

5th Sunday of Easter

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May 15, 2022

Our 2022 Confirmation Class



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 when the Parish Office is open
.....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 MAY 16

12:15 PM	Rosary	CH
1:30 PM	SVDP Meeting	104
5:30 PM	OCIA	104
7:00 PM	Troop 316	A,B

TUESDAY

8:30 AM	Men's Gospel Forum	103-104
12:45 PM	Rosary	CH

WEDNESDAY

12:15 PM	Rosary	CH
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THURSDAY

10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl	101
12:45 PM	Rosary	CH

FRIDAY

8:00 AM	Adoration	CH
10:00 AM	Divine Mercy Cenacle	101
10:00 AM	Scripture Sharing	L
12:15 PM	Rosary	CH
5:30 PM	Rosary	CH

SATURDAY

3:00 PM	Confessions until 3:30 PM	C
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SUNDAY MAY 22

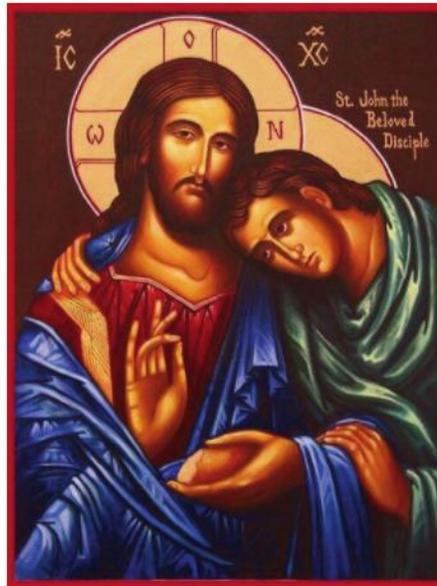
9:00 AM	Altar Server Thank You	PH
9:30 AM	Youth Group	A,B
9:30 AM	FFF	101-104, 201-204
11:00 AM	Children's Liturgy	CR

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's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

How exactly is Jesus calling us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid the inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way. As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

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The 2023 Mass Book will be open after

Pentecost Sunday, June 5.



The Sanctuary Lamp

This Week's Sanctuary Lamp
Is In Memory of Living and
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A Thought From St. Francis De Sales

Mental prayer is no less useful to us or less pleasing to God when we suffer many distractions. As a matter of fact, it could be more useful than if we had many consolations, because it means harder work for us. It suffices that we faithfully try to drive away the distractions, not allowing our spirit to dwell on them willingly. The same can be said of the difficulties we meet from day to day in keeping our spirit recollected in God and in heavenly things. In all this we need patience. We must never grow tired, doing everything for the love of God.

If you would like to donate flowers on any given weekend, in memory of a loved one, to honor someone, as a congratulations for a special occasion or just because you love flowers, the cost is \$80.00. The intention and your name (if you choose) will be printed in the bulletin. Please contact Debbie at ext. 129 or email dlaughlin@saintcecilias.net.



PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education.

Help them to look forward to their next steps: continuing in their education or entering the work world. Particularly, help those who are seeking employment to find a job suitable to their education.

Give them faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps.

Show them how to serve others in effective ways.

And may they always be aware in everything they do that they will find fulfillment in doing your will, that you will be with them always, and that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in them.

Amen.

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 [website](#), 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)

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[Current Prayer Intentions](#)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, MAY 14

4:00 PM † James and Rose Connelly
By Tom and Jackie Gramitt

Sunday, MAY 15

7:30 AM Int Jennifer Radziewicz
9:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners
11:00 AM Anniversary Ordination of
Fr. Frank Hanlon osfs

Monday

7:30 AM Priest's Intention

Tuesday

12:10 PM † Karen Wells
By husband, Stan

Wednesday

7:30 AM † Marisa Petrella
By Stefano

Thursday

12:10 PM † Parents of
Tim and Cindy Malszycki

Friday

7:30 AM † Maxine Russell
By Mary

Saturday, MAY 21

4:00 PM Anniversary Ordination of
Fr. Stan Dombrowski osfs

Sunday, MAY 22

7:30 AM † Dick Zavada By Nancy
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 Acts 14:5-18, John 14:21-26
Tuesday Acts 14:19-28, John 14:27-31
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6, John 15:1-8
Thursday Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11
Friday Acts 15:22-31, John 15:12-17
Saturday Acts 16:1-10, John 15:18-21
Sunday **6th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

Scan QR code for Daily Readings from USCCB



Share with the Lord's people who are in need." (Romans 12:13)



Our 2022 assessment is \$203,000.00

Pledges.....\$135,735.49
% of Goal.....67%
% of Households25%
Total Payments.....\$103,262.61

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Please scan the QR code to take you to the Diocese of Venice CFA website to make your donation.

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

Thursday, May 19 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

We create Prayers Shawls that distributed to those persons in need of comfort.

The shawls are blessed at a 4:00 PM Saturday Mass. We also make baby shawl/hat sets to be given to the newly baptized infants and for Community Pregnancy Clinics.

For our home "YARNIES" The size of our Prayer Shawls is 25x50, #4 size yarn,

- 1-Create at home
2-Wash, dry and place in zip lock bag
3-Tag with your name and phone number
4-Drop off at the Parish Office. Attention: Denise

We look forward to enlarging our group of 19 Ladies. We pray over our creations and for everyone who will receive a Prayer Shawl. We also enjoy sharing blessings, comfort and fellowship.

For further information, Contact: Sandy Ward at 386-793-4012 or ewward38@gmail.com

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK" WHOSE SUPPORT HELPS TO PUBLISH THIS BULLETIN! St. Francis Xavier Catholic School

Online Giving Update

WeShare, our online giving provider, will be upgraded on May 17.

When you login, using your current email address and password, you will see the new landing page.

Improvements to the platform include:

Ability to donate to multiple collections at once

Improved process of updating your payment source information

- Ability for more detailed receipts
Ability to upload documents
Easier Account Creation
Simplified-Robust Event Registration Options

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our youngsters who will receive Holy Eucharist for the very first time NEXT Sunday!



7:30 AM Mass

Liam Burbach and Jorge "Jr" Fleitas

11:00 AM Mass

John Chabin, Saylor Kiesel, and Isabella Mantilla

The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, takes place every 3 years.

This year the diocesan collection is May 15 but we have moved our date to May 21/25.



Click here for Bishop's Letter Military Services.USA

Safe Environment Training Is Mandatory For New Volunteers

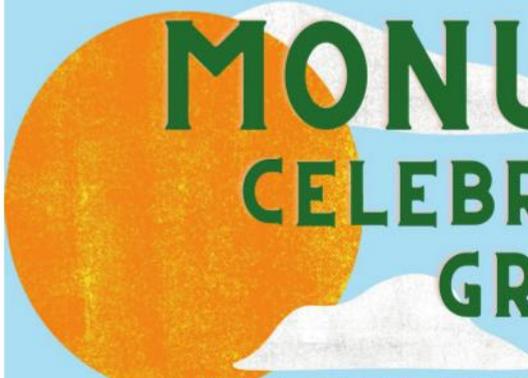
The Diocese of Venice is committed to provide a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. To that end, persons working with children or visiting vulnerable adults are required to be fingerprinted (this process includes a background check) and to receive training in recognizing potential signs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

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Living Stewardship Through Education



Greetings fellow parishioners of St. Cecilia Catholic Community. The Knights of Columbus Council 13483 will honor the service of our parish Altar Servers at all Masses on the weekend of May 22. Breakfast Sunday, May 22 from 9:00 AM-10:30 AM as a special thanks to departing Senior Servers and Musicians. Please take a moment after church to thank them personally for everything they do during mass. As always, looking for good Catholic men (18 and above) to join our council and make a difference in your parish and community.

Vivat Jesus

The St Cecilia Knights of Columbus

It is with extreme joy that we bring to you the real history of Mary Undoer of Knots.

How this devotion started?

To show us the mission granted to the Virgin Mary by Her Son, an unknown artist painted Mary Undoer of Knots with great grace. Since 1700, his painting has been venerated in the Church of St. Peter in Perlack, Germany. It was originally inspired by a meditation of Saint Irenaeus (Bishop of Lyon and martyred in 202) based on the parallel made by Saint Paul between Adam and Christ. Saint Irenaeus, in turn, made a comparison between Eve and Mary, saying:

"Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it".

But what are these knots?

They are the problems and struggles we face for which we do not see any solution. Knots of discord in your family, lack of understanding between parents and children, disrespect, violence, the knots of deep hurts between husband and wife, the absence of peace and joy at home. They are also the knots of anguish and despair of separated couples, the dissolution of the family, the knots of a drug addict son or daughter, sick or separated from home or God, knots of alcoholism, the practice of abortion, depression, unemployment, fear, solitude...Ah, the knots of our life! How they suffocate the soul, beat us down and betray the heart's joy and separate us from God.

The devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots is not new. The devotion is more than 300 years old. However, it is not based on an apparition of the Virgin Mary to a person, or persons, as in Lourdes or Fatima, but rather it is a revered devotion as many others in the Catholic Church, despite Virgin Mary is only one.

At Mass, there is a multitude of people: the young, the elderly, rich and poor, all asking for help from Our Lady to simplify their lives.

Day after day, more and more Christians kneel to pray to Her as soon as they meet the Mother of the Fair Love. Many families have become reconciled! Many conversions have taken place! Many Catholics have been on their knees praying and giving thanks for graces received from our sweet Mother.

We are living in difficult times where the problems, the knots, the temptations, the lack of peace and the evils are all around us. Like a roaring lion your adversary, the devil, prowls around, looking for someone to devour. (1Peter 5,8)

For that reason, Mary Who undoes the knots, Who was chosen by God to crush the evil with Her feet, comes to us to reveal Herself. She comes to provide jobs, good health, to reconcile families, because she wants to undo the knots of our sins which dominate our lives, so that—as sons of the King— we can receive the promises reserved for us from eternity. She comes with promises of victory, peace, blessings and reconciliation.

Then, free from our knots—filled with happiness, we can be a testimony of the Divine Power in this world, like pieces of God's heart or small bottles of perfume exhaling mercy and love to our neighbor. Like ambassador of Jesus Christ and the Virgin of the fair love, we can rescue those who cry without any consolation, those who are lonely, tied with knots, who have no God, no Father nor Mother.

Mother of the Rising Sun, Immaculate, our Advocate, Helper in moments of affliction, Mother of God and made by Him our Mother, this is how Mary, Undoer of Knots is presented. Above all, She comes as the Queen of Mercy, the one who knows all about us, who has compassion for us and hurries to rescue us, praying for each one of us to Her beloved Jesus. Is it possible that the Lord does not answer Her?

May Mary Undoer of Knots bless you today and forever. Amen!



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