



Christ My Hope IS RISEN

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, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

or by appointment

Holy Day and Holiday Schedule: Schedule will vary. Check the previous weekend’s bulletin for information. (Bulletin available at saintcecilias.org).

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.

Adoration: Fridays at 8:00 AM with Benediction at 11:50AM. First Friday Adoration 8:00 AM with Benediction at 8:50PM. Family Adoration the Thursday night preceding First Friday from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Reconciliation is offered during Family Adoration.

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.

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

SATURDAY, MAR 30	12:00 PM	Blessing of Food	C
	8:30 PM	Easter Vigil	C
SUNDAY, MAR 31			
EASTER SUNDAY	7:30 AM	Mass	C
	9:00 AM	Mass	C
	9:30 AM	Children's Mass in Marian Hall MH	
		Easter Egg hunt to follow behind Marian Hall.	
	11:00 AM	Mass	C
MONDAY, APR 1			
OFFICE CLOSED			
	5:30-7:30 PM	OCIA	101/102
	6:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 316	104
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 316	A/B
TUESDAY, APR 2			
	8:30 AM	Men's Gospel Group	104
	1:00 PM	Walking with Purpose	A/B
WEDNESDAY, APR 3			
	7:00 PM	Handbell Choir Practice	C/CR
THURSDAY, APR 4			
	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl	104
	7:00 PM	Walking with Purpose	101/104
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir Practice	C/CR
FRIDAY, APR 5			
	10:00 AM	Scripture Sharing	L
	10:00 AM	Divine Mercy	101
	5:30 PM	Rosary	C
SATURDAY, APR 6			
SUNDAY, APR 7			
	8:00AM 1:00 PM	Lee Health Bloodmobile	LOT
	9:30 AM	FFF & Youth Group	PH
	9:30 AM	1st Communion Prep	103/104
	12:00 PM	Children's Catechists	103/104
	12:00 PM	Faith Formation	PH
	3:00 PM	Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	PH



Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives.

Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter and John. They ran to the tomb as well, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell the relationship that these disciples had with Jesus because of the way they responded about Him — they "ran." Mary didn't see the empty tomb and think, "someone else will figure it out." Peter and John didn't hear the news and think, "I will check on it later." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus.

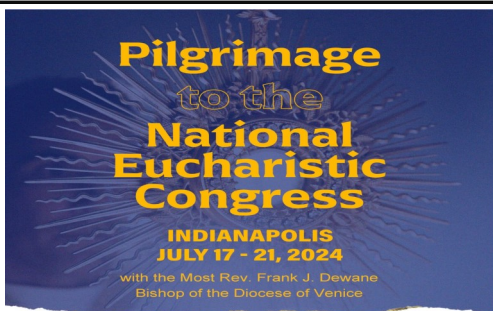
We must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him each day?" The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion and eagerness. And although there will be moments when we do not "feel" like responding to Him, it is in those moments when we faithfully respond anyway that matters the most.

Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ each day. Happy Easter!

Please note that we return to our Summer Mass schedule on April 2.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY Daily Mass is at 7:30 AM

TUESDAY, & THURSDAY Daily Mass is at 12:10 PM



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join the Diocese of Venice by registering today! Scan the QR code or click the Book Now button to attend this historic event.



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Light that Symbolizes the Eternal Sacrifice



This Week's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Donna
By Rich & Shari



NEXT WEEK IS OUR MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Your donations are shared with Catholic Charities and are collected on the first Sunday of each month. Requested items are Peanut Butter (especially Peanut Butter) rice, beans, canned meats, vegetables and disposable adult briefs (L and XL) for our senior services.

Please, NO GLASS CONTAINERS or OPENED / EXPIRED ITEMS.

Thank You !

This year's Paschal Candle was donated by Tena Connelly

"In Memory of Mary Verde"

Thank you Tena for your generosity !



To Our Winter Visitors :

We invite you to register with St Cecilia Catholic Community as your seasonal parish. There are no issues with being registered at two Parishes, and it gives us at St Cecilia the opportunity to contact you with important information regarding worshipping with us during the Winter months.

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



Our 2024 assessment is \$230,000.00

Pledges..... \$125,004

% of Goal..... 54.4%

% of Households24.60%

Total Payments..... \$ 89,532

Your generosity is greatly appreciated !

Totals through March 16, 2024



HELP WANTED

The following employment positions are available at St Cecilia Catholic Community.

Youth Coordinator : Part time

Faith Formation Assistant : Part time

Marian Hall Rental Coordinator : Full/Part time

If viewing on line, [Click here for details and to apply](#). Otherwise visit dioceseofvenice.org and click on EMPLOYMENT at the bottom of the page and follow the prompts. If you have further questions, contact Jeanne Conklin in the Parish office at 239 936 3635 x 112.

Prayer Intentions

Please go on line (Click on Link scan QR code below) and submit your prayer requests. Enter the Person receiving the intentions first name, then last. Choose what type of intentions you are requesting, i.e., a birth or birthday, anniversary, prayers answered or blessing received, physical or spiritual healing, etc. After your choice is entered, enter your name and your phone number, (your name and number are not published).

You may also view the prayer intentions. To view the list, hold Control & click on the Link or scan the QR code.



[Click here to submit Prayer Intentions](#)



[Current Prayer Intentions](#)



A Thought From St. Francis De Sales

If we have a taste for divine things, worldly things will no longer excite our appetite. How can it be possible, after having considered the goodness, the stability and the eternity of God, to have a heart in love with the vanities of this world? We must put up with the vanity of the world, but we must love only the truth of God.



Please take a complimentary copy of Matthew Kelly's *The Rocking Chair Prophet* as you leave Mass



Happy Easter!



The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 1, 2024 will reopen at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, April 2.

Monday, April 1st Mass is at 9:00 AM ONLY.

On Tuesday, April 2, we return to our Daily Summer Mass schedule. Mass times will be:

7:30 AM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

12:10 PM on Tuesday and Thursday

Lunch Bunch Luncheon

Date & Time: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 12:00

Place : Marian Hall

Cost: Mayonnaise (plastic jar), Oatmeal and Pasta

RSVP: To the Office, or Elvia at 239-936-3635 ext 116 or email: earana@saintcecilias.net

Deadline to RSVP is Thursday, April 4

The Mass Intention book for 2024 has been filled. The 2025 Mass Intention Book will be opened on April 1, 2024 for intentions from January through June of 2025. You may reserve up to 3 intentions on Sundays, and up to 6 total every six months.



Intentions from July through December of 2025 will be available on January 1, 2025. This is intended to allow a more equitable distribution of the available dates.

Please stop in the office and see Rich to place an intention.

The suggested donation is \$10.



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 or on our website:

[Registration form \(saintcecilias.org\)](http://saintcecilias.org)

Our New Parishioners Karina Vargas and Rebeca Lopez

CONGRATULATIONS to our GRAND PRIZE WINNER of \$2,500.00 !!

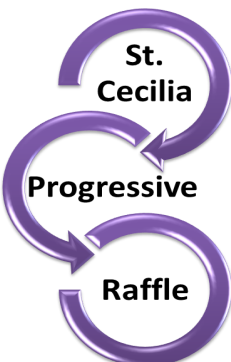


Jim Passatore

And to all of our winners !

\$500 John Shannon / Renee Devic

\$400 Jeanne McCafferty / Gerald & Claryce Gesiakowski



\$300 Linda Yaeger / Tim Malszycki

\$200 Lottie Eddy / Adam Svabik

\$100 Susan Elizabeth Sardinha / Linda Valenta

Thank you to ALL who have participated in helping us meet our Catholic Faith Appeal Goal !



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday, 8:30 PM** **MARCH 30 EASTER VIGIL**
St Cecilia Parishioners
- Sunday, 7:30 AM** **MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY**
St Cecilia Parishioners
- 9:00 AM** St Cecilia Parishioners
- 9:30 AM** St Cecilia Parishioners
- 11:00 AM** St Cecilia Parishioners
- Monday, 9:00 AM** † Rose Jacks by Rosemary Hanlon
- Tuesday, 12:10 PM** **APRIL 2**
† Richard & Thomasina Healy by Tom & Jackie Gramitt
- Wednesday, 7:30 AM** **APRIL 3**
† Sr. Staminata Roa by Esperanza Liszewski
- Thursday, 12:10 PM** **APRIL 4**
Priest's Intention
- Friday, 7:30 AM** **APRIL 5**
† Rich Brockman and † Alice Hall By Wendy Brockmann
- Saturday, 4:00 PM** **APRIL 6**
† Lottie Kowalski by Jim & JoAnn Will
- Sunday, 7:30 AM** **APRIL 7**
† Maria Dinnella by Donna & Al Del Rossi
- 9:00 AM** † Leonard Liszewski by Esperanza Liszewski
- 11:00 AM** Living and Deceased Relatives of Paul & Mary Jo Hobbs by Mary Jo Hobbs

Scripture Readings for the Week

- Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday** Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
- Friday** Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday** Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday** Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

Scan QR code for Daily Readings from USCCB



*Congratulations and Welcome
to the newest members of
Saint Cecilia Catholic Community*

*Brad
Glen
Kaylah*



*Leanne
Sebrina
Will*

**ST. CECILIA SUMMER BIBLE
CAMP COMING
The week of July 15th**



Totus Tuus

Watch the bulletin in the for details and registration information



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, as well as any volunteer for any ministry, are required to be fingerprinted (this process includes a background check) and to receive training in recognizing potential signs of abuse. The training portion can be done in your home over a PC.

For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment to see what is required before the parish can accept a volunteer into any ministry. Any cost a volunteer incurs to complete these requirements will be fully reimbursed on request. 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 at 941 484 9543.



The Knight's Corner

March 24 Knights' Corner

Congratulations to Ryan and Sara Jordan who were recognized as the Knight's Family of the Month. They have been active helping around the parish in many ministries in the parish.



The Knights of Columbus gives offers financial planning and insurance to be sure that you and your family has security through your retirement.

The Knights of Columbus is a place where men can meet friends and friends can become brothers. Go to KofC.org to learn more about the Knights and how to join.

We will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for any men interested in how they might serve the community. Knights who are here for the winter are welcome to join us.

Matt Andres, Grand Knight GK13483ma@gmail.com
Steve Jansen, Deputy Grand Knight sjansen571@gmail.com



Staffed by the Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales

Fr. Paul Dechant OSFS
Pastor

Fr. Francis J. Hanlon, OSFS
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Mr. Rick Castro
Permanent Deacon

Fr. Stanley Dombrowski OSFS
Priest in Residence

Pastoral Staff

Patty Kiernan
Coordinator of Religious Education

Tuesday Shannon
Faith Formation Assistant
Marian Hall Rentals

Sherry Cross
Coordinator of Music

Debbie Laughlin
Coordinator of Worship

Elvia Arana
Coordinator of Pastoral Ministry

Mary Zalud
Youth Coordinator

Jeanne Conklin
Business Administrator

Mary Jo Nardello
Office Assistant

Rich Garcia
Administrative Assistant

Steve Borden
Maintenance

Daxton Wellman
Maintenance

USHERS NEEDED



The Usher Ministry is in need of volunteers. Male and Female, any age group – youth to the young at heart ; particularly at the 4:00 pm, 7:30 am and 11:00 am weekend masses.

The primary duties and responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, escorting them to seating at select masses, taking up the collection and providing a goodbye salutation and distributing bulletins at the conclusion of Mass.

This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. Please see Debbie at any of the masses or phone 239-936-3635, ext.129, or email dlaughlin@saintcecilias.net.

THE LEE HEALTH BLOODEMOBILE

Help save a life, donate today !

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE

SUNDAY April 7, 2024 Parish Hall Parking Lot

8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Learn more about the difference you can make. <https://www.leehealth.org/our-services/blood-centers>



Marian Hall

PARISH DINNER, DANCE & ELVIS SHOW Saturday, April 20 at 5pm

\$40 Tickets available at Sunday Social

Includes one wine/beer, dinner buffet, dessert, music by DJ Stephen

Special thanks to our sponsors listed on poster

