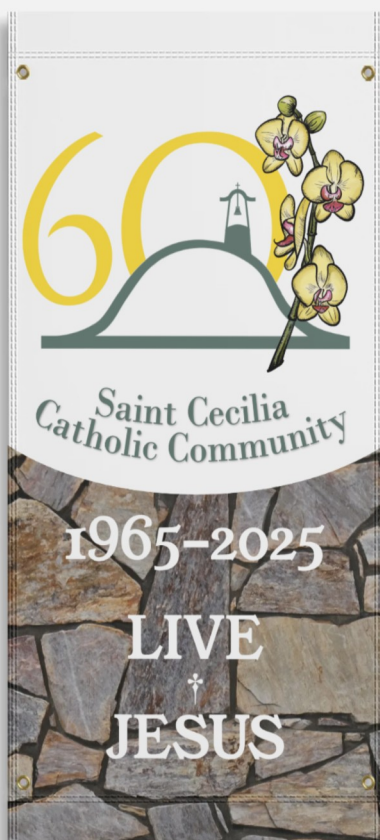


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November 9, 2025

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1965 -2025

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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. Reconciliation is also available during Family Adoration, Thursday prior to First Friday from 7:00 to 8:00 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, 8:00 am in the Chapel. Benediction is at 11:50 am. First Friday Adoration begins at 8:00 am with the Benediction at 8:50 pm. Family Adoration is held the Thursday prior to First Friday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. 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.

Daily Masses (Winter Schedule begins Nov 1)

November through Wednesday of Holy Week

Monday - Friday7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Chapel open for Prayer when the Parish Office is open

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

Adoration Friday 8:00 AM - Benediction 11:50 AM

First Friday 8:00 AM—Benediction 8:50 PM

SATURDAY, 7:00 pm	NOVEMBER 8 CASINO NIGHT	MH
SUNDAY, 9:00 - 11:00 am	NOVEMBER 9 Family Faith Formation	PH
12:00 - 3:00 pm	Sacramental Prep	PH
MONDAY, 12:45 pm	NOVEMBER 10 Lunch Bunch	MH
TUESDAY, 8:30 am	NOVEMBER 11 Men's Gospel Forum	101
10:30am	Walking with Purpose	PH
12:45 pm	Rosary	CH
1:00 pm	Our Grief Journey	L
6:00 pm	OCIA	101
6:00 pm	KoC General Meeting	101
WEDNESDAY, 12:45 pm	NOVEMBER 12 Rosary	CH
7:00 pm	Walking with Purpose	PH
THURSDAY, 10:00 am	NOVEMBER 13 Rosary Makers Group	104
10:00 am	Bible Study	PH
12:45 pm	Rosary	CH
6:00 pm	Bridges Men's Group	104
7:00 pm	Bible Study	PH
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	CR
FRIDAY, 10:00 am	NOVEMBER 14 Divine Mercy Cenacle	104
12:45 pm	Rosary	CH
5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
SATURDAY, SUNDAY, 9:00 - 11:00 am	NOVEMBER 15 NOVEMBER 16 Family Faith Formation	PH

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Nov 9, 16 & 23



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LAMB OF GOD

At first glance, lambs and bread have less in common than buffaloes and wings. Yet when the liturgy describes the "Breaking of the Bread," it calls for the singing of the "Lamb of God." John the Baptist first used the expression when he pointed out Jesus to some of his own disciples (John 1:29). John recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He draws the image from other passages of Scripture. On the night the devastating angel delivered ancient Israel from the hands of the enemy, God's faithful people sacrificed a lamb and sprinkled its blood on their doorposts (Exodus 12:3,7). Many generations later, when Israel found itself in bondage again, Isaiah compared God's suffering servant to a lamb that is led to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7). After the Resurrection, the Book of Revelation records a vision of a lamb standing, paradoxically, as if it had been slaughtered (Revelation 5:6). John the Baptist saw Jesus as the sacrifice, the risen one, the deliverer. We recall this image of Christ, the Lamb of God, just before Communion. Breaking bread and pouring wine are moments of sacrifice in our Mass. In these reverent actions, Christ, the sacrificial victim, is broken and poured out. "Lamb" and "bread" go together because the bread and the wine have become Christ, the lamb, who was sacrificed, and whose saving mystery we celebrate at Mass. The breaking and pouring serve other purposes as well: They underscore the unity that we share in this Communion. We will become one by sharing of the one bread and one cup. They also serve a functional role, dividing the sacrifice so many may partake. When we use individual hosts for bread, we lose some of this symbolism, because the bread has essentially been broken prior to the Mass. One reason the priest breaks a large host in such circumstances is to share the pieces with some in the community to preserve the symbolic unity of the sacrifice. Still, the Lamb of God rings out in our churches to alert the faithful that the breaking of the bread calls us to follow Christ by our Communion, through sacrifice and into glory.



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



Today we give special attention to the Lateran Basilica in Rome. This basilica is the official seat of the Holy Father as Bishop of Rome. The Roman emperor Constantine (274-337 AD), who converted to Christianity, built this church. To show our unity with Rome, we have celebrated the dedication of the Lateran Basilica since the 12th century.

Today's readings stress how a church building must be dedicated to serving God. St. Francis de Sales notes: While God is everywhere and at all times, why would God, at certain times, not want to have certain consecrated places, where Our Savior can be honored? It is the place where the Body of Christ is reserved. We are indeed able to say, "Truly the Lord is here."

As the people of God, we are 'living stones' that make up the Church and become 'God's building'. We are temples of God, and the Spirit of God lives in us. Our good works are highly valued because they come from the Holy Spirit. Through divine love, the Spirit does these works in us, for us, and with us. We co-work with the Spirit. The works of good Christians are of such great worth that heaven is given in return for them. Let us unceasingly work to prepare the Church on earth for its heavenly glory. The fervor of our sacred love for one another is the bond that unites us in the 'House of God'. All that is not of God weakens the human spirit, and stands in the way of dedicating our hearts to God with the holiness of our lives. The Church is a house strewn with flowers of martyrs and holy people, invincible in their constancy and love.

Like these Christians who came before us, let us dedicate our hearts to serving God. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to flood our hearts with divine love, so that the Spirit may work in and through us and make us 'living stones' of God's work on earth.

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Registration begins November 4, 2025

Our other two events are scheduled for

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You are invited to visit, and to learn about making rosaries. Materials and tools are provided. Join with us Thursday, November 13!

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, Susan Benton, at (941) 416 - 6114.



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://Registration form (saintcecilias.org))

Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday	Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1-10 Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday	Wis 2:23-3:9 Ps 34:2-19 Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-7 Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89-175 Luke 17:20-25
Friday	Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5 Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-43 Luke 18:1-8
Sunday	Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19



NOV 13



MATTHEW INGOLD

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Join us at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community in Estero for our November 13th event, titled:

"From Combat Leader to Spiritual Warrior"

We invite you to register for this event and see our season's lineup on our website www.faihandale.com/register/. Review the details of this event below:

- Start time 6:30pm, doors open at 6pm.
- Our Lady of Light in Estero
19680 Cypress View Drive
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- \$10 Suggested Donation
- Register www.faihandale.com

Matt is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He and his wife are co-founders of Metanoia Catholic, which is a coaching business which helps Catholics "...to provide practical guidance for everyday Catholics to become all God created them to be."



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday

4:00 PM

NOV 8

† Brian Lowney
by James & Anita Lowney

Sunday

7:30 AM

NOV 9

† George Chatley
by Frank & Julie Reynolds
† Louis Tyska by Ginger McHale
St Cecilia Parishioners

Monday,

7:30 AM

NOV 10

12:10 PM

† Rose Jacks by Rosemary Hanlon
† William Sohl by Pam Plazek

Tuesday,

7:30 AM

NOV 11

12:10 PM

Priest's Intention
† George Chatley
by Rich & Shari Garcia

Wednesday,

7:30 AM

NOV 12

12:10 PM

† Dr. Emilio Mufdi
by Margaret Mufdi
† Carlos Fernandez
by the Larrea Family

Thursday,

7:30 AM

NOV 13

12:10 PM

† Marie Boutwell
by Tim and Cindy Malszycki
† Joseph Walczak
by Wendy Brockmann

Friday,

7:30 AM

NOV 14

12:10 PM

† Don Dodson
by Fred & Cindy Roessler
† Edward & Henrietta Gramitt
by Tom & Jackie Gramitt

Saturday

4:00 PM

NOV 15

Sunday

7:30 AM

NOV 16

9:00 AM

† Dick Sardinha by Susan Sardinha
† Joseph & Emily Kovaz
by Blaise & Karen Kovaz
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11:00 AM

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Our history in this city stretches back nearly to our founding. Our first council here was established in 1897 – and ever since we have served both God and country. The Knights gathered under the theme, Heralds of Hope.

Our Council here at Saint Cecilia meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome so come see what you have been missing as an adult Catholic Christian.

George J. Hambel CPA Financial Secretary, gjhcpa@comcast.net

52 STORIES JOHN PRIEBE

I was living in Virginia when my brother Carl and his wife Cindi bought their house in Fort Myers in 1985. Carl wanted to replace all of the painted interior trim with natural wood finish trim and asked me to help. I was here for a few months at that time. Cindi's mom, Florence (also a parishioner of Saint Cecilia Catholic Community) very generously allowed us to live with her during that time. We usually attended the 9:00 am service together. That was my first visit to Saint Cecilia's community.

Over the next thirty years, I visited; sometimes for a few days, but often weeks at a time. From the first visit I felt very close to Cindi; and always felt comfortable and welcome. With the addition of three children, their three-bedroom home could be a little crowded, so I would sleep at Florence's house, and spend the days with Carl and Cindi.

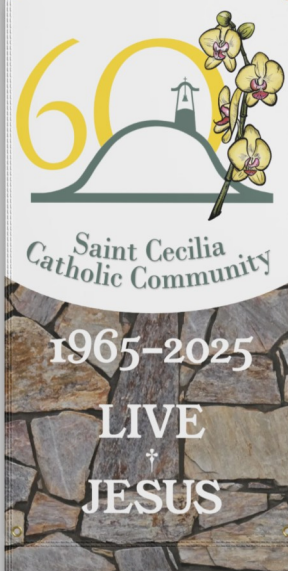
My Mom and my brother Richard from New York also visited Carl and Cindi; they eventually moved here, which encouraged my visits. After Mom died in 2009 (and I got older) the trip became too difficult, and I stopped visiting.

When Cindi became sick around 2020, I wanted to visit, but kept putting it off. Late in 2021, I mentioned to friends at church that I would like to visit Fort Myers to see Cindi, and few days later, a parishioner said that he was going that way, and that he would drop me off in Fort Myers for a week, and pick me up on his way back. (He was going to Houston, Texas, but that is another story.) While visiting for that week, Carl and Cindi asked me to stay. I really wanted to be with them, so I returned to Virginia, packed what I could in my car, and three weeks later I was back. Cindi died four months later, but those months were truly a gift from God. I still praise God for the blessing of those four months.

As part of our 60th Anniversary celebration, we will feature our

"52 Stories" column for the remainder of 2025.

It's not too late if you wish to participate. We're asking Parishioners to share memories of their time at St Cecilia. What brought you here, what kept you here? What is your most memorable experience of God & Community at St Cecilia? Please take a moment and answer these questions, or share a memory of how being a member has positively impacted your life. Submissions should be sent to rgarcia@saintcecilias.net



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