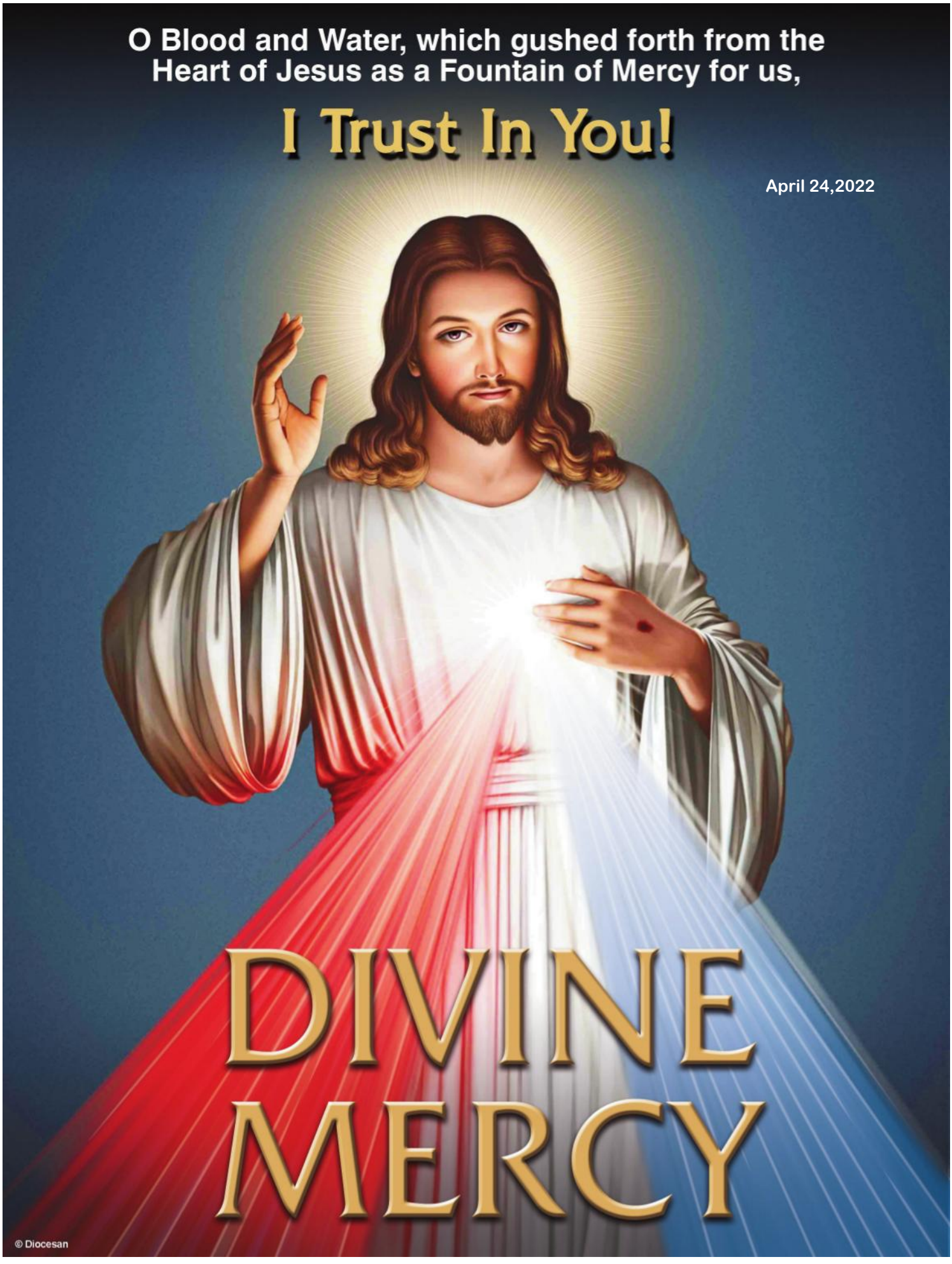
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Living Stewardship Through Sharing

The Week Ahead

MONDAY APRIL 25

12:45 PM	Rosary	CH
1:30 PM	SVDP MEETING	104
5:30 PM	OCIA	104
7:00 PM	Troop 316	A,B
7:00 PM	OCIA Faith Team	204

TUESDAY

8:30 AM	Men's Gospel Forum	103-104
12:45 PM	Rosary	CH
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	CR
7:00 PM	Cursillos Ultreya	101

WEDNESDAY

12:45 PM	Rosary	CH
6:00 PM	Handbell Choir	C

THURSDAY

12:45 PM	Rosary	CH
7:00 PM	Chamber Choir	CR

FRIDAY

8:00 AM	Adoration	CH
10:00 AM	Divine Mercy Cenacle	101
10:00 AM	Scripture Sharing	L
10:00 AM	Divine Mercy Induction	C
12:45 PM	Rosary	CH
5:30 PM	Rosary	CH

SATURDAY

3:00 PM	Confessions until 3:30 PM	C

SUNDAY MAY 1

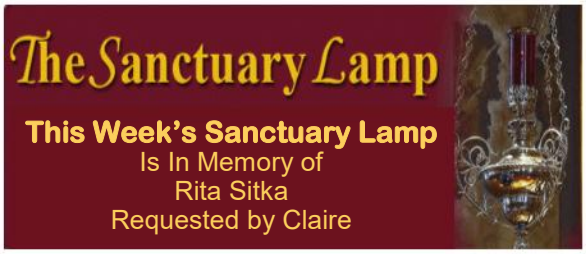
9:30 AM	FFF	
9:30 AM	Youth Group	
11:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	CR
12:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal	C
12:30 PM	First Communion Rehearsal	C

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.



Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.

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A Thought From St. Francis De Sales

Great opportunities to serve God rarely present themselves, but minor ones are very often put before us. Now, "Whoever is faithful in small things," says the Savior, "will be put in charge of greater things." [cf. Mt 25:23] Do everything in the name of God, and all you do will be done well. Whether you eat or drink, sleep or rest, you will profit greatly before God by doing all these things because God wishes you to do them.

2022 Masses For Life

A Celebration of the Life of Jesus in the Womb

Join us **Monday, April 25 at 7:30 AM Mass**, to celebrate the very beginnings of the earthly life of Our Lord Jesus Christ, as an unborn child, in the womb of His Blessed Mother.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection

Click HERE for link for Bishop Dewane's Letter

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Click here for link to Prayer Intentions

Current Prayer Intentions

Mass Intentions

Saturday, APRIL 23

4:00 PM † Frederick and Henrietta Gramitt
By Tom and Jackie Gramitt

Sunday, APRIL 24

7:30 AM † Jack Decker By Rosalie
9:00 AM † Mary Hopkins
By Susan Sardinha
11:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners

Monday

7:30 AM Greater Respect for all Human Life

Tuesday

12:10 PM † Samuel Hughes
By Claire

Wednesday

7:30 AM † Marion and Harvey Jenkins
By Douglas, Thomas and Stuart

Thursday

12:10 PM † Donald T Clark
By wife, Kathleen

Friday

7:30 AM Priest's Intention

Saturday, APRIL 30

4:00 PM † Sylvianne Levesque
By Jeannine Laurence

Sunday, MAY 1

7:30 AM † John Benedict
By wife, Pat
9:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners
11:00 AM † Carol Ann Arnold
By Mary Jo and Dennis Kamper

Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday	Peter 5:5-14, Mark 16:15-20
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37, John 3:7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7, John 6:16-21
Sunday	**Third Sunday of Easter**
	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
	Revelation 5:11-14
	John 21:1-19

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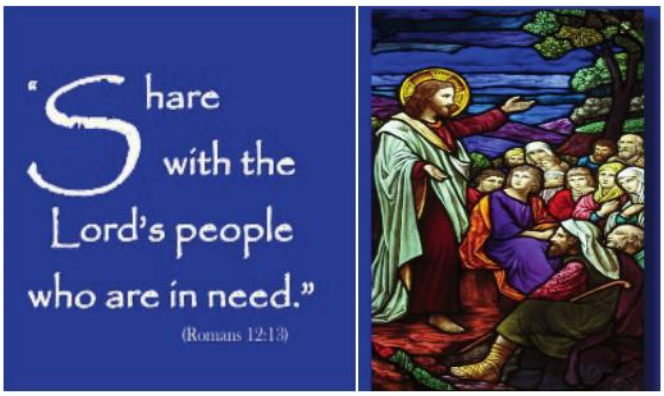

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When: Saturday, April 30, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Where: Holiday Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center
Speaker: Fr. Saji Ellickal, Parochial Vicar of St. John XXIII Catholic Church.

He is a member of the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (M.C.B.S.). When he was fifteen, he joined the M.C.B.S. Minor Seminary to begin his seminary formation. He was ordained in 2000 and started his ministry in Rajasthan, India as the Administrator of a catholic school and pastor of the small church from 2001 to 2005. He became school principal in Maharashtra, India. In 2007 he came to the Diocese of Memphis, Tn., and in 2017, to the Diocese of Venice, where he was appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John XXIII in Fort Myers.

Reservations can be made online until **Noon**, Monday, April 25 at https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets

For more information contact Cristina Martinez at 239 -851-5593

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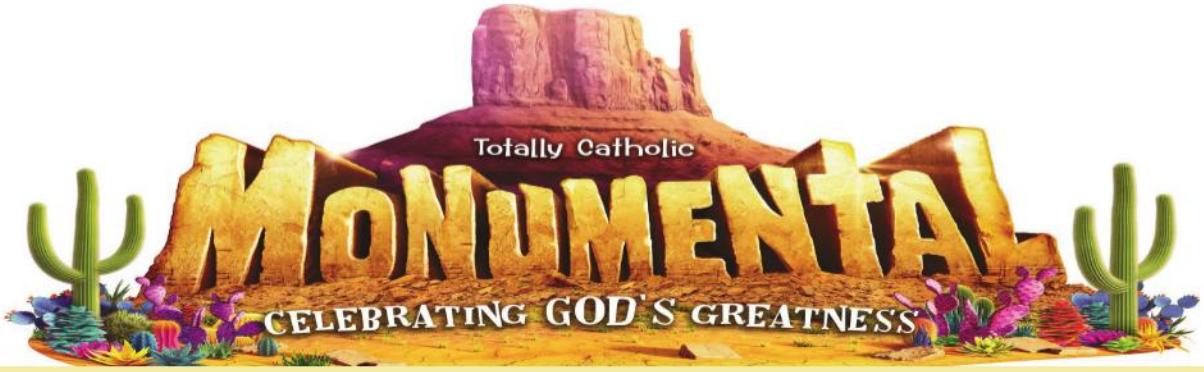
Safe Environment Training Is Mandatory For New Volunteers

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



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The Knight's Corner

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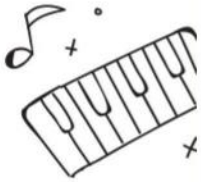

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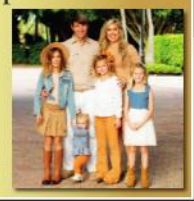

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