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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 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 \(saintcecilias.org\)](http://Registration form (saintcecilias.org))

THE SANCTUARY LAMP
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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8

4:00 pm The Zielski & Cozza Families
by The Cozza Family

Sunday, August 9

7:30 AM Greg Edison
by Maria Gonzalez
9:00 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners
11:30 AM † Dolores Lorenz
by Edward De Maggio & Family

Monday, August 10

7:30 AM † Violet Zadrovitz
by Sheri & John

Tuesday, August 11

12:10 PM Priests' Intentions

Wednesday, August 12

7:30 AM † David Fuciu
by Joanne Fuciu

Thursday, August 13

9:00 am † Kathy Maniaci
by Ginger McHale & Steve Satien

Friday, August 14

9:00 am † Greg Pence
by Pam Klaas

Saturday, August 15

4:00 pm † Bob Ferry
by Mary Ann Ferry

Sunday, August 16

7:30 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners
9:00 AM † Chauncey McHale
by Ginger McHale
11:30 AM † Carmen Velez
by Carmen Cortez

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Teachings from the Magisterium

"People today need to turn to Christ once again in order to receive from him the answer to their questions about what is good and what is evil. Christ is the Teacher, the Risen One who has life in himself and who is always present in his Church and in the world."

Pope St. John Paul II,
Encyclical Veritatis Splendor, 8





OUR STEWARDSHIP

Our 2026 Assessment is	\$ 238,000.00
Pledges	\$276,624.00
% of Goal	116.23 %
% of Households	24.23 %
Total Payments	\$249,268.89

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The Structure of the Church

Excerpt from Catholic Answers

Jesus chose the apostles to be the earthly leaders of the Church. He gave them his own authority to teach and to govern—not as dictators, but as loving pastors and fathers. That is why Catholics call their spiritual leaders “father.” In doing so we follow Paul’s example: “I became your father in Jesus Christ through the gospel” (1 Cor. 4:15).

The apostles, fulfilling Jesus’ will, ordained bishops, priests, and deacons and thus handed on their apostolic ministry to them—the fullest degree of ordination to the bishops, lesser degrees to the priests and deacons.

The Pope and Bishops (CCC 880–883)

Jesus gave Peter special authority among the apostles (John 21:15–17) and signified this by changing his name from Simon to Peter, which means “rock” (John 1:42). He said Peter was to be the rock on which he would build his Church (Matt. 16:18).

In Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, Simon’s new name was Kepha (which means a massive rock). Later this name was translated into Greek as Petros (John 1:42) and into English as Peter. Christ gave Peter alone the “keys of the kingdom” (Matt. 16:19) and promised that Peter’s decisions would be binding in heaven. He also gave similar power to the other apostles (Matt. 18:18), but only Peter was given the keys, symbols of his authority to rule the Church on earth in Jesus’ absence.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, called Peter to be the chief shepherd of his Church (John 21:15–17). He gave Peter the task of strengthening the other apostles in their faith, ensuring that they taught only what was true (Luke 22:31–32). Peter led the Church in proclaiming the gospel and making decisions (Acts 2:1–41, 15:7–12).

Early Christian writings tell us that Peter’s successors, the bishops of Rome (who from the earliest times have been called by the affectionate title of “pope,” which means “papa”), continued to exercise Peter’s ministry in the Church.

The pope is the successor to Peter as bishop of Rome. The world’s other bishops are successors to the apostles in general.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	2 Cor. 9:6-10 Ps. 112:1,2,5-9 John 12:24-26
Tuesday	Eze. 2:8-3:4 Ps. 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Matt. 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wednesday	Eze. 9:1-7;10:18-22 Ps. 113:1-6 Matt. 18:15-20
Thursday	Eze. 12:1-12 Ps. 78:56-59,61,62 Matt. 18:21-19:1
Friday	Eze. 16:1-15,60,63 Isa. 12:2-6 Matt. 19:3-12
Saturday	1 Chro. 15:3,4,15,16; 16:1,2 Ps. 132:6,7,9,10,13,14 1 Cor. 15:54-57 Luke 11:27,28
Sunday	Isa. 56:1,6,7 Ps. 67:2,3,5,6,8 Rom. 11:13-15,29-32 Matt. 15:21-28

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, August 8
8:00 am - 12:00 pm **Cursillo School of Leaders**PH
2:30-3:30 pm **Reconciliation**CH

Sunday, August 9

Monday, August 10
12:45 pm **Rosary**.....CH

Tuesday, August 11
8:30 am **Men’s Gospel Forum**PH
12:45 pm **Rosary**CH

Wednesday, August 12
12:45 pm **Rosary**CH
7:00 pm **Men’s Gospel Forum**PH

Thursday, August 13 - Office Closed

Friday, August 14 - Office Closed

Saturday, August 15
2:30-3:30 pm **Reconciliation**CH

Sunday, August 16

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

REVERENCE IN THE SANCTUARY

As we gather for Holy Mass, we are reminded of the sacredness of the altar and the True Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. To show our respect for Our Lord and to help others pray without distraction, we kindly ask parishioners and visitors to dress modestly.
Thank you for your reverence and cooperation.

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



[Click here to submit your Prayer Intention](#)

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Seven Sisters Group

One hour, one day a week; you choose the day/time to pray specifically for our priests.

Communion to the Homebound

Bring communion to our parishioners' homes when they can't come to Mass.

Nursing Home Communion

Bring the Body of Christ to assisted living residents once a month. Good way to accomplish your daily steps!!

Merrill Gardens at Barkley

About 45 minutes (sitting down) to pray the rosary and do a communion service for about 8-10 residents. Specifically, two Fridays/Month at 9:30 am.

TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED

Contact Elvia Arana (239) 936-3635 Ext. 116

TWO STEPS FORWARD...

BY: TOM SCHIMDT

Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid.

Peter seemed to be willing to take the leap as he stepped into the water. But when his attention was distracted by the strong winds, he began to falter. This is where we can apply the story to ourselves.

Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and rejoice in God's loving mercy, but later we fall back into sin. We ask God's help in prayer and when our prayer is answered, our faith in God grows. Then we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction?

It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we need to keep our attention on the Lord. As long as Peter looked to Jesus, he could walk on water. Only when he focused on the wind did he lose his nerve and begin to sink.

In a similar way, we can lose our focus on the Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. We lose our job and have no leads to a new one. We are frightened by news of terrorist activity. These seem more real than faith in an invisible God. That is when we must remember that true faith allows us to believe when it doesn't seem to make sense. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us.

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.



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The Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgram Icon was hosted by our Council at daily masses from Tuesday August 4th through Monday August 10th, including the Saturday Vigil mass and all Sunday masses. Our Council is grateful for all our Brother Knights that took part in rewarding program.

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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*Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.*

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mountain Pray Waves Wind Walk
Sea Courage Peter Doubt Save

FAITH FORMATION

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

Classes start on September 13, 2026
Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

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