

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm Vigil

5:30pm *Vigil* 

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

10:30am • 12pm • 5:30pm

12pm Vietnamese (Parish Hall)

Weekday 7:30am - 8:30am - 12pm

Confession - Reconciliation Room

Saturday - 3-4pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Carosella Chapel

Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm

Rosary

Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

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May 26, 2024

## From Our Pastor, Father George May 26, 2024

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity MT 28: 16-20

From Deacon Bob:

Many theologians say one of the most difficult mysteries to comprehend or understand is our Triune God. For me, it has not been difficult to comprehend. As I share often, I have three favorite verses in the Bible. Two come from the First Epistle of St. John and the other is found in today's Gospel. Today, all three verses tie into the Feast Day. The three verses are God is Love from 1Jn, the second verse also from 1Jn is see what love for us the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are!
... We are God's children now. And, third we hear in today's Gospel which is be not afraid, I am with you till the end of the age.

God is Love. Since God was begotten, not made, or in other words always is

" In our most desperate times
when we feel alone
and abandoned, look for
His sweet kiss of a breeze.
Step into his warm hug in the sun light,
His tender cleansing of the rain,
His love song to us in a bird singing.
His promise is:
He is always there, always loving us.
So we need not be afraid!"
— Deacon Bob

and always was: God existed prior to the creation of the universe or man. Therefore, it always made sense, that if at one point in time there was nothing but God, God still had to love, if God was love. So it always made perfect sense that there had to be more than one part to God, so God could love. My greatest experiences of love were found in family. The nuclear family like God has three parts: The mother, father, and from them comes the child. A family is

one yet has three parts. So it was quite simple for me to see those similarities of God and family. It made perfect sense. God is one but has three separate entities. A family is one but has three separate entities.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God. Yet so we are!...we are God's children now: this line reminds all of us that our Triune God has called us into God's family as adopted children. God is our Father; The Holy spirit sanctifies us, and the Son redeems us. This verse from 1 John reminds us, that even if we have no earthly family, we are part of the greatest family one can imagine. We are part of the family of God.

Be not afraid, I am with you always till the end of the age: this closing line in the Gospel of Matthew reminds us even if we are by ourselves, Jesus is with us always as we are part of Him: his family! In those times of desolation and despair, God is still right with us. There is a prayer that the clergy are required to say almost weekly in Liturgy of the Hours. The prayer has a litany of all God's creation. It goes from the stars and moon to all weather events to all of God's earthly creation. Before the mentioned litany item, the line starts with God Bless the, then the said item is mentioned. It is to remind us that God is fully present in all things around us all the time.

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Which proves God is Love. Jesus tells us we need not be afraid. Why? Because he is with us always! We are part of His family; he is not going to abandon us. In our most desperate times when we feel alone and abandoned, look for His sweet kiss of a breeze. Step into his warm hug in the sun light, His tender cleansing of the rain, His love song to us in a bird singing. His promise is: He is always there, always loving us. So we need not be afraid!

From Father George

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. We are

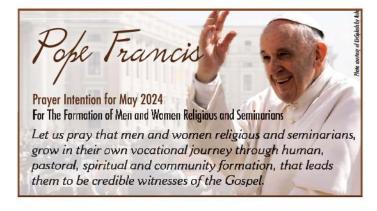
dedicating the 10:30am Sunday Mass on June 2, 2024, as the thanksgiving Mass for Deacon Bill.

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.

Suspension of 5:30pm weekday Mass until further notice - Having three 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!

Amendment 4 in the November ballot 2024 in the Florida State Law about abortion - This time, the Holy Spirit calls us to pray for the protection of life in the State of Florida, the Spirit of truth also wants to defend mothers and babies from any harm. We heard about this Abortion Amendment, of which the full title is Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion. From the face of it you may think that it is to free Abortion from Government interference. But when you know that Florida State law, like the Heartbeat law, in fact helps to limit abortion, so amending to limit government interference with abortion — in truth — means getting rid of the Heartbeat law, which will be getting rid of the limit of abortion, guaranteed by the government, and allowing to legalize full-term abortion for any age without parental consent. It's way too extreme. 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. Let's say No to this amendment.

Next Sunday, June 2, 2024, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.





### St. Martha's School and St. Mary's Academy 8th Grade Graduation



## **Farewell to Father Chris!**

#### What a wonderful evening it was.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to my *Saturday*Farewell Party at the Parish Hall.

Thank you also to all of you who came up to me both before and after and wanted to say goodbye. I also want to thank you for all the cards and the *gifts* in them.

They will be very useful in the next place where I will be in ministry.

A special thank you goes to my fellow priests and deacons, and to all the staff of the Parish Office for organizing the event and their presence.

Nearly 5 years at St. Martha Church have been amazing.

There have been many meetings, conversations, visits, but most of all there have been countless Masses, confessions and other sacraments for which I am grateful to God.

Keep me in your daily prayers.

I will also remember all of you every time I pray the Rosary.

May St. Martha with all the heavenly Saints watch over you always.

May she take care of you every day.

Thank you! God Bless you. Good bye. Fr. Chris





Weekly Mass Intentions
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 Bausa by Mimi & Jim Lerario
10:30am[FS] For All Parishioners
12:00pm [JR] (L) The Duarte Family by the Family 12:00pm [] (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm [GS] Salvator Laspina by Peter and Jennie Caufield
Mon, May 27 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27
7:30am [JR] Robert Romaine by Gail & Fr. Robert Romaine
8:30am [GS] Robert Holmes by the Murtha Family
10:30pm [JR] Charles Proctor by Ann Practor
Tue, May 28 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
7:30am [GS] Souls in Purgatory by Nicole
8:30am [JR] (L) Kenneth Dunn by Rita Dunn
12:00pm [GS] Michael Blair Frain by Jackie Fie
Wed, May 29 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45
7:30am [JR] Rev. Patrick Wilson, S.A.C. by Jack Buckingham
8:30am [GS] Patrick Slattery by John Slattery
12:00pm [JR] Jose Antonio & Enma Linares by Alina Urdaneta
Thu, May 301 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52
7:30am [JR] Fred Nassab by Alda
8:30am [JV] (L) Nate Donahue by Terry & Lindy Donahue
12:00pm [JR] (L) Catalina & Clement Deltette by Catalina Deltette
Fri, May 31Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56
7:30am [JV] (L) Mary & Denny DeLarco by Mark Sellener 8:30am [FS] Missing & Exploited Children by Joe & Betty Plouffe
12:00pm [GS] Salvatore lacopelli by John & Stephanie lacopelli
Sat, June 1Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33
7:30am [JV] Holy Souls in Purgatory by John J. DeStefano
8:30am[JR] Robert & Ann Corey by John Corey
4:00pm [FS] Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Scerbo by Stephanie & John Iacapelli
5:30pm [GS] Charles Cognato by Emil Efthimides
Sun, June 2Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
7:30am [GS] Oma Handley by the Family
7:45am
9:00am [JR] Henry & Chesterine Drabicki by the Ordonez Family

12:00pm ...... [JV] ..... (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions

12:00pm ...... [FS] ...... (L) Fiorella Duarte by Mom & Dad

5:30pm ....... [GS] ..... Gerald Boryszewski, Jr. by the Boryszewski Family

Fr. George (GS), Fr. Jan (JR), Fr. Chris (CF), Fr. Joseph (JV), Fr. Celestino (CG), Fr. Fausto (FS)

## 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



## Extreme Abortion **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,

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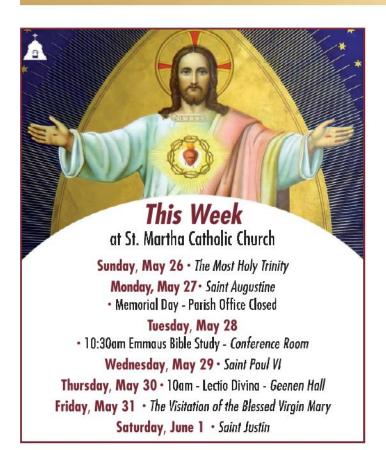
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10:30am ...... [GS] ...... For All Parishioners





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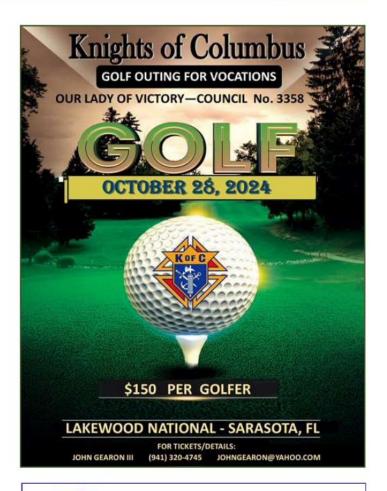


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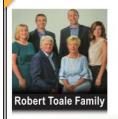
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