

Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm Vigil

5:30pm *Vigil*

Sunday 7:30am - 7:45am Spanish (Parish Hall) - 9am

10:30am • 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 May 19, 2024 - Pentecost Sunday

From Deacon Vern Smith:

Today is Holy Spirit Day. We call it Pentecost because it has been fifty days since Easter. Pente is the Greek word for *five*, and pentekostos means *fiftieth*. The number is significant, but not a day about arithmetic and numbers. It is a day about the Holy Spirit of God coming to us and dwelling within us. It is a day to think of the fire of God's Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

In today's first reading, a selection from the Acts of the Apostles, you heard the words: When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.... The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, is like a wind, like a flame. Like a strong wind or a gentle breeze, the Spirit can be present to you. Like fire, the Spirit can bring you light and warmth. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Each one of you today, all of us together, can be filled with the Holy Spirit. We can be fired up and ready to renew the face of the earth. At least we can be fired up to renew our small portion of the earth with love.

Sacred scripture is telling you today that God is like a strong wind. Scripture is also saying that God is like flickering flame. Today's texts tell you that God is like love that can be seen with the inner eye and felt in the heart. God wants to fill your heart today with the fire of his love.

In the reading from First Corinthians you were reminded that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. [A]nd we were all given to drink of one Spirit. There's another way to think about God the Holy Spirit. We can drink in the Holy Spirit and become refreshed, recommitted, rededicated, and ready to renew the face of the earth.

In the Gospel selection from John, you heard Jesus say, Peace be with you. Hear him say those words to you today and take him at his word. Peace be with you! Be at peace therefore. Be joyful today as the apostles were then on the first Pentecost when Jesus stood in their midst and greeted them. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord and [Jesus] said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' As if to offer a warranty or a guarantee with that wish, Jesus said to them (and he says today to you), Receive the Holy Spirit.

This Holy Spirit, whose coming upon as we celebrate on this day, Pentecost Sunday, This Holy Spirit brings gifts — you've all heard of the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel (or right judgement), fortitude (which is the courage all of us need), piety (understood as a mature and proper reverence), and the last on this list of gifts is what is called fear of the Lord, meaning a certain sense of wonder and awe. These are the gifts of Pentecost, confirmation gifts bestowed on the confirmandi, these are the gifts we celebrate today. These gifts enable us to work along with God in our own day for the salvation of our world. These gifts are the outpouring of God's love. The holy Spirit is the mystery of God's love in our world.

If you ever ask yourself the question, What is God like? you ultimately come up with the answer that God is love. That is what all the fuss is about on Pentecost, that is what we are celebrating — the fact that God is love and that God's love is poured into us, God's love fires us up to do good things in this world. God's love warms our hearts. Just as human love on earth leads



to union of earthly humans, God's love in us unites all of us in one body, the body of Christ, the Church.God is love. We celebrate God's gift of love to us on this Pentecost Sunday.

We all need a measure of joy that only God can give. Christ promised to be with us always, even until the end of time. He is with us now. His being with us means joy and love, wind in our sails, fire in our bellies, warmth in our hearts. It means commitment and conviction poured into the very depths of our being. Christ's being with us means forgiveness of our sins and stupidity. Christ's being with us means that each of us has at hand a generous supply of the confirmation gifts he offered to his original disciples, the gift of the Holy Spirit who, in turn, brings gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Choose any one of these gifts that you like to occupy your time today. Choose them all, if you like, and delight in the enhancements they bring to you. But whatever you do, choose to dwell today on the great gift of fortitude. [T]ake courage; be stouthearted, says the psalmist (Ps 27). With the gift of fortitude, courage is yours to face the stress, sadness, anger, disappointment, and confusion that may beset you in these troubled days. But don't just think of yourself — your confusion, doubts, anger, and your fear perhaps for the future of the Church — think of your mission. After giving them the Spirit and expressing the wish that peace would be with them, Jesus said to his disciples (as he says to you today), As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

Consider yourself sent — sent out with a smile, with fire in your heart, with the wind of God's love at your back — consider yourself sent to bring the Spirit of Pentecost to the world beneath your feet, to a world in need of hope and help.

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From Father George

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost - O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit, grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth; the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints; the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable; the Spirit of Holy Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Amen.

Congratulations - to all children who celebrated their First Holy **Communion** recently! May Jesus Christ truly present in the sacrament of Eucharist, feed you.

Summer Schedule of Confessions - Beginning next Sunday some confession days will be suspended until further notice. We will have confessions at 11:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and 3pm-4pm on Saturdays.

Suspension of 5:30pm weekday Mass until further notice - Having 3 priests in active ministry in St. Martha's parish during this time of holidays when one of us may be away for four weeks. I need to suspend 5:30pm weekly Mass beginning on Monday May 27, 2024. I invite parishioners to 7:30am, 8:30am and 12pm Masses every day of the week!



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May Devotion - We will pray the Litany to Our Lady after weekday Masses during the month of May for peace in Ukraine, Holy Land and for our own intentions.

Rev. Deacon Bill Ladroga has retired! - Dn. Bill, the whole parish is very grateful to you for your 27 years of diaconal ministry in St. Martha! We offer our prayers for you at this time and our congratulations for the beautiful fruits of your witness to Christ.

Farewell Fr. Chris! - with our gratitude for your priestly ministry in St. Martha parish, we offer our prayers for God's blessing on your future apostolic work.

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 26, 2024) is Most Holy Trinity.

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

Father George

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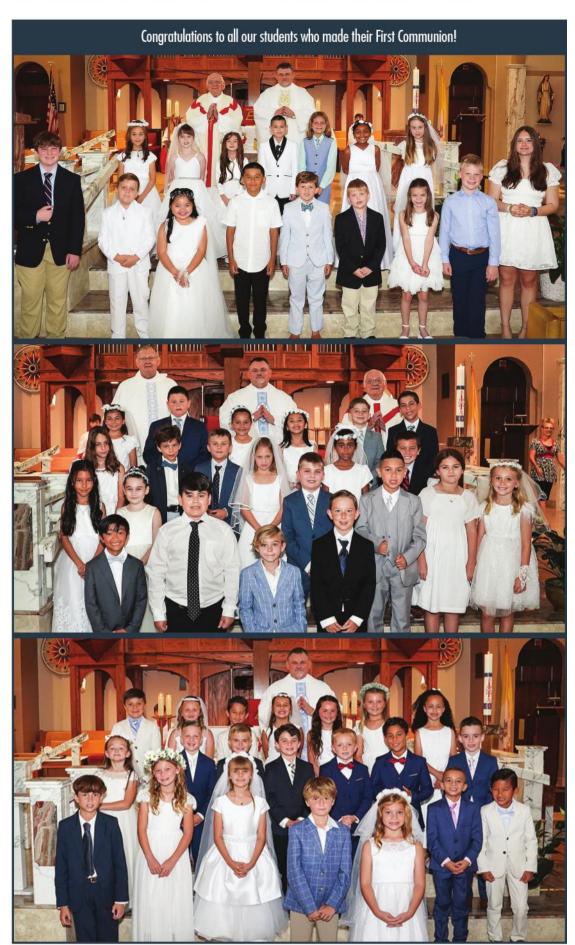
Usher Volunteer

We are looking for a friendly, personable person to serve as an usher at weekend liturgies. As a member of a four-person team, duties include welcoming, assisting with seating, collecting the offertory, distributing bulletins, and insuring a safe environment for all worshippers.

Shifts last 1 1/2 hours. Volunteers are needed to join the Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 12pm, and 5:30pm usher teams. No experience required. Training provided.

> Interested contact: Stuart Love **Volunteer Coordinator**

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun, May 19Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23 7:30am[JR] Ryan Halstead by Mother
7:45am[CG] (Hall/Spanish) Dania Acosta by Victor Acosta 9:00am[GS] Anna Sidotti by Ann Crowley
10:30am [CF] For All Parishioners
12:00pm [FS] Patrick Downey by Jack Slusser
12:00pm [JV] (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions 5:30pm [GS] L & D Mbrs of the Burch Fam. by Joe & Betty Plouffe
Mon, May 20Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34
7:30am [GS] John Fox Weir by Madonna Weir
8:30am[JR] Claire El Masri by Pete Linderman
12:00pm [JV] Cyd Calamia by G & G Lupina 5:30pm [JR] Holy Souls in Purgatory by John J. DeStefano
Tue, May 21Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37 7:30am[JV]John Tucker by David & Paula Shigley
8:30am [CF] (L) Joshua Duarte by Mom & Dad
12:00pm [GS] (L) Nimal Prakash by Mini
5:30pm [CF] Will Reckase by Mary and Eddie McGough
Wed, May 22Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
7:30am [CF] Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40 8:30am [JR] Sheila Ross by Tina Mroczkowski
12:00pm [CF] Danny Tartaglia by the Milone Family
5:30pm [GS] Tim Donahue by Steve & Mimi Arch
Thu, May 23Jas 5:1-6; MK 9:41-50
7:30am[JR] Poor Souls in Purgatory by John & Stephanie lacopelli
8:30am [CF] Mercedes Carey by Friend 12:00pm [CF] Fernando Hernandez by Blanca
5:30pm [FS] James Mearman, Jr. by Mary and Eddie McGough
Fri, May 24Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12
7:30am [CF] Martin Denning by Paul & Marge Lortie
8:30am[FS] Gerald & Catherine Wetherell by Gerard Norton 12:00pm[GS] Poor Souls in Purgatory by John & Stephanie Iacopelli
5:30pm[JR](L) Peter Romano by Family
Sat, May 25Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16
7:30am [CF] Leonardo & Portia by Carmella Scarongella
8:30am[GS]For a Greater Respect for all Human Life
4:00pm
Sun, May 26 Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20 7:30am [GS] Robert Kutowski by the Kutowski Family
7:45am [CG] (Hall/Spanish) Madelyn Heibel by the Heibel Family
9:00am [JR] Grace Bauso by Mimi & Jim Lerario
10:30am [FS] For All Parishioners 12:00pm [JR] (L) The Duarte Family by the Family
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5:30pm [GS] Salvator Laspina by Peter and Jennie Caufield
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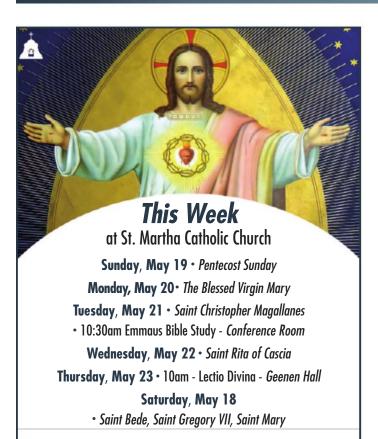
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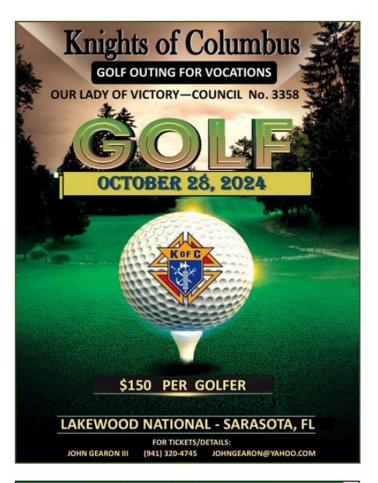
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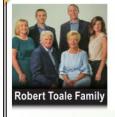
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