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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

Daily Masses SUMMER SCHEDULE

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 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: Friday Adoration 8:00 AM with Benediction at 11:50 AM. First Friday Adoration from 8:00 AM with Benediction at 8:50 PM. Family Adoration the Thursday night preceding First Friday from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 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.

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SATURDAY, After Mass	MAY 4	С
	May Crowning	C
SUNDAY,	MAY 5	_
After all Masses	May Crowning	С
9:30 AM	FFF & Youth Group	PH
3:00 PM	Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF) MAY 6	PH
MONDAY, 12:10 PM	•	СН
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TUESDAY,	MAY 7	101
8:30 AM	Men's Gospel Group	- 1
12:45 PM	Rosary	СН
WEDNESDAY,	MAY 8	0
12:10 PM	Rosary	CH
7:00 PM	Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	PH
THURSDAY,	MAY 9	
10:30 AM	Lectio Eucharist (Adult FF)	L
12:45 PM	Rosary	CH
FRIDAY	MAY 10	
10:00 AM	Scripture Sharing	L
12:10 PM	Rosary	CH
1:00 PM	Walking with Purpose	PH
5:30 PM	Rosary	С
5:30—8:00PM	Preparing for the Ascension	С
SATURDAY,	MAY 11	
4:00 PM	First Communion Mass	
SUNDAY,	MAY 12	
All Masses	First Communion Mass	



PREPARING FOR THE ASCENSION

There is ONE MORE CHANCE to enjoy "The Chosen" with Fr. Paul and your fellow parishioners, and prepare to celebrate the Ascension. Join us on May 10 in prayer and fellowship in anticipation of the feast of the Ascension

5:30 pm Praying the Rosary (in the Chapel)

6:00 pm Stations of the Resurrection (in the Prayer Garden across the street from the Chapel.)

7:00 pm Enjoying episode 4 of Season Four of "**The Chosen**" (in the Parish hall, please bring snacks to share)

You can watch the first 3 seasons and the first 3 episodes of Season 4 to catch up of "The Chosen" at You Tube / the Angels Studio App or Angel.com.



Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves.

In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so too does our capacity to love others.

There are countless moments when we can do just that — for instance, waking up Saturday morning to attend daily Mass instead of sleeping in, or talking to God in the car on the way to work instead of listening to music. These are simple ways to express our love for the Lord by laying down our lives for Him.

The more we find ways to love the Lord, the more we will find it easier to put aside our selfishness and serve others.

Christ's command to love others may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps. Ask yourself, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.



Apostleship of Prayer

May Intention

For the Formation of Men & Women Religious, and Seminarians

"Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Dedicated volunteers

make shawls

to be used for comfort

in times of stress

or during prayer and meditation.
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several times a year.

Join us for fellowship, prayer, and knitting/crocheting the first and third Thursday of the month at IO:00AM in the parish hall.

Beginners welcome!

Contact Sandy Ward for more information, 386-793-4102





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gratitude he or she owes to God. This is the greatest of all evils

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Join us for Divine Mercy Cenacle on Friday's at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

and one of the major impediments to grace.

For more information please contact Esperanza Liszewski at 239-822-8655.





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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



The Music Ministry is always looking for a few good folks with a generous heart, a love for music and a grateful spirit.

A Thought From St. Francis De Sales

After this conversion, the repentant Augustine

of thanksgiving." [Ps 116:16-17] Take note, I beg you, how the heart of the saint was full of gratitude toward God. Certainly one of the

most serious sins that people commit is for-

humbly used to say, "O Lord ... you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice

If you or your child would like to be a singer, ringer, or instrumentalist at St. Cecilia's. there are plenty of opportunities to get you started.

For more information, please contact Sherry Cross, Coordinator of Music Ministries, at 239-936-3635 ext. 128.

Men's Gospel Forum



Welcome, men of all ages! "

Gospel Forum" provides men an opportunity to grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. This gathering of men is not a bible study. The read Scriptures Sunday are aloud, followed by open and

meaningful sharing on what the readings mean to us today, as men, and as members of our community. We learn scripture, we pray, we have fellowship, and we laugh a lot !_Come as you are, wherever you are in life. Gospel Forum meets every Tuesday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 am . Fo more info call George Moeggenberg at 239 6714 9789.

Mether 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.

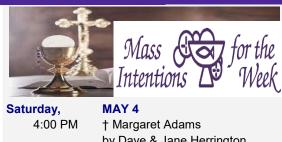
People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Cecilia is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration also simplifies the process with regard to religious education; sponsoring a sacramental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

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)





by Dave & Jane Herrington

Sunday,

7:30 AM St Cecilia Parishioners 9:00 AM † Diana Durkin Belt

by Douglas & Susan Zell

11:00 AM † Ann DeRose by Nancy Zavada

Monday, MAY 6

> 7:30 AM † Patrick Rumchak by Denise Rumchak

Tuesday, MAY 7

> 12:10 PM † George Mushro

> > by Mary Ann Ferry

Wednesday, **MAY 8**

> 7:30 AM † Jose Ramon Aquino

by the Volunteers at

Catholic Charities Food Pantry

Thursday, MAY 9

12:10 PM † Patrick Dargan by Rita Dargan

MAY 10 Friday,

> 7:30 AM Priest's Intention

Saturday, **MAY 11**

4:00 PM † Wilma Gamret by Rosalie

Sunday. **MAY 12**

> 7:30 AM St Cecilia Parishioners 9:00 AM † Margaret Adams

> > by Frank & Julie Richards

11:00 AM Joe & Nancy Romstadt & their

Family by Tim & Cindy Malszycki

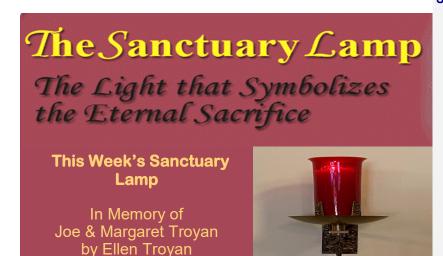
Scripture Readings For the Week

Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a Monday **Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday Acts: 17:15,22 -18:1 Jn 16:12-15 **Thursday** Acts: 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20 **Friday** Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23 Saturday Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16-23b -28 Sunday Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23

Mk 16:15-20

Scan QR code for **Daily Readings from USCCB**







SUMMER

Camp Registration is

NOW OPEN!

in the parish office or at

saintcecilias.org/family-faith-formation or use the QR code

1st - 6th Grade, July 15-19, 9am - 3pm 7th - 12th Grade, July 14 - 18, 6:30pm - 8:45pm



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The Knight's Corner



Congratulations to our April Family of the Month Terrance and Kathleen McLaughlin. They have been active in the St. Cecilia Catholic Community for over 30 years serving on various ministries and participating in many activities. They are currently serving the parish as Altar Servers and continue to help out wherever needed.

Thank you for your time and talents.

The Knights of Columbus is an international organization dedicated to helping the Church, our communities, our parish, and our families. We will be meeting May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for any men interested in how they might serve the community. We offer snacks and refreshments during our social time after our brief meetings.



Go to KofC.org to learn more and to sign up. Matt Andres, Grand Knight GK13483ma@gmail.com Steve Jansen, Deputy Grand Knight sjansen571@gmail.com



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 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.



Be Blessed and Encouraged

at our next Magnificat breakfast for women, Saturday, May 11, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM at the Crown Plaza Fort Myers Gulf Coast, formerly Holiday Inn Airport.



Our speaker, Fernande Benjamin, was born in Canada. She lost her mother when she was only five. Her child-hood was influenced by her devout Catholic father and step-mother. At age eight, Fernande immigrated to the United States, unable to speak a word of English. Although she was in third grade in Canada, when she enrolled in classes taught by the Daughters of the Holy Spirit Congregation, she was placed in first grade to learn English.

Fernande developed a powerful devotion to the Holy Spirit. Marriage followed. After being childless for six years, the couple adopted two children. Fernande and her husband Ray made a Cursillo. Both began work in prison ministry.

They moved to Florida in 1981, and were introduced to the charismatic prayer group. Life in the Spirit seminar followed. Fernande learned how forgiveness is essential for Jesus to set us free and journey on in life in freedom. She served in many ministries throughout the years, and at present, she serves as chairperson for Magnificat greeters.

The cost for the Breakfast program is \$26. You can make online reservations until TUESDAY, MAY 7 at https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets/. For more information, contact Margaret Mengle, 239-826-7475.



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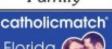


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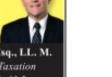
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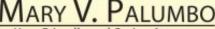












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