offers funds needed for religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that both assist in evangelizing and building vibrant faith communities.

Your contribution to this Appeal allows these less well to do Dioceses to keep their Parishes open and meet the Pastoral needs of their communities. One of the many programs supported by this Appeal is faith formation programs offered by the campus ministries of Universities in mission territories in the United States. By participating in these campus ministry programs, students grow in their faith and prepare to be Church leaders.

The 2026 Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of April 18 and 19, 2026. Won't you be generous and allow Faith to flourish in areas that cannot do it alone? On behalf of your brothers and sisters whom you will be greatly helping, thank you for your support and kindness!

I take this opportunity to assure you and your family of my continued consideration as well as my prayers in this Easter Season.

May God bless you for your kindness and generous response!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 + Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Important Contact Information

Outreach Ministries		Diocese of Venice	
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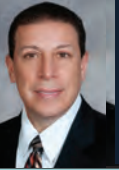
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