



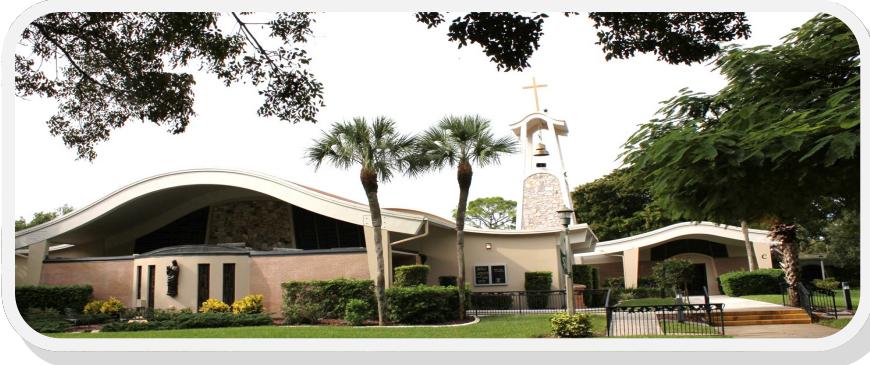
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Saint Cecilia CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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January 4, 2026



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.

Daily Masses (Winter Schedule began 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

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.

SATURDAY,	JANUARY 3	
SUNDAY,	JANUARY 4	
MONDAY,	JANUARY 5	
12:45 pm	Rosary	CH
TUESDAY,	JANUARY 6	
8:30 am	Men's Gospel Forum	101
9:30-12:00pm	Walking With Purpose	PH
12:45 pm	Rosary	CH
6:30 pm	K of C Officers Mtg	PH
WEDNESDAY,	JANUARY 7	
7:00-8:30 pm	Walking With Purpose	
12:45 pm	Rosary	PH
THURSDAY,	JANUARY 8	
12:45 pm	Rosary	
6:00 pm	BRIDGES	104
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	CR
FRIDAY,	JANUARY 9	
8:00-11:50 am	Adoration	
12:45 pm	Rosary	CH
10:00 am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	104
5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
SATURDAY,	JANUARY 10	
SUNDAY,	JANUARY 11	
9:00-11:00 am	Faith Formation	PH
12:00-3:00 pm	Sacramental Prep	PH

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF

MEMBER : JUAN LABOY

We're delighted to introduce Juan Laboy our new Administrative Assistant! Juan hails from Puerto Rico, and joined St. Cecilia's Catholic Community in 2024. With the retirement of Rich Garcia, it is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Juan!

Please feel free to reach out to him should you need to schedule a Mass Intention, update your contact information, questions regarding the Church Calendar and many, many other reasons. His email is jlaby@stceciliast.org phone is 239 936 3635 x 110.



BULLETIN INSERTS FOR THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Joseph in the Eucharistic Prayer

The name of St. Joseph has been added to Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV. Joseph was not mentioned in any Eucharistic Prayer until 1962, when Pope John XXIII added his name to the Roman Canon—the only Eucharistic Prayer in usage at the time. Pope John was touched by the appeal of Bishop Petar Cule from Yugoslavia, a survivor of a Communist concentration camp.

St. Joseph became popular fairly late in Church history. Artistic representations in the past consistently depict him as an older man, near the edges of the nativity scene, out of the way of the main figures. He appeared too old to be the father of the Child, too inessential to occupy central space. However, devotion to this obedient servant of God increased in recent centuries.

As the new Eucharistic Prayers were developed after the Second Vatican Council, decisions had to be made about their structure and content. The Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I) included a long list of saints, many from Rome. An opinion prevailed that the list should be shortened and considerably minimized in the other Eucharistic Prayers. This was partly due to the original sources of Eucharistic Prayers (which did not mention saints); partly to the great number of saints throughout the Catholic world, who could not possibly be represented in one prayer; and partly due to ecumenical considerations, since other Christians do not invoke the saints as Catholics do. Thus, the fewer number of saints' names was intended to express historical authenticity, restraint, and ecumenical sensitivity.

Adding the name of St. Joseph caused the first change to the Latin text of *The Roman Missal* after the revised English translation had been published. The prayer of the Catholic Church continually undergoes refinement.

We need your help!

St Cecilia needs volunteers to serve at our Sunday Masses, especially 7:30 am and 9:00 am. If you can spare some time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Even just one weekend a month can make a big difference. USHERS and ALTAR SERVERS are needed.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

(Romans 12:13)



Our 2025 assessment is \$243,000

% of Goal	112.90%
% of Households	32.21%
Total Payments	\$269,811.65

Thanks to your generosity we have made our goal for 2025

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention

JANUARY 2026

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



On the feast of the Epiphany, or Little Christmas, it is a tradition to ask God to bless our homes. This tradition includes using chalk to trace four crosses, the initials of the three kings (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) and the numerals of the current year over the doorway. It will look like this

[20 + C + M + B + 26]. A similar tradition is to take the first Christmas card with the three kings that you receive and put it over the doorway to your house. Some say that if you do that you will never run out of money in the New Year. No guarantees!



Have you ever thought what could possibly have possessed very wise men to leave their homes and undertake a long hard desert journey?

What was so special about this new "king of the Jews"? Everyone knew that Israel was under Roman occupation. Any Jewish king would be a mere puppet of the emperor. Why would news of a powerless king in a faraway land be so attractive? Perhaps the Holy Spirit was moving them, touching a sense of longing and hope and compelling them to investigate. These wise men, astrologers and interpreters of dreams clearly believed that they were being led to someone extraordinary.

What must have happened when they arrived where Joseph, Mary and the child were staying? Did they simply present their gifts and then hurry back to the East? I would imagine they stayed for a little while asking Joseph and Mary lots of questions, trying to find out what all these signs were about.

And Mary and Joseph had plenty of extraordinary happenings to tell them about – angels visiting, dreams, Scriptures foretelling their arrival. Even their gifts had been foretold. These men must have been thrilled to know that the longing in their hearts could be fulfilled in this little child! Mary and Joseph evangelized these wise men from the East.

Every one of us longs for a sense of meaning and purpose. All around us people are starving for answers, and the Holy Spirit may want to direct them to us, just as he directed the wise men to Mary and Joseph and the child. Like Joseph and Mary, all we have to do is share with them the ways that God has moved in us, the ways that God has shown us divine love. The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest.

As we begin a new year and celebrate the coming of the wise men to the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let us reflect on the gifts we have received from our loving God - gifts far more valuable than gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then we will be well prepared for whoever may show up at our door this year.



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://saintcecilias.org)

Welcome our New Parishioners

Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday	1 John 3:22– 4:6 Ps 2: 7-8, 10-12 Matt. 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 John 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6:45-52
Thursday	1 John 4:19– 5:4 Ps 72:1-2,14,15,17 Luke 4:14-22
Friday	1 John 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Luke 5:12-16
Saturday	1 John 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6, 9 John 3:22-30
Sunday	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

Teachings from the Magisterium

“Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity. The poorest of the poor — those who lack not only material goods but also a voice and the recognition of their dignity — have a special place in God’s heart. They are the beloved of the Gospel, the heirs to the Kingdom (cf. Lk 6:20). It is in them that Christ continues to suffer and rise again. It is in them that the Church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self.”



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION **DILEXI TE** OF POPE LEO XIV ON LOVE FOR THE POOR

Prayer Intentions

Please go on line (Click on Link or 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.

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[Current Prayer Intentions](#)



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	JAN 3 4:00 PM † Marion Moore by Dave & Jane Herrington
Sunday	JAN 4 7:30 AM 9:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners † Peter & Barbara D'Agostino by Rosalie Decker † Mike Garcia by Jeanne
	11:00 AM 12:10 PM
Monday,	JAN 5 7:30 AM 12:10 PM Priest's Intentions † Angelica Pabon Lora by Paula Lora
Tuesday,	JAN 6 7:30 AM 12:10 PM † Fr. Stan Dombrowski by Dave & Jane Herrington † Mary Dunlap by Mary Jo Hobbs
Wednesday,	JAN 7 7:30 AM 12:10 PM † Al Del Rossi by Jeff & Esther Kiesel Logan Daniels by Ron & Ann Ceurvels
Thursday,	JAN 8 7:30 AM 12:10 PM † Jim Graves by Sharon Schiff Heather & Brook Daniels by Ron & Ann Ceurvels
Friday,	JAN 9 7:30 AM 12:10 PM Claire Johnson by John & Pam Klaas † Fr. Stan Dombrowski by Patricia Miney
Saturday	JAN 10 4:00 PM † David Naples by John & Pam Klaas
Sunday	JAN 11 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners † Mary Bernadette Boonstra by Ann, David & Stephen Klimas † Angelica Pabon Lora By Paula Lora

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Living Stewardship Through Education

Couples Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their Honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 14th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11:00 am, and March 14th at St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota, also at 11:00 am. Opportunity for a photo with Bishop Dewane will also be available both before and after Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend.

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The Knight's Corner

Our Council is pleased to report that the 2025 "FORE" Our Community Golf Tournament raised a record breaking \$25,000 for the charities we support. To date the Council has approved the following donations.

\$1,000 in Walmart and Publix gift cards to Father Paul to help needy Parish families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

\$2,000 to Childcare of Southwest Florida

\$1,000 to CPCI Mobile Ultrasound

\$1,000 in support of an Oblate Seminarian

\$1,000 to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society

\$1,000 to the Father Stanely Dombrowski Scholarship Fund

\$500 for the Bishop Verot National March for Life

\$500 for other Knights of Columbus Charities

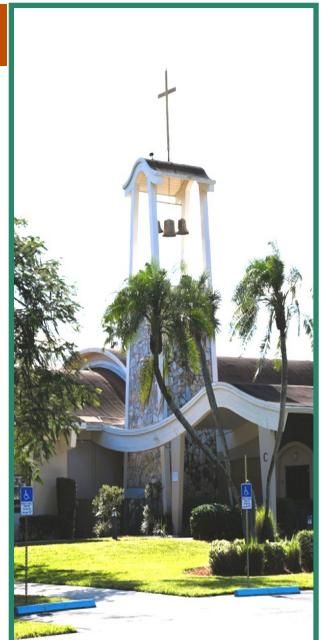
\$200 in Gift Cards for Altar Servers

Other amounts will be disbursed from our reserves through the year as the needs arise and are presented to the Council for consideration.

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 see what you have been missing as an adult Catholic Christian.

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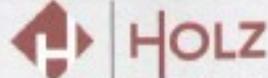
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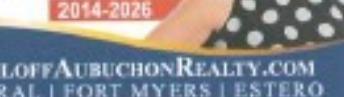
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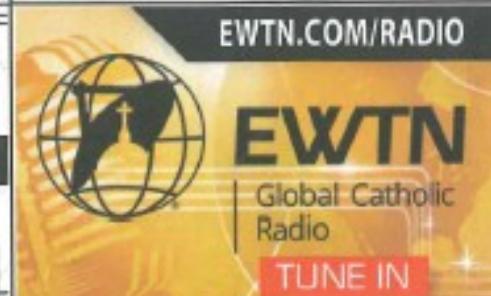
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