

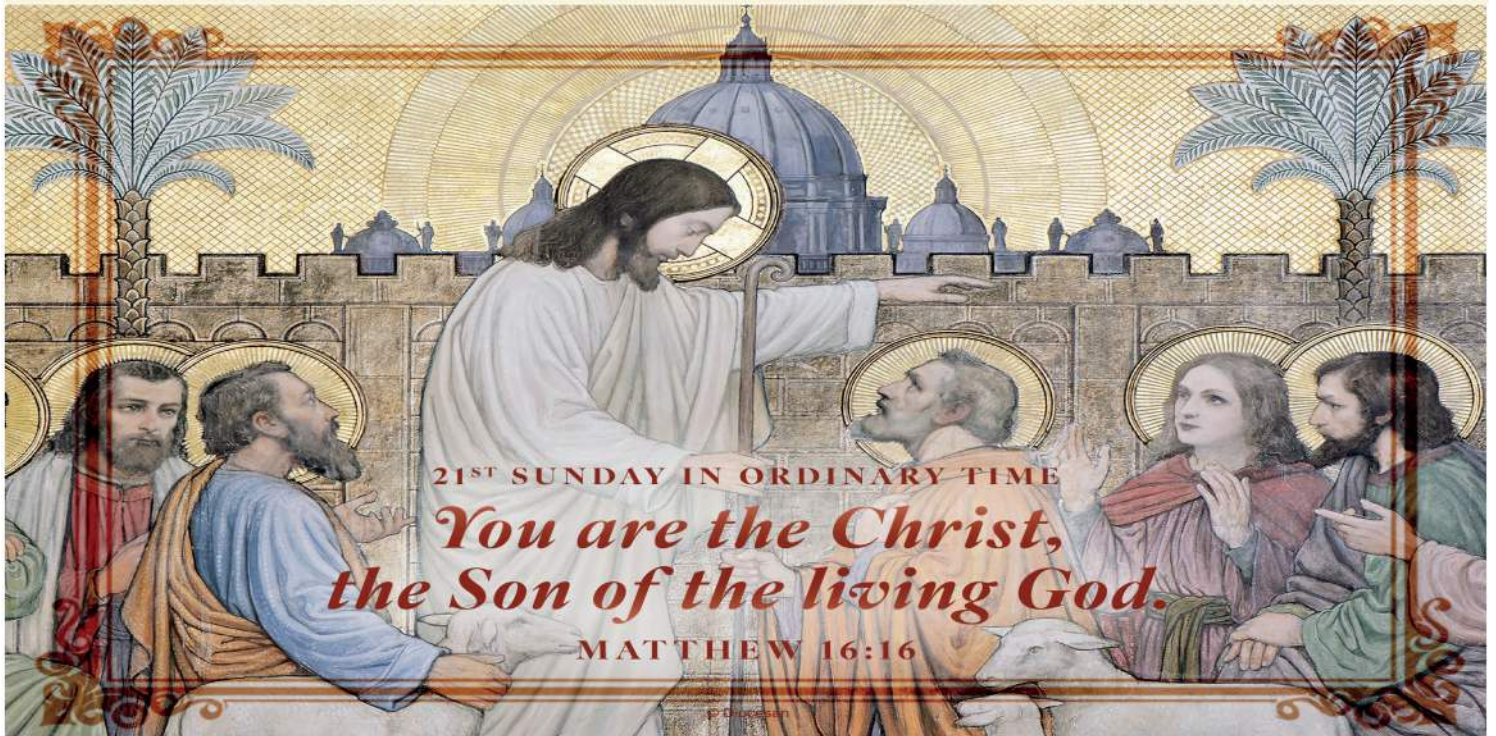
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AUGUST 23, 2026



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.

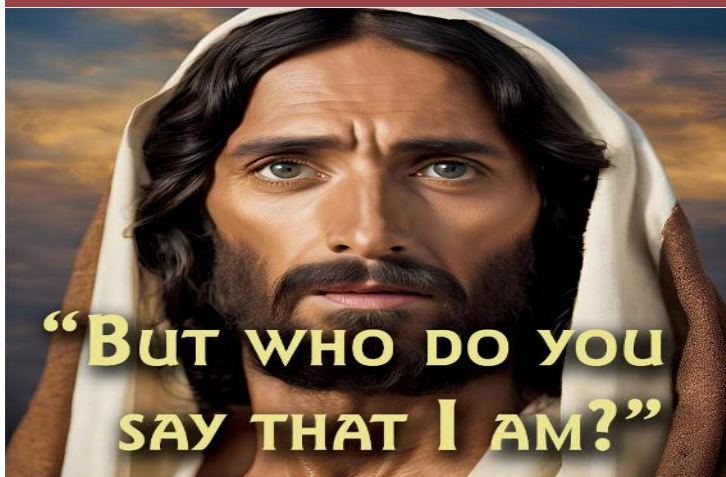
People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Cecilia is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration allows for you to receive timely and essential communications through mail and 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)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP In Memory of Donna Sanger



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

"We need once more to take up the word of God and to realize, in doing so, that our best response to the love of Christ's heart is to love our brothers and sisters. There is no greater way for us to return love for love."

Pope Francis

Dilexit Nos, 167



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 24

7:30 AM Harold Ortiz
by Barbara Ortiz

Tuesday, August 25

12:10 PM † Gerry Madder
by Lois Ann Madder

Wednesday, August 26

7:30 AM Susana Reiriz
by Jessica Tuszynski

Thursday, August 27

12:10 PM † John C. Decker, Jr.
by Joanne Fuciu

Friday, August 28

7:30 PM Priests' Intentions

Saturday, August 29

4:00 PM † Lou & Marie Chiappetta
by Mary Louise Chiappetta

Sunday, August 30

7:30 AM Susan & Dick Sardinha -
Happy Anniversary!
9:00 AM † Mary Fee
by ♥ The Gang
11:30 AM St. Cecilia's Parishioners

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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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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Rev. 21:9-14 Ps. 145:10-13,17,18 John 1:45-51
Tuesday	2 Thes. 2:1-3,14,-17 Ps. 96:10-13 Matt. 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thes. 3:6-10,16-18 Ps. Ps. 128:1,2,4,5 Matt. 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Cor. 1:1-9 Ps. 145:2-7 Matt. 24:42-51
Friday	1 Cor. 1:17-25 Ps. 33:1,2,4,5,10,11 Matt. 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Cor. 1:26-31 Ps. 33:12,13,18-21 Mark 6:17-29
Sunday	Jer. 20:7-9 Ps. 63:2-6,8,9 Rom. 12:1-2 Matt. 16:21-27

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, August 22	2:30-3:30 pm Reconciliation	CH
Sunday, August 23		
Monday, August 24	12:45 pm Rosary	CH
Tuesday, August 25	8:30 am Men's Gospel Forum	LIB
	12:45 pm Rosary	CH
Wednesday, August 26	12:45 pm Rosary	CH
	7:00 pm Men's Gospel Forum	PH
Thursday, August 27	10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	PH
	12:45 pm Rosary	CH
Friday, August 28	10:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle	104
	12:45 pm Rosary	CH
	5:30 pm Rosary	CH
Saturday, August 29	9:30 am St. Francis of Assisi's Film	PH
	2:30-3:30 pm Reconciliation	CH
Sunday, August 30		

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



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

ROCKY BY: TOM SCHIMDT

I wonder how many men named Peter know that originally it was a nickname. Jesus gave Simon a name based on the word for "rock." Like any good nickname, Jesus had a reason to give this one. Peter had just acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God and the Messiah (Christ). Jesus used that as an opportunity to teach us about the importance of faith as the foundation of the church.

The church was initially the Jews who followed Jesus. For them, the tradition of a coming messiah was a symbol of their hope for the future. So believing that Jesus was the Messiah first meant that he was *the* reason to hope. But more importantly, it showed what "messiah" really means.

There were many variations on what people thought the messiah would be. Some expected a political leader who would unite the Jews and maybe even overthrow their Roman masters. Others thought he would be a wonder-worker, like a super-hero, who would use his power to make Israel a great and free nation. Or perhaps the messiah would provide food and riches in abundance.

By calling Jesus the Messiah, we see that he saves us not by royal leadership, or amazing feats or great riches, but by giving his life for us on the cross. He shows that love is a greater power than political power or wealth. And by learning about Jesus, we learn about the love of God for us. We learn that Jesus has fulfilled all messianic hopes. He unites not just the Jews, but all people who believe in him. He sets us free from sin and death. He feeds our spiritual hunger with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

By commending Peter's faith, Jesus shows us that faith is the foundation (rock) of the church. For the church is not just a social club of people who like to worship the same way; it is a family of people who believe all that Jesus taught because we believe in the person of Jesus. That is, we don't just believe that Jesus was real. We affirm that he is alive and important to our lives. We have experienced him in his words, in the sacraments, and in each other. May our faith always be solid as a rock.

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.



OGJ Program

Invitation to Our Grief Journey

When: Every Tuesday for 6 weeks At 1:00pm

October 13th through November 17th

Where: At Saint Cecilia's Church Library

OGJ program is being offered to any parishioner or friend who has experienced the loss of someone they love. The loss may have been months or even years ago; there is no time limit.



The facilitator supplies education and materials that help participants to learn ways to cope, signs of complicated grief, and the spirituality of grief.

If you have attended previous meetings, our **moderators** Debbie Jacobs and Tom Tarantelli would love to see you again.

Call Debbie Jacobs 630-205-3782 or Pam Klaas 239-691-7818

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THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell O.P., Vice Postulator and Director of Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, recently wrote in their newsletter:

“As the United States marks 250 years of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness it seems appropriate that this August 13, Blessed Michael McGivney’s feast day, should be observed with joy and reverence. The eldest son of Irish immigrants, Michael McGivney was a proud first-generation American and held close to his heart the ideal of liberty and justice for all in a land of opportunity. When he formed the Knights of Columbus with a handful of go-ahead men in New Haven, Connecticut, he did not seek to protect or project the ethnic or immigrant roots of the founders. The new fraternal benefit society would not look to the Old World for inspiration. It would be American in identity and operation, fully practicing and expressing the Catholic faith in a land of religious freedom.

More than 130 years after his death in 1890, the Order continues to conduct his vision and mission of helping Catholic men and their families develop a relationship with Jesus as they care for one another and their neighbors without counting the cost. A spirit of generosity, of adventure in facing the challenges of life, and a strong love for family and freedom has always marked the many works of the Knights of Columbus. Forming Catholic men to partner in reaching out to those in need, supporting one another in becoming faithful husbands, and fathers are central themes in Father McGivney’s vision for the Order. Linked closely to the spiritual life of the Church, his Knights added patriotism, a love and filial devotion of country, to flow from their faith in God and their acceptance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Indeed, patriotism was very evident among Knights through-out the United States on the nation’s 250th anniversary, this past July 4th.”

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, see what you have been missing as an adult Catholic Christian.

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