

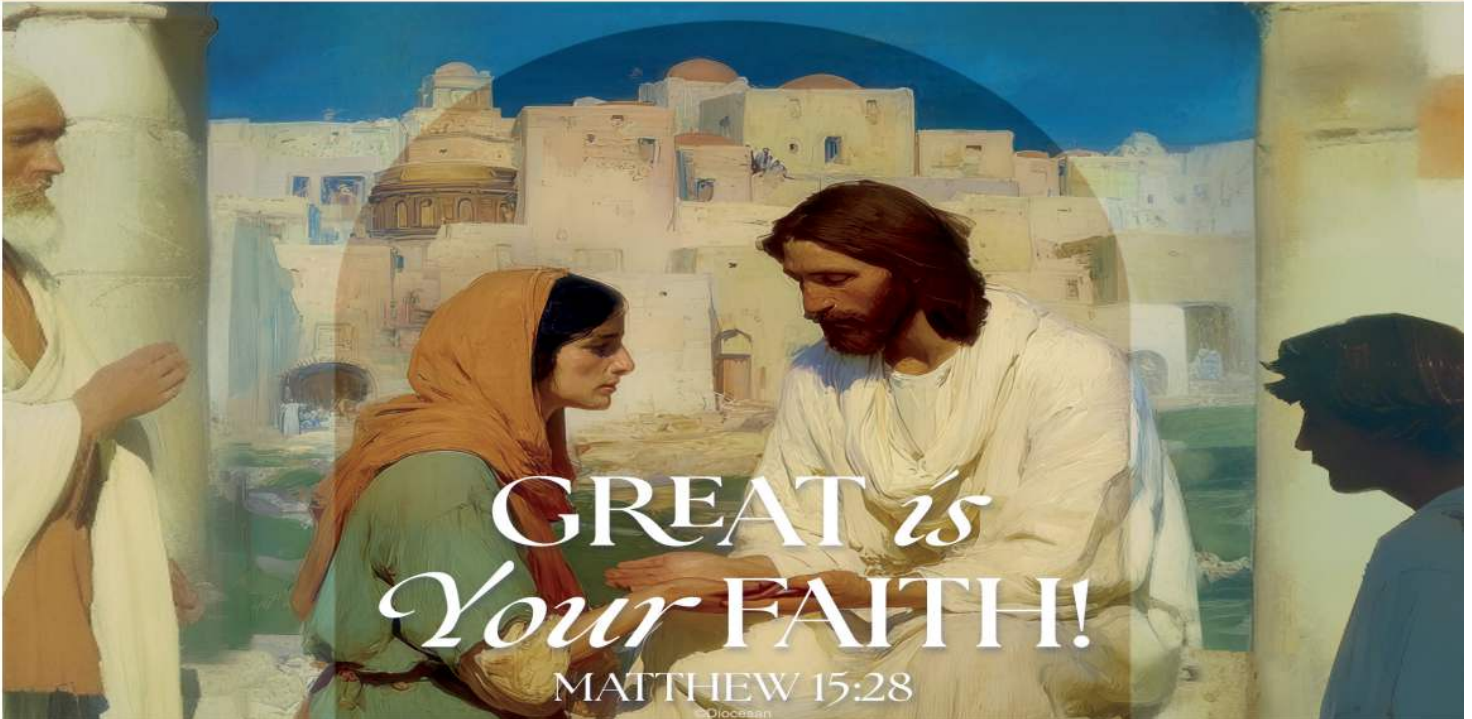
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AUGUST 16, 2026



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 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 In Honor of Fr. Paul Dechant, OSFS



If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary Candle in honor or memory of a loved one, please reach out to the Parish Office.



Teachings from the Magisterium

"The Church exists to lead us into this dynamic of listening and decision-making, in which we come to understand for whom we are to live and how we are to live. The Church is the community in which we learn to discern the voice of God, which never simply coincides with our own opinions, and to dare to obey the Holy Spirit, who makes bold and creative all those who choose to follow Jesus."

Pope Leo XIV

Holy Mass, Thursday, 6 August 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 17

7:30 AM Priests' Intentions

Tuesday, August 18

12:10 PM † Flori Walker
by John & Pam Klaas

Wednesday, August 19

7:30 AM † Fr. Stan Dombrowski, OSFS
by A Friend

Thursday, August 20

9:00 am † Mel Lewis
by Susan Sardinha

Friday, August 21

9:00 am † Rose Antuna
by Jessica Tuszynski

Saturday, August 22

4:00 pm † Audrey Stramara
by Dave & Jane Herrington

Sunday, August 23

7:30 AM DePaula Family
by Maria Gonzalez
9:00 AM † Jack Decker
by Rosalie
11:30 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners

Scan QR Code For Daily Readings from USCCB





SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Eze. 24:15-23 Deut. 32:18-21 Matt. 19:16-22
Tuesday	Eze. 28:1-10 Deut. 32:26-28,30,35,36 Matt. 19:23-30
Wednesday	Eze. 34:1-11 Ps. 23:1-6 Matt. 20:1-16
Thursday	Eze. 36:23-28 Ps. 51:12-15,18,19 Matt. 22:1-14
Friday	Eze. 37:1-14 Ps. 107:2-9 Matt. 22:34-40
Saturday	Eze. 43:1-7 Ps. 85:9-14 Matt. 23:1-12
Sunday	Isa. 22:19-23 Ps. 138:1-3,6,8 Rom. 11:33-36 Matt. 16:13-20

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, August 15	
2:30-3:30 pm Reconciliation	CH
Sunday, August 16	
Monday, August 17	
12:45 pm Rosary	CH
Tuesday, August 18	
8:30 am Men's Gospel Forum	LIB
12:45 pm Rosary	CH
Wednesday, August 19	
12:45 pm Rosary	CH
7:00 pm Men's Gospel Forum	PH
Thursday, August 20	
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	PH
12:45 pm Rosary	CH
Friday, August 21	
10:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle	104
12:45 pm Rosary	CH
5:30 pm Rosary	CH
Saturday, August 22	
2:30-3:30 pm Reconciliation	CH
Sunday, August 23	

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

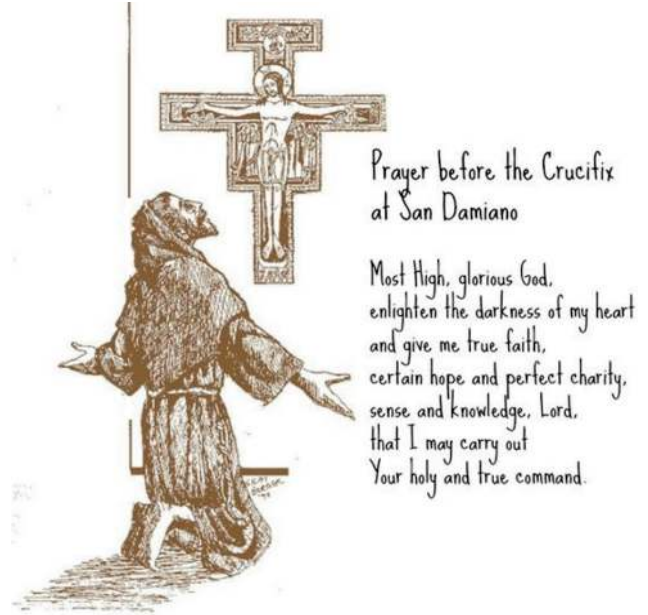
As we gather for Holy Mass, we are reminded of the sacredness of the altar and the True Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. To show our respect for Our Lord and to help others pray without distraction, we kindly ask parishioners and visitors to dress modestly.

Thank you for your reverence and cooperation.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Our 2026 Assessment is	\$238,000.00
Pledges	\$277,624.00
% of Goal	116.72 %
% of Households	24.56 %
Total Payments	\$251,029.89

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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LET ALL THE NATIONS
PRAISE YOU!

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](#)

[Current Prayer Intentions](#)



Free film about St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday morning, August 29

St. Cecilia Parish Hall

9:30 Coffee

10:00 Movie

11:30 Closing Prayer

"We are who we are before God,
no more, and no less."

- St. Francis

A CLEVER WOMAN OF FAITH...

BY: TOM SCHIMDT

The first reading reminds us that even though the Jews are God's chosen people, foreigners who love the Lord will be accepted into God's house. So why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman?

At first he seems to be putting her off. He doesn't answer her, but tells the disciples that he came only for lost sheep of Israel, adding the remark about food going to the dogs. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? Sometimes it is our childish belief that everything has to go our way. We may not be selfish about it; we may be discouraged by the suffering of someone we love. The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. They were all Jews and wanted Jesus to send the Canaanite woman away. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. God's covenant with the chosen people cannot be rescinded. Paul says that the rejection of Jesus by Jewish leaders led to salvation for the rest of the world. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. Like the woman who wouldn't go away, we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. While sometimes our request is granted, sometimes God has a good reason to delay or even say no. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for 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.

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.

Scan the QR code below for
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Registration deadline is August 21*



*\$25 late fee will be applied to all registrations received after August 21st.

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This annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage is one of a kind. The generosity of friends and other Brother Knights send U.S. military personnel to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, where they follow in the footsteps Saint Bernadette, support each other in fellowship and healing, and participate in the annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) with men and women from around the world.

These PMI events include an international opening ceremony, special Masses, visits to the famous healing baths at Lourdes, a Unified Sports Challenge, Stations of the Cross, and a candlelight vigil with tens of thousands of participants.

Many of these warriors are physically wounded or ill. But all carry prayer intention and hopes of healing to the Marian Shrine. In 2026 Knights of Columbus Charities helped bring 170 warriors to Lourdes and go with them on their pilgrimage of healing.

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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