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CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRIK AND
NICOLE ON THE BAPTISM OF THEIR
DAUGHTER



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Your light must
shine before others,
that they may see
your good deeds
and glorify your
heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:16

Mass Schedule

November through Wednesday of Holy Week

Monday - Friday ... 7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Chapel open for Prayer

(when the Parish Office is open)

Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 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

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: Adoration is this 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.

(Bulletin available at saintcecilias.org)

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.

FEBRUARY 8, 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. Seasonal Parishioners are also welcomed to Register and have dual membership.

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))

Welcome to Our New Parishioners:
 Jessica, Dustin & Harper Lindsey
 Chelsea & Logan Hulslander
 Carter Willoughby
 Cooper, Remington, Sienna & Haisley Huslander



Next week is our monthly St Vincent de Paul Society collection. Please use the envelope in today's bulletin to help the Society feed the poor in our community.

Happy Valentine's DAY

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

**In Memory of
 Jose Manuel Bonilla Grijalba
 By Carmen Caviedes & Family**



*Eternal Rest grant unto them, Oh Lord,
 and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 7

4:00 PM † Marion Jones
 by Karen Richeldsen

Sunday, February 8

7:30 AM † Larry Eugene DeLisle
 by The Waltons
 9:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners
 11:00 AM † Al Vittoria
 by Joseph & Marteen Longo

Monday, February 9

7:30 AM † Fr. Stan Dombrowski, OSFS
 12:10 PM Adam & Zoe Miller
 by Pat Cox

Tuesday, February 10

7:30 AM † Fr. Hugh McGurgan, OSFS
 12:10 PM † Angelica Pabon Lora
 by Paula Lora

Wednesday, February 11

7:30 AM † Fr. Michael Vogt, OSFS
 12:10 PM † Vince Lewis
 by Fred & Cindy Roessler

Thursday, February 12

7:30 AM Priest's Intentions
 12:10 PM Dargan Family
 by Rita Dargan

Friday, February 13

7:30 AM Fr. Eric Scanlan
 12:10 PM † John Claude Shefferly
 by The Shefferly Family

Saturday, February 14

4:00 PM † George Mushro
 by Sharon Mushro

Sunday, February 15

7:30 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners
 9:00 AM † Tristen Stoner
 by Bette Papke
 11:00 AM † Angelica Pabon Lora
 by Paula Lora

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"Accept the aid of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, promise to follow in their steps; and give yourself to your good angel, that he may lead you onwards in the way you have chosen."

St. Francis de Sales



MELCHIZEDEK

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	1 Kgs. 8:1-7,9-13 Ps. 132:6-10 Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kgs. 8:22,23,27-30 Ps. 84:3-5,10,11 Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kgs. 10:1-10 Ps. 37:5,6,30,31,39,40 Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kgs. 11:4-13 Ps. 106:3,4,35-37,40 Mark 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kgs. 11:29-32, 12:19 Ps. 81:10-15 Mark 7:31-37
Saturday	1 Kgs. 12:26-32, 13:33,34 Ps. 106:6,7,19-22 Mark 8:1-10
Sunday	Sirach 15:15-20 Ps. 119:1,2,4,5,17,18,33,34 1 Cor. 2:6-10 Matt 5:17-37

When an alliance of kings attacked the area surrounding Sodom (Genesis 14), their warriors kidnapped Lot, Abram’s nephew, and stole his property. Abram mounted an army of 318 trained soldiers, conquered the enemy, and brought back Lot, his family, and his property. The king of Salem, a priest named Melchizedek, brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram and his God.

From this little story came a big name that Christians sometimes hear in their public prayer. The reason has to do with the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews, which presents Melchizedek in its treatment of Psalm 110. The psalm recalls the event from Genesis by naming Israel’s king a priest forever, like Melchizedek. The Letter to the Hebrews applies this image to Christ, calling him God’s eternal high priest (5:10; 6:20; 7:15–22). Hebrews further points out that Melchizedek means “king of righteousness” and that “king of Salem” means “king of peace” (7:1–3), both images of Jesus’ ministry. Furthermore, Melchizedek appeared in the Book of Genesis without parents or descendants, making his mysterious arrival and departure a symbol of Jesus.

From the earliest centuries of Christianity, the bread and wine that Melchizedek offered were thought to foreshadow the Eucharist. This is one reason why the first Eucharistic Prayer includes the prayer that God will accept the offerings, “as once you were pleased to accept . . . the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.” Christians, then, see in the story from Genesis themes that prefigure our belief in the eternity of Christ, his mission of peace and righteousness, and the offering of the Eucharist.

*From: The Parts of the Mass By: Fr. Paul Turner
Other Resources by Fr. Paul Turner:
<https://paulturner.org/>*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, February 7	
2:30 - 3:30 pm Reconciliation.....	CH
Sunday, February 8	
10:00 - 11:00 am Faith Formation	PH
10:00 - 11:00 am Walking With Purpose	PH
12:00 - 3:00 pm Sacramental Prep	PH
Monday, February 9	
12:45 pm Rosary.....	CH
12:45 pm Lunch Bunch	MH
Tuesday, February 10	
8:30 am Men’s Gospel Forum	101
12:45 pm Rosary	CH
7:00 - 8:00 pm Men’s Gospel Forum	PH
Wednesday, February 11	
12:45 pm Rosary	CH
Thursday, February 12	
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Rosary Makers Ministry	PH
12:45 pm Rosary	CH
6:00 - 7:00 pm BRIDGES	PH
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	CR
Friday, February 13	
8:00 am - 11:50 am Adoration	CH
10:00 - 11:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle	104
12:45 pm Rosary.....	CH
Saturday, February 14	
2:30-3:30 pm Reconciliation.....	CH
Sunday, February 15	
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 Assessmentis.....	\$243,000.00
% of Goal	123.73%
% of Households.....	33.03%
Total Payments	\$298,978.75

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.

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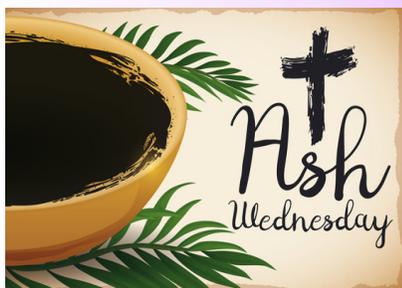
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FEBRUARY 18
7:00 AM; 12:10 PM &
7:00 PM



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**OBLATES OF
ST FRANCIS DE SALES**

Today's readings remind us that we are the light of the world. For St. Francis de Sales, this means sharing our life in Christ with others in order to glorify God:

Just as Jesus enlightened the world with the radiance of His life, we too must do likewise with our lives. You ought to feel honored in being chosen for this mission. Consider the nobility and excellence of being human. You are endowed with the gift of understanding that knows this visible world and that there is a God, supremely good and most indescribable. You know there is an eternity. You also know what manner is best designed for living well in this visible world so that you may enjoy God for all eternity. Moreover, you have a most noble will that can love God and your neighbor. Look into your heart and behold how generous it is. God's love in you calls you to love others.

We can never love our neighbor too much, provided God's love holds first place in our heart. The image of God in all of us is our most powerful motive for loving each other. Loving our neighbor gives us the opportunity to do much for God. Do not say I am not virtuous enough or I have no talent to speak well. That does not matter. Go ahead. Do what you have to do. God will tell you what to say and do. If ever you are afraid, say to yourself: "The Lord will provide." Our heart finds rest solely in God, who cares for us.

Do not worry that you are not producing the fruit you intend. You will only be asked if you have faithfully cultivated well these barren and arid lands. Others will have a more abundant life by the example you give them. Go, hence, in simplicity and filled with courage. Our Savior will be with you always as long as you work for God's glory. Just as the stars are hidden in the sunlight, so 'Our life is hidden in Christ with God.' Walking in God's Light, and sharing our abundance of God's love in us, we are light of the world.

(Adapted from the writings of Saint Francis de Sales)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

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 finger printed (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.

FAITH  FORMATION

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SWEET!



The Youth Group will be selling desserts at Fish Fry Fridays again this year.

We need donations for the dessert table. Please scan the QR code to sign up to donate a dessert.



Please join us at

SUNDAY SOCIAL

February 8

8:30-10:30 In the Parish Hall

Enjoy amazing friendly volunteers, five kinds of juice, coffee, tea, muffins, doughnuts, filled doughnuts, bagels, fresh fruit, yogurt (Greek, sugar free, Yoplait and high protein), hard boiled eggs & muffins for a donation



Our volunteers will also have a free raffle to register for drawing 2/22



BRIDGES

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

We meet every second Thursday of the month at 6pm in the Parish Hall, Building A

This group offers support to those grieving for the loss of a loved one regardless of when the loss has occurred.

Facilitator: Tom Tarantelli

For more information call Elvia at the office 239-936-3635 X 116

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.





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The Knights' Corner

Time For 'Another Wake - Up Call'

Recently a Catholic magazine reported that Vatican II is old history for most Catholics today - something like the Council of Trent. But I'm sure at least some of you recall what a wake-call Vatican II was for many of us who grew up at a time when it was all too easy to get the idea that the role of the laity was to "pray, pay and obey." Then, all of a sudden, we found out that, whatever else we are doing in our lives, we are also supposed to be transforming the whole political, economic and cultural arena in a Christian spirit! The temporal sphere is so much the responsibility of the laity, they said, that no one else can do the job.

Now, some of you are probably thinking that if we had paid more attention in catechism class, we would have known that's always been the mission of the laity. That's the Great Commission that Jesus gave to his disciples. That's the mission we all received in baptism.

Of course, that's true. But there's a reason why John Paul II once called the laity a "sleeping giant." The mission was the same, but the challenges were new. And most of us, frankly, weren't ready for those challenges. We weren't ready for what Bishop Fulton Sheen called "the end of Christendom" ---not the end of Christianity, not the end of the Church, but the end of a society where economic, political and social life was permeated to a great extent by Christian principles. So, it really was time for the laity to wake up. But there was one group of lay Catholics that never dozed off: the Knights of Columbus. From the time they were founded on February 6, 1882 in St. Mary's Parish, Connecticut by the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney to present day, the Knights have been the very model of transformative force in all sectors of society. As each new challenge arose, the Knights were there to respond.

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.

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