

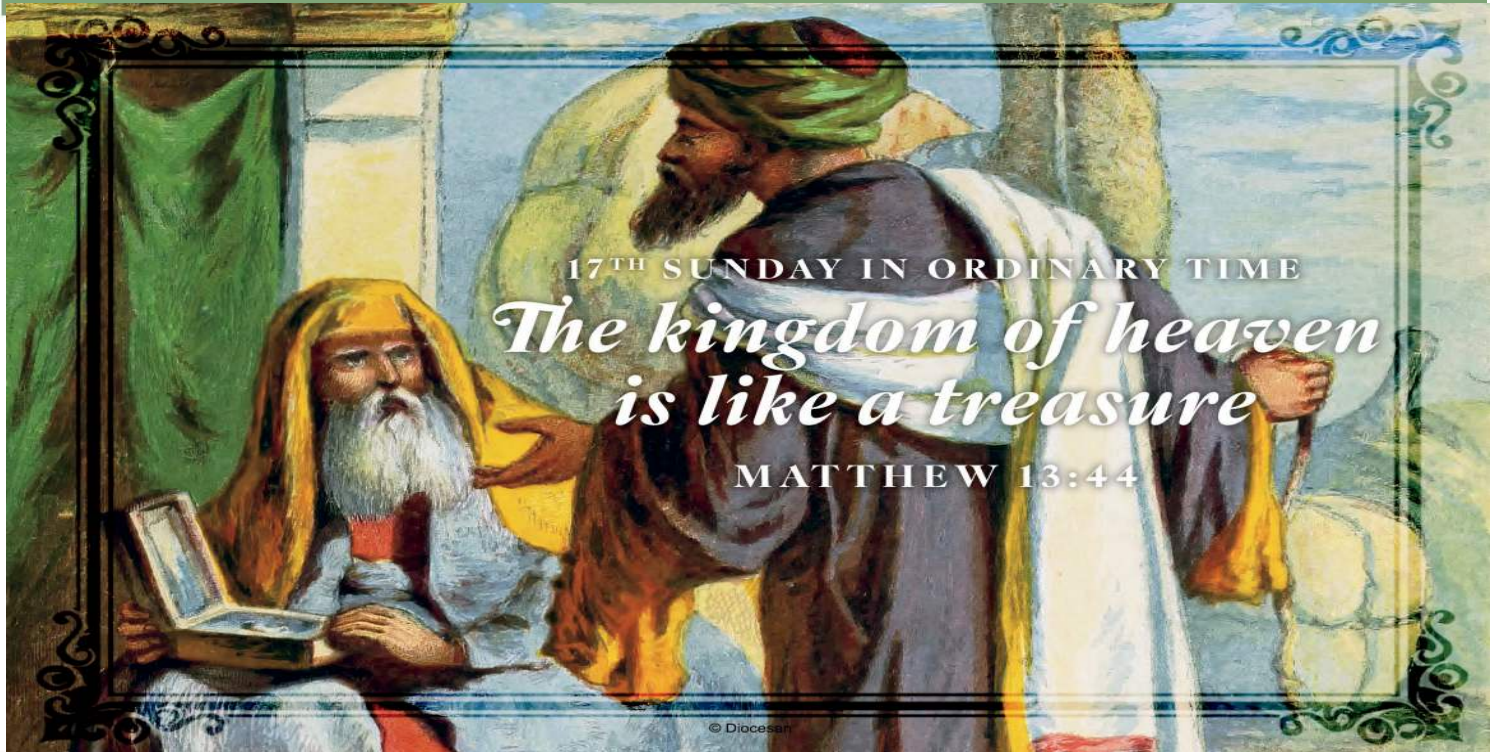
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JULY 26, 2026



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 & 11:30 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 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 the Thursday before First Friday Adoration 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 regarding religious education, sponsoring a sacramental candidate, and for the planning and preparation of baptisms, weddings, funerals and the reception of Sacraments for the homebound 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)

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by Mary Zalud



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HOLY HOUR

Monday, 8/10/2026 after 7:30 AM Mass

Presented by Knights of Columbus
Saint Cecilia Council 13483

Contact Grand Knight Captain Ed Kiesel (239) 292-8656

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25

4:00 pm † Julie Borkowski
by Karen Ferraraccio

Sunday, July 26

7:30 AM Fr. Mike's Intention
9:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners
11:30 AM † Dolores Lorenz
by Frank & Julie Richards

Monday, July 27

7:30 AM † Mary Ann Machak
by Joanne Fuciu

Tuesday, July 28

12:10 PM † Simone DePasquale
by Gloria DePasquale

Wednesday, July 29

7:30 AM Vicki Mayier
by Ginger McHale & Steve Satien

Thursday, July 30

12:10 pm † Jim Laughlin
by Debbie Laughlin

Friday, July 31

7:30 am Priests' Intentions

Saturday, August 1

4:00 pm † Fr. Pat Boyhan
by Eileen Ficarelli

Sunday, August 2

7:30 AM † Kathy Maniaci
by Ginger McHale & Steve Satien
9:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners
11:30 AM † Tonya Meehan-Shaw
by Tim Meehan

Scan QR Code For Daily Readings from USCCB



TEACHINGS FROM THE MAGISTERIUM

"The Gospel resounds where peoples meet, people welcome one another, their lives intertwine and different cultures engage in dialogue. It falls silent, however, when each person makes him or herself an island, avoiding contact and cutting off exchange."

Pope Leo XIV, Homily of July 4, 2026 - Pastoral Visit to Lampedusa





SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Jer. 13:1-11 Deut. 32:18-21 Matt. 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jer. 14:17-22 Ps. 79:8,9,11,13 Matt. 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer. 15:10,16-21 Ps. 59:2-4,10,11,17,18 John 11:19-27
Thursday	Jer. 18:1-6 Ps. 146:1-6 Matt. 13:47-53
Friday	Jer. 26:1-9 Ps. 69:5,8-10,14 Matt. 13:54-58
Saturday	Jer. 26:11-16,24 Ps. 69:15,16,30,31,33,34 Matt. 14:1-12
Sunday	Isa. 55:1-3 Ps. 145:8,9,15-18 Rom. 8:35,37-39 Matt. 14:13-21

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, July 25
2:30-3:30 pm ReconciliationCH

Sunday, July 26

Monday, July 27
12:45 pm Rosary.....CH

Tuesday, July 28
8:30 am Men's Gospel ForumPH
12:45 pm Rosary.....CH
6:00 - 8:00 pm CursilloPH
7:00 pm Men's Gospel ForumPH

Wednesday, July 29
12:45 pm RosaryCH

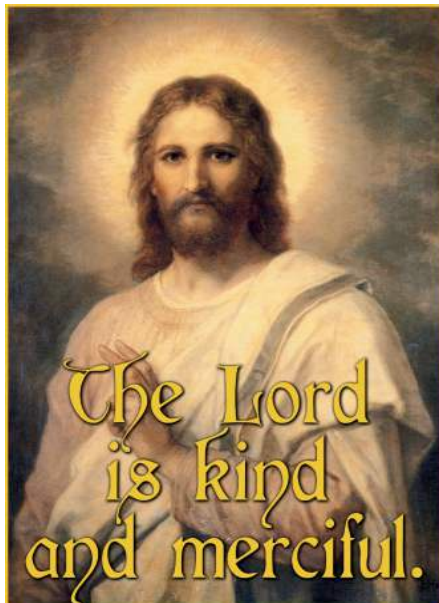
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12:45 pm Rosary.....CH

Friday, July 31
12:45 pm Rosary.....CH
5:30 pm Rosary.....CH

Saturday, August 1
2:30-3:30 pm ReconciliationCH

Sunday, August 2

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



OUR STEWARDSHIP

Our 2026 Assessment is	\$ 238,000.00
Pledges	\$275,849.00
% of Goal	115.90 %
% of Households	24.14 %
Total Payments	\$246,176.11

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Camia Laura B.

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- Embody Christian values in daily life

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THE WEEKENDS FOR 2026 WILL BE

SEPTEMBER 24-27 FOR MEN'S
AND OCTOBER 1-4 FOR WOMEN

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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Mia Marie G.

GOD'S PERSONAL LOVE

BY: ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD

What makes God's love so much stronger and more powerful is that it is personal, given particularly to every one of us as if there is no one else in all the world.

God loves you personally; for you alone he created the world and all its wonders; for you alone he became man and desired to be your guide, your servant, your friend, your defender, and your companion in the journey from time to eternity.

For you alone he instituted the Sacrament of Baptism, in which you became, through the grace and merits of Jesus Christ, the child of God and heir of the eternal kingdom; for you alone he sends the Holy Spirit, his person and his gifts.

In the Eucharist, you receive for yourself alone the person of the Son of God, the two natures of Jesus Christ, his glories and his graces; for your own sins you have an all-powerful victim of propitiation, perpetually immolated.

In the Sacrament of Penance, God has prepared for you an efficacious remedy for all your maladies, a balm that even raises from the dead.

To sanctify you, he has established his priesthood proceeding from himself in an uninterrupted succession.

For you, he has supernaturalized and sanctified the marriage bond and has made it a symbol of his union with the Church.

For you, he has prepared the holy Viaticum full of sweetness and strength to aid you in your supreme hour. He has placed at your side his angels, his saints, his august mother herself, to keep you, help you, console you, and support you.

For you, he has prepared a magnificent throne in heaven where he intends to load you with honor and glory, where you shall enjoy blissful vision of the Most Holy Trinity, contemplated and comprehended directly, without veil or intermediary.

Once having understood this divine truths, you should be able to contain your love; you should live for love and be consumed by love.

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.

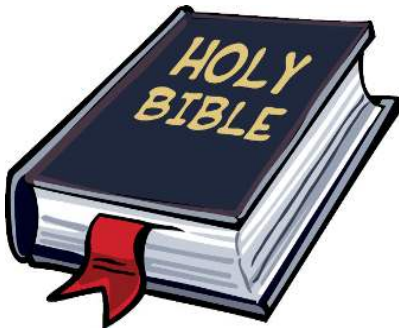
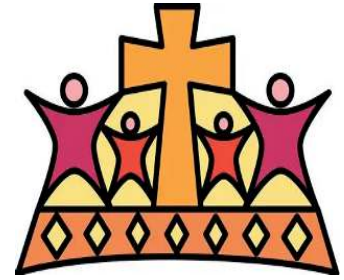
For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment to see what is required before the parish can accept a volunteer into any ministry. Any cost a volunteer incurs to complete these requirements will be fully reimbursed on request. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers, notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at (941) 416-6114.



SURPRISED BY THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Unknown Author

Every few years or so, the discovery of lost treasure troves makes the news. As technology has improved, it has become more common that gold coins, gemstones, and priceless jewels worth millions of dollars are found in sunken ships that sailed the seas hundreds of years ago. Finding lost treasure requires a lot of persistence, technology, research, financial outlay, and luck. In the Gospel, however, Jesus tells us that we don't need special technology or even a lot of planning and effort to find the Treasure of all treasures.



I remember the day almost 20 years ago when I first heard Jesus' voice in my heart—not an inspiration, but a quiet voice. I had been assigned a paper on the Gospel of John in the homilies of St. Augustine. As I was reading, one particular line shone out like a treasure and caught my attention. Years of struggling with powerful temptations had deadened my heart to hope that I could ever be good enough for God to love me. Just as Augustine was converted by reading one verse of Scripture, in one sentence I felt that God saw me, just as I was. Then I

heard the voice: "It doesn't matter. It doesn't matter if you ever fix yourself and become perfect with regard to this temptation. Just keep looking at me, and letting me look at you. If you just allow us to look at each other, continually, trustfully, always, I will take care of it for you." We all know when we've heard a voice, we would give everything to possess this treasure of treasures always.

Isn't it true, however, that we often find the most precious things in life by accident? We stumble upon them, and they seize our imagination and steal our hearts!

The kingdom of heaven surprised me that day when I heard his voice. The words of the Lord have become a touchstone in my life, a treasure by which I measure all other treasures.

In this parable, Jesus is telling us five things about the kingdom of heaven:

- the kingdom of heaven is the most valuable of treasures, the treasure of treasures
- the kingdom of heaven is hidden in our midst, we'll find it in the ordinary places of our life where we often forget to look
- the kingdom of heaven will surprise us as we go about our daily life—it is a gift
- the kingdom of heaven is a treasure so wonderful that the joy of having discovered it makes every sacrifice to possess it well worth it
- the kingdom of heaven costs everything because it radically changes our lives and our loves.

The kingdom of heaven is here, right in our midst, ready to surprise you. If you find it, sell all you have to possess it. You will not be sorry.





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"On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, I thank you for the honor of this award. It reflects so much of the work that our 2.2 million members do around the world," said Supreme Knight Kelly. "Real peace depends on recognizing that we are all made in the image and likeness of God. And charity is how we live out that truth. Charity is how we make our proclamation of the dignity of others real."



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

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FAITH FORMATION

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

K-12 Faith Formation/CCD Registration is NOW OPEN!

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