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APRIL 5, 2026

HE IS
Happy Easter
RISEN

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." — John 11:25

Mass Summer Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday - 12:10 pm

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday: 7:30 am,
9:00 am & 11:00 am

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

Thursday Family Adoration prior to First

Friday from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Chapel - or
by appointment.

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 will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6th.

The Parish Office is closed daily from Noon to 1:00 PM for lunch.

Adoration: Friday Adoration begins at 8:00 am with Benediction at 11:50 am. Family Adoration is on the Thursday before First Friday at 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during Family Adoration (Bulletin available at saintcecilias.org)

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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 allows for you to receive timely and essential communications through mail and our weekly Parish Email Update. Registrations also simplifies the process with regard to religious education; sponsoring a sacramental candidate; and for the planning and preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals *and the reception of Sacraments for homebounds such as Eucharist and Anointing*. 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)

Welcome to Our New Parishioners:

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"....in the early church, Baptism was also called the sacrament of Illumination: God's light enters into us; thus we ourselves become children of light. We must not allow this light of truth, that shows us the path, to be extinguished. We must protect it from all the forces that seek to eliminate it so as to cast us back into darkness regarding God and ourselves."

(Pope Benedict XVI, Easter Vigil Homily, March 22, 2008)



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4
8:15 pm Saint Cecilia's Parishioners

Sunday, April 5
7:30 AM Saint Cecilia's Parishioners
9:00 AM † Marion Jones
by Karen Richelsen
9:30 AM* † Ivan Barreto-Valderrama
by Juan Luis Laboy
11:00 AM † Possidonio Tovar Dias
by Jack & Maria Milazzo

Monday, April 6
9:00 AM † Richard Brockmann
by Wendy Brockmann

Tuesday, April 7
12:10 PM Sarah Bigelow
by Pat Cox

Wednesday, April 8
7:30 AM † Betty Piper
by Keene Piper

Thursday, April 9
12:10 pm Priest's Intention

Friday, April 10
7:30 am † Louis Piper
by Keene Piper

Saturday, April 11
4:00 pm Marie Linehan Chiappetta
by Mary Lousie Chiappetta

Sunday, April 12
7:30 AM Saint Cecilia's Parishioners
9:00 AM † Fred Borchuk
by Marie & Rosalie
11:30 AM † Patricia & James Yost
by Joe & Marteen Longo

* Indicates Family Mass at Marian Hall

Scan QR Code For Daily Readings from USCCB





SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps. 16:1,2,5,7-11 Matt. 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41 Ps. 33:4,5,18,19,20,22 John 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26 Ps. 8:2,5-9 Luke 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12 Ps. 118:1,2,4,22-27 John 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21 Ps. 118:1,14-21 Mark 16:9-15
Sunday	Acts 2:42-47 Ps. 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 1 Pet. 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, April 4	8:30 pm Easter VigilCHURCH
Sunday, April 5	10:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt (After Family Mass)MH
Monday, April 6 - <i>Easter Monday - Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, April 7	8:30 am Men's Gospel Forum101 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Walking with PurposePH 12:45 pm Rosary.....CH 7:00 pm Men's Gospel Forum.....PH
Wednesday, April 8	10:30 am Pre-planning WorkshopPH 12:45 pm Rosary.....CH 7:00 pm Walking with Purpose.....PH
Thursday, April 9	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Rosary Making MinistryPH 6:00 pm BRIDGES104
Friday, April 10	10:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle104
Saturday, April 11	2:30-3:30 pm ReconciliationCH
Sunday, April 12- <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	8:30 - 10:30 am Sunday Social.....PH 10:00 am Divine Mercy ChapletCHURCH 10:00 - 11:15 am Faith FormationPH 10:00 - 11:15 am Walking with PurposePH 12:00 - 3:00 pm Sacramental PrepPH

PH= Parish Hall CH= Chapel CR= Community Room
MH=Marian Hall LIB=Library *Numeric Locations indicate a Room in the Parish Hall

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Our 2026 Assessment is	\$238,000.00
Pledges	\$69,481.00
% of Goal	29.19 %
% of Households	7.87 %
Total Payments	\$46,991.91

Thank you for your generosity!



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE *change*
BEGINNING SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026:
ANTICIPATORY MASS @ 4 PM ON SATURDAYS.

7:30 AM, 9 AM and ~~11:00 AM~~ => 11:30 AM



Preplanning *Guide*

RESCHEDULED!!!

Preplanning Workshop at the Parish Hall

BY: Ft. MYERS MEM. GARDENS

Wednesday, April 8TH @ 10:30am

Wednesday, April 15TH @ 3:30pm

Snacks/Drinks will be provided

RSVP 239-936-3635 (ELVIA)

NEW CHURCH ROOF!

You may have noticed that the church roof has been patched several times over the years. It has now reached the point where additional repairs are no longer effective, and a full replacement is necessary – especially before the (hopefully) rainy season arrives.

Work is expected to begin after Easter. The cost of the project (estimated at \$306,000) will utilize the parish's building maintenance savings and a portion of our general savings. Thankfully, through your generosity and the careful stewardship of the Parish Finance Council, we are blessed to have the funds available to complete this important work.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Fr. Paul



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 by holding Control & clicking on the Link, or simply scan the QR code. Click here, to submit Prayer Intentions



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**OBLATES OF
ST FRANCIS DE SALES**

Today we experience Jesus' victory over death. What joy in knowing that God's love is stronger than death! St. Francis de Sales notes:

The resurrection of Jesus adorns us with a new life of glory. The Heart of our gentle Savior was so aflame with desire for our salvation that He generously shared with us His glory. In His redemption, Our Savior's love, stronger than death, overflows, melts our hearts, and transforms us. In coming into this world, He raised our nature higher than all the angels, and when transformed, He makes us so like Himself that we may even say we resemble God. In becoming one of us, Our Savior took on our likeness and gave us His.

Consider the nature God has given to you. It is the highest in this visible world. It is capable of eternal life and of being perfectly united to God. How do we nurture this union? We must begin by loving the divine resemblance of the Creator first in ourselves, then in others. When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb she didn't recognize our Savior because He was dressed as a gardener. She didn't see Him in the form that she wanted to see Him in. Isn't it our Lord in gardener's clothes that we encounter in the ordinary trials that we daily face? Let us open the door of our heart so our Savior may saturate our hearts with divine love. Then we can begin to serve the Gardener as He desires.

Our Savior wishes to plant in our garden many flowers, but to His liking. It is for us to cultivate our souls well, and faithfully attend to them. When spring comes it renews itself with flowers that bring us joy. A day will come when we too will rise to a life of eternal joy. Let us fervently aspire to this most delightful Paradise. Let us travel on to that blessed land that is promised to us, putting away all that leads us astray or delays us on this journey. Let us walk then in the garden of the risen Jesus. It is a day to rejoice!

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially the Introduction to the Devout Life).

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.

Christ is Risen - Truly, He is Risen

"Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? - Luke 24:5

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song. Let us not fear. Christ is risen and with him comes hope, joy, and a future full of life and promise."

- Pope St. John Paul II, Easter Vigil, 1986

The Tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. Death has lost its grip. On this day, everything changes- not because of suffering disappears, but because it has been transformed. The Risen Christ steps into the locked rooms of our hearts and speaks the words we long to hear: **Peace be with you.**



St. John Paul II, who new the horrors of war, oppression, and personal loss, proclaimed the Resurrection with unwavering joy. His words remind us that despair is never the final word. We are not alone. We are Easter people- anchored in the truth that love is stronger than death.

Today we celebrate not only Christ's triumph, but the invitation it offers us: to live as witnesses of light in a world still shadowed by fear. Easter calls us to joy, not as a fleeting feeling, but as a rooted reality. Let hallelujah be our song - not just today, but every day we choose to live in the light of risen Christ.

Let us pray:

"Jesus, Risen Lord, awaken in me Easter joy that cannot be silenced by sorrow."

Adapted from: "Growing in Grace: Lenten Reflections from the Wisdom of Saints" by All Saints Press



Knights of Columbus

THE KNIGHTS CORNER

The Officers, Directors and Members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 13483, here at Saint Cecilia, would like to wish everyone in our Saint Cecilia Community a Very Happy and Blessed Easter.

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.

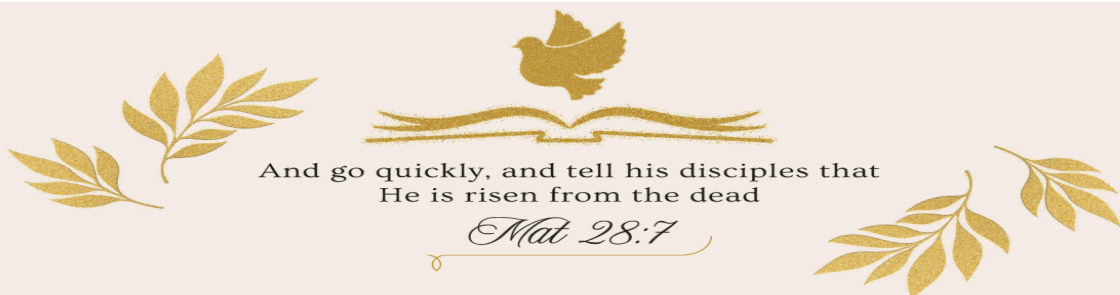
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Congratulations to Roody & Lillianne on the Baptism of their Son Jobel Mike



Congratulations to Matthew & Charley on the Baptism of their Son Maxwell Eamonn



And go quickly, and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead

Mat 28:7



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