



The
Assumption
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Saint Cecilia

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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“Stewardship is the Grateful Response of a Christian Disciple Who Recognizes and Receives God’s Gifts and Shares These Gifts in Love of God and Neighbor.”



Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Reconciliation..... Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 PM
..... or by appointment

Daily Masses

Easter Tuesday through October

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 AM
Tuesday and Thursday 12:10 PM

Chapel open for Prayer

..... Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Holy Day Schedule: Schedule may vary according to Holy Day. Check the previous weekend’s bulletin for information.

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.. The Parish Office is closed daily from Noon to 1:00 PM for lunch.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Saint Cecilia Catholic Community is to “Live Jesus” and to see His image in all people. With the Eucharist at the center of our lives and inspired by Scripture, Tradition and Community, we give honor and glory to God through education, example, prayer, service, social justice and worship.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY AUGUST 16		
12:15 PM	Rosary	CH
5:30 PM	RCIA	104
6:00 PM	Boy Scout Committee Mtg	102
7:00 PM	Troop 316	A,B
TUESDAY		
8:00 AM	Men's Gospel Forum	103-104
12:45 PM	Rosary	CH
WEDNESDAY		
12:15 PM	Rosary	CH
THURSDAY		
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl	104
12:45 PM	Rosary	CH
FRIDAY		
8:00 AM	Adoration	C
10:00 AM	Divine Mercy Cenacle	101
10:00 AM	Scripture Sharing	PH
12:15 PM	Rosary	CH
5:30 PM	Rosary	CH
SATURDAY		
3:00 PM	Confessions until 3:30 PM	C
SUNDAY AUGUST 22		
9:30 AM	FFF Open House	PH
11:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	CR

Our Parish Blood Drive



will be held **Sunday, August 22** from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. In the parish parking lot.

Your Lee Health Blood Center donation will stay right here in Lee County.

Welcome to our Parish

Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Cecilia Catholic Community. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful.

People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Cecilia is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration also simplifies the process with regard to religious education; sponsoring a sacramental candidate; and for the planning and preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

The Sanctuary Lamp

This Week's Sanctuary Lamp
Is In Honor of
Special Intentions
Requested by
Mary Jo



Today we celebrate the Assumption of Mary — the moment she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This day reveals much about our Holy Mother. Next to her Divine Son, Mary truly is the model steward for us as we journey through this life.

Our Gospel recounts the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was soon to deliver John the Baptist. Mary truly is a dwelling place for Christ. Even baby John the Baptist noticed as he leaped in his mother's womb upon Mary's greeting! We too are called to be a dwelling place for the Lord. Yet for Christ to dwell in us, we must prepare our hearts for Him.

Mary was prepared for Christ to reside in her, and her Magnificat expresses how we can imitate her and prepare a place for Christ in ourselves: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..."

How can we proclaim the 'greatness of the Lord?' It is simply by how we choose to live our lives. Each day is an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ. We can choose to rise each day in prayer, respond to those around us in kindness, serve in our vocations and occupations from a place of love and selflessness, and use our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

As we reflect on the life of Mary today, let us strive to imitate her in proclaiming the greatness of God by how we live our lives. Let us celebrate her as our Mother, our Queen, and a Model Steward. She is not distant or out of reach, rather, she is as close to us as a mother to her baby — constantly watching, interceding, and guiding us to be with her Divine Son in eternal life.

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The Story of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a

divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

A Thought From St. Francis De Sales

In the presence of our queen assumed into Heaven, we profoundly vow our heart that she may flood it with the "dew of Hermon," distilled from the holy fullness of grace. How sublime is the perfection of this love in comparison to all of us! Oh, how I have desired that amid the immensity of our miseries she will find and bring the olive branch of holy love. In purity, in gentleness and in prayer, may she carry it as a sign of peace to our dear Jesus! Long live Jesus, long live Mary!



This Weekend's Altar Flowers

Are in Memory of
Gerry Mader
Requested by his wife, Lois



Interested in the Camino de Santiago?

Join Fr. Paul and his sister Denise on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall for a limited slide show from their voluminous collection of photographs taken while walking the "French Way" of the Camino from St. Jean Pied de Port in France to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, in the summer of 2019. Bring questions and enthusiasm. Please call the parish office and leave a message on Fr. Paul's extension (239-936-3635 Ext 113) or via email (pdechant@saintcecilias.net) if you plan on attending so we know how many chairs to set up and which size room to use.

Prayer Intentions (Prayers for the Sick)



"Prayers for Sick" has changed, to "Prayer Intentions" please go on line (see link below) and submit your prayer request and choose what type of intentions you are requesting such as a deceased loved one, an upcoming surgery, birthday, anniversary, etc. You can also go to our [web-site](#), hover over the **Info** tab and you will see a drop down list. Click on **Submit Prayer Intentions** and add your prayer intention. You may also view the prayer intentions, to view the list hover over the **Info** tab on our website and go to **Current Prayer Intentions** (see link below)

[Click here for link to Prayer Intentions](#)



[Current Prayer Intentions](#)

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

4:00 PM † Greg Pence By Pam

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

7:30 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners

9:00 AM † Gloria Reuter
By Margaret Adams

11:00 AM Special Intentions

MONDAY

7:30 AM † Bob Ferry
By Mary Ann

TUESDAY

12:10 PM † Helen Michna
By Sue McNamee

WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM † Nancy Hansen
By Pam Vanderwall

THURSDAY

12:10 PM Anniversary of
Mario and Patricia Patrizi
By Mario

FRIDAY

7:30 AM Priest's Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

4:00 PM † Robert and Barbara Gramitt
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Gramitt

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30 AM † Mel Lewis
By Susan Sardinha

9:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners

11:00 AM Living and Deceased Relatives of
Paul and Mary Jo Hobbs



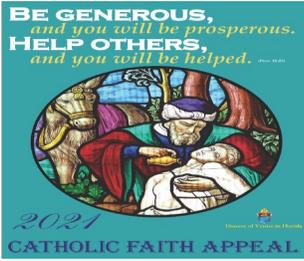
Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday** Judges 2:11-19, Matthew 19:16-22
- Tuesday** Judges 6:11-24, Matthew 19:23-30
- Wednesday** Judges 9:6-15, Matthew 20:1-16
- Thursday** Judges 11:29-39, Matthew 22:1-14
- Friday** Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22
Matthew 22:34-40
- Saturday** Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17
Matthew 23:1-12
- Sunday** **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Joshua 24:1-2,15-17,18
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

Rest in Peace

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the deceased members of our parish families.

† Grace Mariano



2021 Catholic Faith Appeal

Our 2021 assessment is \$215,000.00

% of Households29%

Total Payments.....\$199,020.66

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Thank you!



You may scan the QR code to take you to the Diocese of Venice CFA donation webpage



Are you a man grieving the loss of a Loved One?

Consider joining us for:

- An opportunity for men who have experienced a loss
- An open and casual forum
- Meet with others for coffee and dessert

When: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Where: Parish Hall

RSVP to Denise at 239-936-3635 EXT 116

Do You Like To Knit or Crochet, Or Have You Always Wanted To Learn?



We have all the supplies, we just need more participants. Prayer shawls are blessed during a weekend Mass and given to ill parishioners, friends and family members.

For more information call Catherine Garcia at 239-599-8721.

The next meeting is **Thursday, August 19 at 10:00 AM** in the Parish Hall.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK" WHOSE SUPPORT HELPS TO PUBLISH THIS BULLETIN!

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

Saturday, September 25, 2021

St. Theresa in Sugar Land and

Sts. Simon and Jude in The Woodlands

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation

Registration: \$59/couple and \$35/individual

Early Bird discount available until August 2.

Scholarships available upon request; please inquire.

On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email th@forlifeandfamily.org.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center Events (Venice, FL)



Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Retreat and Spirituality Center will resume the Monthly Day of Prayer starting this Fall. 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. The cost is \$40. The next sessions will be held on September 8th and 12th (both days will have the same conference topics; choose the date that is compatible with your schedule). Our Fall 2021 Group Retreat Schedule has been published on the OLPH website. Also, please **Save the Date** for the OLPH fundraiser gala, entitled the Butterfly Ball, scheduled for February 19, 2022 at St. Thomas More – Chelsea Center in Sarasota. Additional information and registration for all retreats and the Butterfly Ball is located on our website: www.olph-retreat.org or call OLPH at (941) 486-0233.

Safe Environment Training Is Mandatory For New Volunteers

The Diocese of Venice is committed to provide a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. To that end, persons working with children or visiting vulnerable adults are required to be fingerprinted (this process includes a background check) and to receive training in recognizing potential signs of abuse.



For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.

Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



Mark your calendars! Join our Religious Education Department on **Sunday August 22** after the **9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass** for our annual Registration and Open House. Come, register the family and meet your catechists. Family Faith Formation, Youth Group, and Sacramental Prep will be in their **Parish Hall classrooms** to say hello and answer your questions. We are excited to see you again!

ATTENTION ALL MUSIC LOVERS:

Rehearsals for St. Cecilia's Music Ministry Groups are starting soon!

Beginning Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Youth Choir/Chimers 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Grades 3 through 8

Will serve at all assigned monthly 11:00 AM Youth Masses, Christmas Eve, and 9:30 AM Easter Sunday

Beginning Sunday, September 12, 2021

St. Cecilia's Choir 10:10 – 10:30 AM (Initial discussion meeting only. Regular rehearsal time TBA)

High school age and up

Will serve at assigned Regular and Feast Day Masses throughout the year

Beginning Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Handbell Ringers 6:30 – 8:00 PM

High school age and up

Will serve at assigned Regular and Feast Day Masses throughout the year

Beginning Thursday, October 7, 2021

Chamber Choir 7:00 - 9:00 PM

High school age and up – audition only

Will serve at assigned Regular and Feast Day Masses throughout the year

Solo Instrumentalists (especially students) are encouraged to audition for accompanying at various masses throughout the year. Rehearsals will begin on an individual basis. Participation may be used for required service hours.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact Sherry Cross, Director of Music Ministry, at ext. 128.

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!**

Text by Fred Pratt Green from "When In Our Music God Is Glorified", Charles V, Stanford



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The Knight's Corner

Mark your Calendars, October 24th is our annual **Golf Tournament** Shotgun start at **8:30 AM**, at the **Hideaway Country Club**. 5670 Trailwinds Dr Fort Myers, FL 33907.

18 Holes, including golf cart, lunch, prizes and awards. **even a new car can be had!** Cost is \$95.00 Person, or Foursome \$380.00. Sponsors needed, Gold Sponsor \$250.00, Silver \$150.00; lunch for family and friends \$25.00 per person. Registration, & payment at: <https://knightsofcolumbus11.wixsite.com/saintcecilia13483> or Call Jim Bolinger at 574-876-8256.

Vivat Jesus

The St Cecilia Knights of Columbus

Living Stewardship Through Evangelization

Welcome to our Staff



Please join us in welcoming Denise Rumchak to our staff.

Denise, is thrilled to be a part of St. Cecilia's Catholic Community as Coordinator of Pastoral Ministries. I look forward to meeting the many new faces here, getting to know you, and helping do God's work.

A little bit about myself; I was born and raised in the small-town of Lockport, Illinois. I am the youngest of six children. I came from a very loving and devoted Catholic family. I attended Catholic grade school and became involved in many ministries over the years at my previous parish St. Dennis. I have two adult married children, and two precious grandchildren.

My Catholic faith, family, and ministry work has always been very important to me. I am so very thankful God put me here in Fort Myers and now to my new parish family St. Cecilia

where I will continue my journey.

I would love to hear from you. My email is drumchak@saintcecilias.net and my phone number is 239-936-3635 EXT 116

Peace and love of our Lord



Please join us in welcoming Tuesday Shannon as our new Faith Formation Assistant. Tuesday has been a parish member for over 20 years although some of those years she also lived in Tokyo, Japan and Delaware. She is an active community volunteer serving on the Make A Wish Walkathon Committee, Fort Myers Women's Community Club and Sustaining Member of the Junior League of Fort Myers. She has been very involved in Catholic Schools in Delaware and currently is involved at Fort Myers High where she is also the founding president of the Vocal Arts Foundation. She is a Lifetime Girl Scout, former leader and cookie mom and now contributes to the Gold Award Review Committee for the Gulf Coast Council. At our parish, she has been the altar server scheduling coordinator for several years and has served as a RCIA sponsor in the past as well as a Youth Group Volunteer and Chaperone. Tuesday and her husband John are usually at 4pm Mass where their daughter Emi (soon to be in college) often cantors and son John is a frequent altar server. She will also be working on Marian Hall rental coordination so if you'd like to rent the hall, walk on October 2 for Make A Wish or learn more about altar serving opportunities or religious education, please do not hesitate to contact her at tshannon@saintcecilias.net or call her at EXT 119.



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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mr. Rick Castro
Permanent Deacon

Fr. Stanley Dombrowski OSFS
Priest in Residence

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