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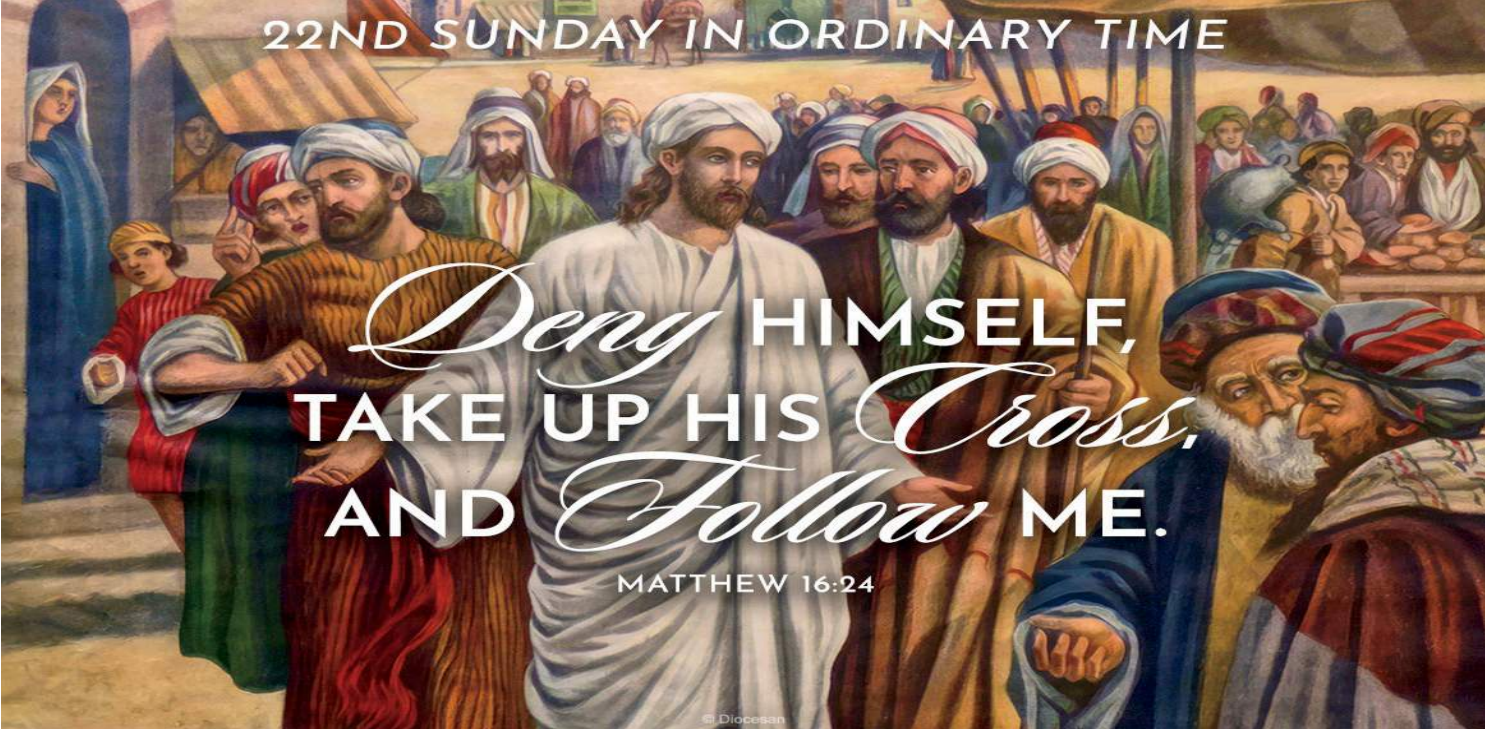
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AUGUST 30, 2026

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Deny HIMSELF,
TAKE UP HIS *Cross*,
AND *Follow* ME.

MATTHEW 16:24

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)

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Eucharistic Adoration



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HE'S LISTENING.

Teachings from the Magisterium

"Only by beginning with conversion to God, and by showing forgiveness to those close at hand and in the wider community, will the just respond to Christ's invitation to become "children of God" (cf. Mt 5:9)"

Pope Benedict XVI

Apostolic Exhortation,

Ecclesia In Medio Oriente, 10

MASS 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

Monday, August 31

7:30 AM Priests' Intentions

Tuesday, September 1

12:10 PM † Gilberto Gamez
by Glenn & Tina Tovar Dias

Wednesday, September 2

7:30 AM Logan Ortiz
by Barbara Ortiz

Thursday, September 3

12:10 PM † Mary Patricia Biggar
by Jerry & Marge Manning

Friday, September 4

7:30 PM † Jerry Mader, Jr.
by Lois Ann Mader

Saturday, September 5

4:00 PM † Flori Walker
by Dave & Jane Herrington

Sunday, September 6

7:30 AM Claire Johnson
by Tim & Cindy Malszycki

9:00 AM † Jackie Carlson
by Carol & Rosalie

11:30 AM † James Graves
by Sheri & John

Scan QR Code For Daily Readings from USCCB





SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	1 Cor. 2:1-5 Ps. 119:97-102 Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor. 2:10-16 Ps. 145:8-14 Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor. 3:1-9 Ps. 33:12-15,20,21 Luke 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor. 3:18-23 Ps. 24:1-6 Luke 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor. 4:1-5 Ps. 37:3-6,27,28,39,40 Luke 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Cor. 4:6-15 Ps. 145:17-21 Luke 6:1-5
Sunday	Eze. 33:7-9 Ps. 95:1,2,6-9 Rom. 13: 8-10 Matt. 18:15-20

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, August 29
9:30 am St. Francis of Assisi's FilmPH
2:30-3:30 pm ReconciliationCH

Sunday, August 30

Monday, August 31
12:45 pm RosaryCHURCH

Tuesday, September 1
8:30 am Men's Gospel ForumPH
12:45 pm RosaryCHURCH

Wednesday, September 2
12:45 pm RosaryCHURCH
7:00 pm Men's Gospel ForumPH

Thursday, September 3
10:00 am Prayer Shawl MinistryPH
10:00 am Bible Study GroupPH
12:45 pm RosaryCHURCH
7:00 pm Family AdorationCHURCH

Friday, September 4
8:00 am - 8:50 pm First Friday AdorationCHURCH
10:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle104
12:45 pm RosaryCHURCH

Saturday, September 5
2:00 pm Confirmation Prep. ClassPH
2:30-3:30 pm ReconciliationCH

Sunday, September 6
8:00 am - 1:00 pm Lee Health BloodmobilePK

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



BLOOD DRIVE

**The Lee Health
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Our 2026 Assessment is	\$238,000.00
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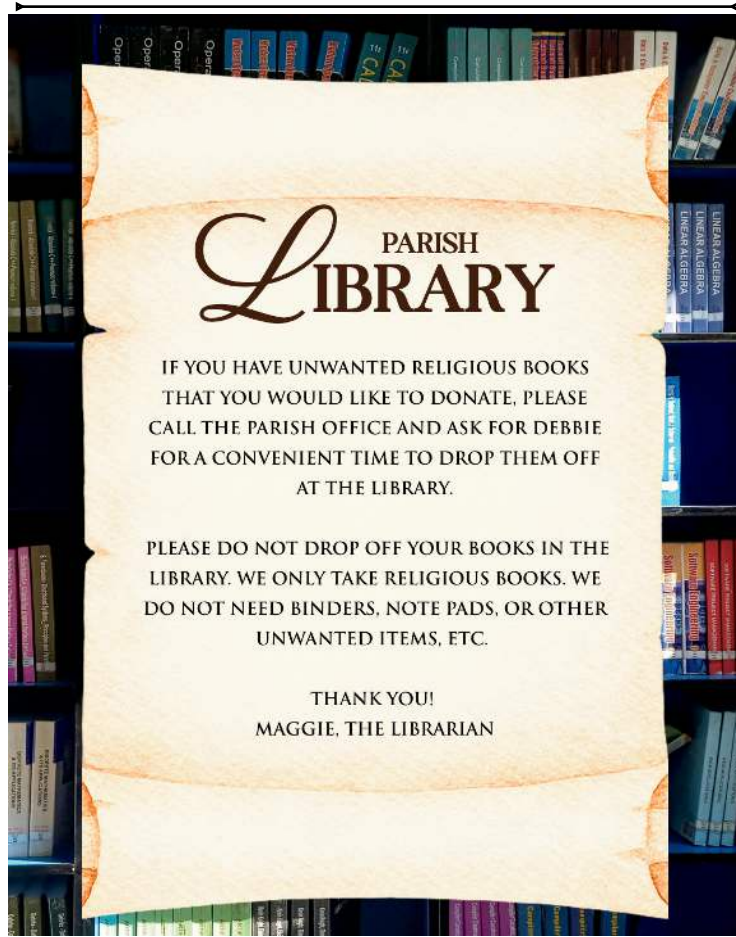
After your choice is entered, enter your name and your phone number, (your name and number are not published).

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](#)



THE EYES OF A CHILD

BY: TOM SCHIMDT

I frequently see signs on churches inviting everyone to come. Often they advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add "challenging" to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way: Rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus' mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Jesus knew that being messiah required him to give his life for all people. In a sense, Peter was tempting Jesus to avoid the painful death and use his divine power to bring prosperity. Like Satan's temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. Today this phrase is not very popular with those who say we should be free to satisfy all our desires, or with motivational speakers who say that everyone is able to achieve financial success and live a comfortable life. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God's will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves. This is what Paul is talking about in the second reading when he says to offer ourselves as a "living sacrifice." Or as Jesus says, we lose our life for his sake, only to find it in loving and serving him.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

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.

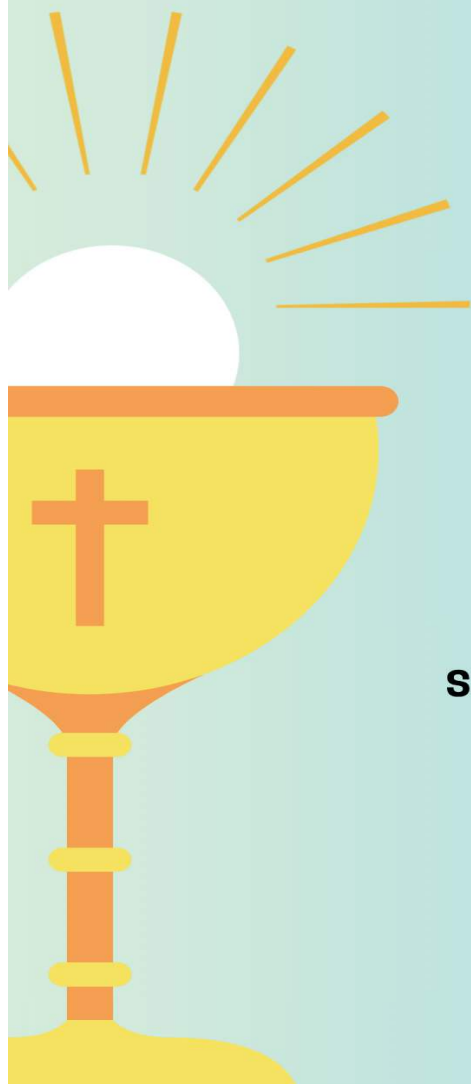
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**Information Meeting will be held on
September 27, 2026, at 12:30 pm**

Classes begin on October 24, 2026

**Scan the QR Code for additional details and
to complete Registration**



PRAY WITH ME!

**Fr. Michal will be in his yearly
spiritual retreat from**

September 13 through September 19, 2026.

**All Parishioners are invited to pray for and
with him as he continues to embrace his
vocation.**

**Retreats are an essential element in the lives
of our priests and allow them to seek further
guidance on how to continue their ministry
and work in our Parish.**





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Our Council is hosting its Annual **"FORE" Our Community Golf Tournament**, at Magnolia Landings Golf & Country Club on **Saturday, October 17th**, and invite you to join our cause.

Originally, we came together, as men of faith, inspired by our founder the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, to provide financial aid to our members and their families. Over the years we have grown to support The Pregnancy Clinic, St. Vincent DePaul, Seminarian Missions and Catholic Education Scholarships; all recipients from last's golf tournament that raised more than \$23,000.

We rely on the support of community partners to help reach our goal and thank you for your prayers and consideration. There are various sponsorship opportunities: golf foursomes, hole sponsorships sign to recognize your business or honor/memorialize a loved one.

- Eagle Sponsors - \$1200.
- Birdie Sponsors - \$600
- Participant (Player Fee) - \$135
- Recognition Sponsorship - \$250
- Holy Moly Sponsors - \$125

For more information and registration detailed brochures are available in the parish office.

Our Council here at Saint Cecila 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
gjhcpa@comcast.net



Class begins meeting on September 5, 2026, at 2:00 pm
For inquiries, please get in touch with the Parish Office

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