

I HAVE SEEN & testified that He is the SON OF GOD

JOHN 1:34

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**Congratulations
To Jay and Ashley
On their Wedding
January 3, 2026**



Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation - Saturday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM &
During Family Adoration Thursday prior to First
Friday from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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.

Holy Day and Holiday Schedule:

Schedule will vary. Check the previous weekend's bulletin for information.

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

(Bulletin available at saintcecilias.org)

JANUARY 18, 2026

WELCOME

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)

Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Michael & Teresa Cherry, Aaron Fountain,
Ryan McDonnell,
Rhealita, Joe, Caitlyn & Christian Escondo



Join with us in welcoming Annie Kathryn
to our Faith Family.
Congratulations to Wyler and Sally on the Baptism
of their daughter.

January 4, 2026.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 17

4:00 PM † Randy Cox by Pat Cox

Sunday, January 18

7:30 AM Pat Greco by Nancy Zavada

9:00 AM Gary & Ann Bloemker
by Joe and Teresa Mitchell

11:00 AM † Anthony GuloHa
by Kathy GuloHa

Monday, January 19

9:00 AM † Kevin Tyska by Ginger McHale

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 AM Audrey Evita Martinez
by Claudia Jones-Lezama

12:10 PM Priest's Intentions

Wednesday, January 21

7:30 AM † Helen Sarlo
by Pat & Laura Agnew

12:10 PM † Mario Patrizi
by Nancy Kilmartin

Thursday, January 22

7:30 AM † Chris Hall
by Kearney & Barbara Hall

12:10 PM † Angelica Pabon Lora
by Paula Lora

Friday, January 23

9:00 AM † Possidonio Tovar Dias
by Glenn & Tina Tovar Dias

Saturday, January 24

4:00 PM † Bill Bruce by The Bretton Family

Sunday, January 25

7:30 AM Carron and Vanacore Families
by The Carron Family

9:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners
11:00 AM † Donald T. Clark
by Kathleen Clark

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THE SANCTUARY LAMP

In Honor of Jenell Dolan

By Pat Cuevas





SIGN OF PEACE

At the Sign of Peace, worshipers are invited to show their peace and love before receiving the Eucharist, which accomplishes their unity most perfectly. The nature of the sign is to be determined by the culture of the people who express it. In the United States, the bishops let local communities determine the actions and words. We have no set formula or gesture for extending this sign. Most often worshipers will shake hands and say, "Peace be with you." But you may also see them kiss or embrace, wave or flash a two-fingered Sign of Peace. Although today it would seem cold to omit the Sign of Peace, it is optional. Introduced in the 1960s to a bashful Church unaccustomed to speaking to one another at worship, it broke the silent mood before Communion. Now it has become a welcome expression of unity among those preparing for Communion together in Christ.

The invitation to extend the Sign of Peace comes from the deacon. The deacon directs posture, gesture, and action in the liturgy. He tells us when to stand or sit, when to leave and when to show peace.

The placement of the Sign of Peace still confuses some who think it comes too late to say hello and too early to say goodbye. However, the purpose of the sign is not to extend a greeting. It is to express our love; it foreshadows our Communion. It's like an all-for-one huddle before the team charges into play. Team members should have said hello to one other long before. In fact, some communities take a few moments before Mass begins precisely to encourage worshipers to greet those near them. Such a greeting allows people to feel at home, and it can also be shared by catechumens who will be dismissed after the homily. The Sign of Peace has a purpose deeper than a greeting—it expresses the unity of those baptized in Christ.

When extending the Sign of Peace, attentive worshipers resist turning it into a break. This is not the time to congratulate someone on their anniversary, to set up an appointment, or to exchange messages with the servers. It is the time to express peace and love.

From: The Parts of the Mass By: Fr. Paul Turner

Other Resources by Fr. Paul Turner:

<https://paulturner.org/>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	1 Sam. 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16,17,21,23; Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22,27,28; Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday	1 Sam. 17:32,33,31,40-51; Ps 144:1,2,9-10; Mark 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Sam. 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2,3,9-13; Mark 3:7-12
Friday	1 Sam. 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4,6,11; Mark 3:13-19
Saturday	2 Sam 1:1-4,11,12,19,23-27; Ps 80:2,3,5-7; Mark 3:20-21
Sunday	Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1,4,13,14; 1 Cor. 1:10-13,17; MaE. 4:12-23

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, January 17

Sunday, January 18

10:00 - 11:00 am Faith Formation PH

10:00 - 11:00 am Walking With Purpose PH

Monday, January 19 OFFICE CLOSED- Mass will be at 9:00am

Tuesday, January 20

8:30 am Men's Gospel Forum 1

12:45 pm Rosary 1 CH

Wednesday, January 21

12:45 pm Rosary CH

Thursday, January 22

12:45 pm Rosary CH

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal CR

Friday, January 23 OFFICE CLOSED- Mass will be at 9:00 am

8:00 - 11:50 am Adoration CH

Saturday, January 24 Sunday, January 25

8:30 - 10:30 am Sunday Social PH

10:00 - 11:00 am Faith Formation PH

10:00-11:00 am Walking With Purpose PH

PH= Parish Hall CH= Chapel CR= Community Room MH=Marian Hall

*Numeric Locations indicate a Room in the Parish Hall

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Our 2025 Assessment is.....	\$243,000.00
% of Goal	114.12%
% of Households.....	32.52%
Total Payments	\$273,124.55

Thanks to your generosity we have made our goal for 2025.



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).

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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.



**OBLATES OF
ST FRANCIS DE SALES**

Today we begin the cycle of ordinary Sundays of the year - a time when the Church once again focuses our attention on the reality of God's kingdom present among us in the life and ministry of Jesus.

In the gospel passage we just heard, John the Baptist identifies Jesus as "God's Chosen One," the servant spoken about by the prophet Isaiah. He is the One who is "a light to the nations" so that the salvation planned by our God may reach the ends of the earth.

Through our baptism, you and I have been incorporated into God's saving plan. As St. Paul tells us, we are "called to be a holy people, consecrated in Christ Jesus." We are members of his Church and therefore part of Jesus' continuing presence in the world. We share in his prophetic mission to be "a light to the nations," announcing the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth.

It's very easy to forget that you and I have an obligation to be light to the nations, even though most of us have little contact with "the ends of the earth." We have to remind ourselves frequently that we are essential parts of the body of Christ. While we may not be able to reach very far physically, we can give strength to those who do. The power of our prayer for those who minister the good news and for their people is invaluable. How often our brother Oblates who minister in Africa or South America or India have thanked us for our prayers which give them the strength they need to carry on their efforts for the Church.

Today might be a good time to renew our efforts of prayer on their behalf. We might even take a few minutes this week to write to one of them, reminding him (and ourselves) of our prayer for him and his people. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Francis de Sales this week, we might offer a day of fidelity in our practice of the Directory for our brother Oblates who serve the Church far from home. In this way, we can stir up in our own hearts a sense of connection with the mission of the Church and, in the process, assist others in coming to know Jesus as God's Chosen One.

God be praised!

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Have you moved? Gotten Married?
Changed your phone number or email?
If so, or if you have made any other changes that will
affect how we communicate with you and your family,
please let us know.

Just call the office at 239 936 3635 x 110
or email : jlaboy@saintcecilias.net

Thank you



We are currently updating the military board in the Narthex. If you would like to send an updated picture of a family member serving in the military, please do so. Add the Name, Branch of Service with any additional information you would like added. Please add your name and number.

Please send to jlaboy@saintcecilias.org

For inquiries please contact the Parish Office

239-936-3635

"Do your best to gain hearts by kindness. Treat them freely, cordially and trustfully. I repeat with all my strength, dear friends, Be kind to one another, Respect one another's opinions, do not criticize, and I beg you, interpret everything positively."
Saint Jane de Chantal



A note of Thanks to our Sunday Social Volunteers for their generous donation of a new filtered Water Fountain for the Parish Hall. Coffee served at Sunday Social will now be made using this gift.



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Beginners welcome!

Contact Sandy Ward for more information, 386-793-4012

Welcome to SUNDAY SOCIAL



January 18

8:30-10:30

Parish Hall



Enjoy friendship & fellowship, different
options of juice, coffee, tea, muffins,
doughnuts, bagels, fresh fruit, yogurts,
boiled eggs & muffins for a donation



**OUR VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO HAVE A FREE
RAFFLE TO REGISTER FOR- DRAWING 1/25**

Register every Sunday in January. Need not be present to win.





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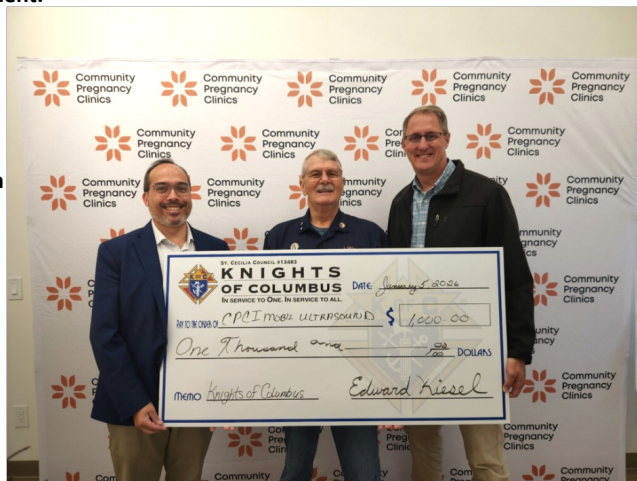
THE KNIGHTS' CORNER

On Monday, January 4, 2026 our Grand Knight Capt. Ed Keisel presented the Naples Community Pregnancy Center with a check in the amount of \$1,000 From our council in support of their CPCI Mobil Ultrasound program. Pictured with Capt. Ed are CEO Scott Baier and Executive Assistant Sean. This is one of the programs that our Council supports through the fundraising efforts of our annual golf tournament.

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



THE ROSARY MAKERS

Are you interested in learning how Mission Bead rosaries are made, and how to make them? It's easier than you may think. Our Rosary Group, which is an extension of the Prayer Shawl Group, will meet at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

You are invited to visit, and to learn about making rosaries. Materials and tools are provided.
Join with us Thursday, January 22, 2026.

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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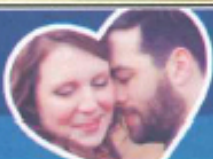
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