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5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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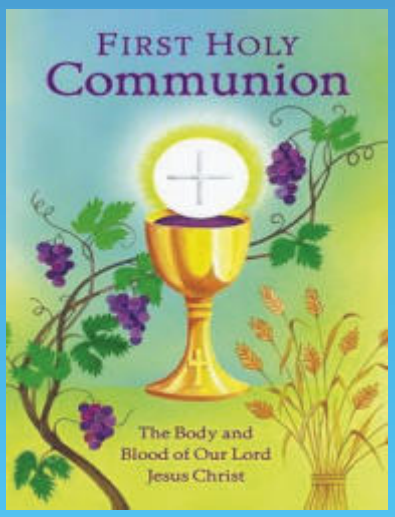

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)
After Easter to December 25.....4:00pm
January 2 to April 3...3:00pm & 4:30pm

SUNDAY
After Easter to December 26 - 8:00am & 10:00am
January 3 through Easter Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am,10:30am &12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS
Monday - Friday.....8:15am
Holy Days……8:15am & 6:30pm

TV MASS
The Diocese of Venice "Sunday Televised Mass" airs at 9:30am CW Network - 10:30am FOX 4

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Winter- August 24 through June 4
Mon - Thurs 9:00am-12:30pm,1:00pm-4:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:30pm

Summer - June 7 through August 27
Monday through Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thursday after Mass 9:00am - 9:15am
Saturday 2:00pm-2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Call Parish Office at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Contact Parish Office

Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 3
8:15am **MR. AND MRS. JASON ALLAIN**
by Mom and Dad
Saint Philip and James, Apostles (Feast)
Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Gospel: John 14:6-14

TUESDAY, MAY 4
8:15am **†MARGARET E. GEIST**
by Bev and Dean Cornwell
Easter Weekday
Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28
Gospel: John 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5
8:15am **†CHARLES KRAUSE**
by Dick and Flo Hughes
Easter Weekday
Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6
Gospel: John 15:1-8

THURSDAY, MAY 6
8:15am **†BELLA GOZZO** by Martha Mingel
Easter Weekday
Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21
Gospel: John 15:9-11

FRIDAY, MAY 7
8:15am **†HELEN LACROIX**
by John LaCroix
Easter Weekday
Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31
Gospel: John 15:12-17

SATURDAY, MAY 8
SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)
4:00pm **†MIRIAM EGAN**
by Matt and Debbie Egan

SUNDAY, MAY 9
8:00am **POK AND MAX FORTUNA**
by Ann Berthold
10:00am **FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**
6th Sunday of Easter
Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Reading 2: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 15:9-17

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Presenting the Gifts of Bread and Wine at Mass

Offering the Bread and Wine to be consecrated at Mass is a special privilege for us.

Our Catholic Faith believes and teaches that Christ TOUCHES us with His Divinity in Holy Communion.

Jesus instituted the Sacrifice of the Eucharist as the memorial of His Death and Resurrection and commanded his Apostles to offer His Sacrifice until His Second Coming. Thereby, Jesus Christ constituted Priests of the New Testament.

This Mystery of the Eucharist is primarily Christ's Sacrifice. This Mystery is called the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; the Memorial of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection; the Holy and Divine Liturgy; the Eucharist Liturgy; Holy Mass; the Breaking of the Bread; the Lord's Supper.

The use of *bread and wine* for Mass is found in the early history of God's people. The Bible revelation of the Priest Melchizedek's *offering a sacrifice of bread and wine* for Abraham's victory. Jesus Christ is the Priest of the Order of Melchizedek.

To PRESENT the Gifts of Bread and Wine for Mass is to participate in the long Sacred History of the Mass.
Please sign up for the Offertory Procession when you attend Mass.

The signup sheet is on the Offertory Table at the crossroads of the Church.
Please sign up anytime during the week.

Diocese of Venice TELEVISED MASS

The Diocese of Venice offers a TV Mass each Sunday. Northern Diocese: 9:30am on CW Network. Southern Diocese: 10:30am on FOX4. Check your local listings. Mass is celebrated by Bishop Dewane at 9:15am daily at: https:// www.facebook.com/DioceseofVenice/. (you do not need a Facebook account to view the Mass.) Also, the Mass is accessible on the homepage of the Diocese website at www.dioceseofvenice.org.

WITNESSING FAITH "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard at 8:30am on 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers on the last Friday of each month or listen at https:// dioceseofvenice.org/our-bishop/relevant-radio-podcasts.

Outreach March 2021 Update

In the month of March, our **Parish Outreach Ministry** reached 266 individuals in need! 54 under the age of 18, 134 between the ages of 18-64, along with 78 over 65! The Parish Outreach Ministry gave out over 275 bags of food and 12 senior bags. Over 200 families in the Charlotte and Sarasota County areas were blessed by the time, talent, and treasure of our Volunteers and Parishioners. We couldn't do it without your support, Thank You!

The Parish Outreach Ministry offers our Parish community a way to respond to those among us who may be hurting financially and/or physically. If this Ministry interests you, go to sfoachurch.com, click Parish Forms, Volunteer Registration From.

Congratulations and Thank you, Parish Outreach Ministry!

May Monthly Days of Prayer and Ignatian Preached Retreat offered at Our Diocese's Retreat Center (Venice, FL)

As we enter the full swing of spring, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Retreat and Spirituality Center in Venice will offer its final Monthly Day of Prayer (MDOP) for the season on May 9 (Mother's Day) and May 12.

The day begins at 9:30 am with continental breakfast and includes two conferences, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, private meditation and prayer. Please note that the MDOP will resume in October.

In addition, limited space is still available for the 3-Day Ignatian Preached Retreat on May 21-24. This silent retreat will introduce you to the great themes of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in a group setting and includes six conferences, daily Mass, and an opportunity to meet at least once with the retreat director for Confession and/or spiritual direction. Conference topics center on Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and discernment. For more info or to register, visit our website (www.olph-retreat.org).

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Call: 941-697-4899 to register over the phone.

LITURGICAL UPDATE APRIL 25, 2021

As we approached the wonderful season of Easter, we give thanks that many of us were able to celebrate the great events that brought our salvation "in person." We recall well how things were this time last year! At the same time, we remember our brothers and sisters who, for various reasons and causes, are still not able to be with us in person. Also at the same time, we can take note of how our Bishop has now modified guidelines as the pandemic situation continues to evolve in more positive steps.

Furthermore, many of us are very conscious of thinking how we can move forward with, and also help shape, whatever the "new normal" might be. This is true especially with a sense of building on the insights and discoveries that we have gained and also of encouraging a renewed sense of discipleship and of being disciple-makers.

With all this in mind, below are some initial updates and information regarding the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments. As always, these may well change given the constantly evolving nature of the pandemic.

You will begin to see the changes go into effect this weekend unless otherwise noted. We will continue to keep you updated with all changes or updates as things open up.

General Dispensation

General Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days will be lifted as of May 1, 2021. The following persons are NOT obligated to attend Mass:

- Those who are ill, confined to their home, hospital, or nursing facility as well as those who care for them.
- Those who have reason to believe they were recently exposed to COVID-19.
- Those who have underlying health conditions or are in a high-risk category.
- Those who have a reasonable fear or anxiety of becoming ill if they attend Mass.

Capacity, Social Distancing and Masks

Distancing requirements decreased to three feet. We would ask that you please seat accordingly. ***It remains essential that all in attendance at Mass continue to wear a mask.***

The Celebration of the Mass

- The Mass Schedule will remain the same with Masses at 4pm on Saturday, and 8 and 10am on Sunday
- The Reconciliation Schedule will change to summer hours with the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered on Thursday after 8:15am Mass and Saturday at 3:00pm starting May 1, 2021. *There will be no Friday Noon reconciliation.*
- Choir will resume wearing masks.
- Ministers of Hospitality and Ushers will continue greeting parishioners with no physical contact.
- All liturgical servers will continue following hand-washing and sanitizing practices.
- The Presentation of the Gifts will resume.
- There will still be no physical contact during the Sign of Peace but during this time, you will be able to make a solemn bow or hand gesture showing peace.
- We will continue with no physical contact during the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.
- Communion will resume in the traditional manner, in the hand or on the tongue after May 1, 2021.
- There will be no Precious Blood distributed to the parishioners.
- Holy Water fonts will continue to remain empty at this time. If you have a need for Holy Water, please see the Sacristan after Mass.
- Printed worship aids will continue to be limited to single-use and disposed after each Mass.
- There will be no individual Holy Communion after the 10:00am Mass on Sundays outside of the Church.
- Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick, Homebound Ministry etc. will continue as normal.

We will continue to keep you updated on any additional changes as we receive them from the Diocese of Venice.

Our Lord blesses you abundantly during this Easter Season …

Father Mayer
Pastor

Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church

	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon May 3	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Parish Stewardship Ministry
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:30am	Rosary Making Ministry - Parish Center Room 6
	10:30am	11:00am	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina - Gospel Prayer - Church
Tues May 4	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:45am	9:45am	**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church**
	9:45am	9:50am	**Benediction - Church**
	1:00pm	2:00pm	Parish Bible Study - Zoom and Parish Conference Room
	5:30pm	6:45pm	Religious Education - K through 8th Grade - Parish Center
Wed May 5	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Chaplet - Church
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	1:30pm	3:00pm	Bible Study with Father Marcel - Parish Conference Room
Thurs May 6	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Chaplet- Church
	9:00am	9:30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Hooks and Needles for Angels Ministry - Parish Conference Room
Fri May 7	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Chaplet - Church
	9:15am	11:15am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	2:30pm	3:00pm	Priest Anoints at Englewood Hospice House
Sat May 8			**PENTECOST SUNDAY**
	4:00pm	5:00pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
Sun May 9	8:00am	9:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	10:00am	11:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church

For the most updated Calendar please go to **www.sfoachurch.com** Copyright 2021

Homebound Communion Volunteers Needed

Homebound & Healthcare Ministers visit the sick and take them Holy Communion. This helps make them feel a part of our parish community. Visits are conducted at your convenience, in private homes and/or healthcare facilities. Anyone who has received training as a Minister of Holy Communion can receive additional training for this ministry. If interested in serving within this ministry, contact **Martha Mingel by phone at (941) 697-4899 or by going to sfoachurch.com and clicking Parish Forms and clicking Volunteer Application Form. Fill out the form and Martha will contact you.**

The Parish Outreach Food Pantry
is in need of tissues, apple juice or cranberry juice , shampoo and other toiletries, laundry detergent, pudding, Jell-o, Ensure, and anything you think is appropriate for our monthly Senior Bags.
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