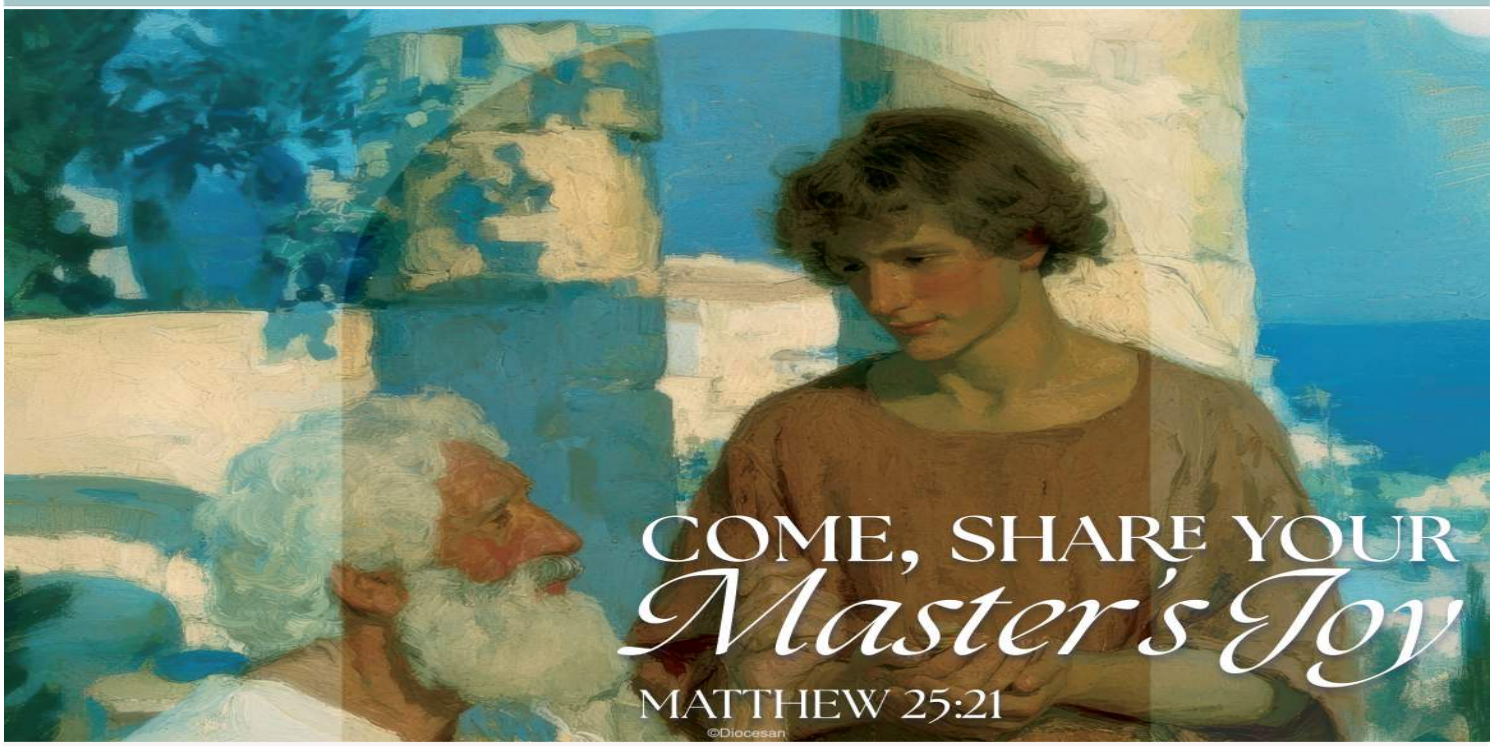
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November 15, 2026



Winter Schedule - Until January 11, 2027

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am

***AFTER JANUARY 11, 2027**

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - Thursday: 12:10 pm; Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 8:00 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
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 is on Friday begining at 8:00 am. Benediction will be 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)

The Sanctuary Lamp

In Honor of
Fr. Michal Szyszka



Flowers, Bread & Wine

In Loving Memory of
Jerry De Bono
by Marcia Oliver

The gifts of bread, wine, and altar flowers used at each Mass are essential to our celebration of the Eucharist. Parishioners are invited to sponsor these weekly in memory or honor of a loved one, in celebration of an anniversary, or to give thanks for blessings.

Suggested donations are $50.00 for flowers and $50.00 for bread and wine. You also have the option of depositing any dollar amount in the labeled buckets as you leave Mass.

Please contact Debbie at 239-936-3635 ext. 129, or make a check payable to St. Cecilia Church, with a note if you want them donated in memory/honor/celebration of someone and place in an envelope marked Debbie and drop in collection basket or the buckets in the back of the Church at each door.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 14
4:00 PM † William Little
by Jeanne & Claire

Sunday, November 15
7:30 AM † Dick Sardinha
by Susan Sardinha
9:00 AM Saint Cecilia's Parishioners
11:30 AM † James Graves
by Sheri & John

Monday, November 16
7:30 AM † Charles T. Bell
by Barbara M. Pizzolato
12:10 PM † Donald Gonzaga-Camfield
by Dolorita De Jesus

Tuesday, November 17
7:30 AM Nancy Zavada
by Nancy Kilmartin
12:10 PM † David E. Ferguson
by Barbara M. Pizzolato

Wednesday, November 18
7:30 AM † James Hanlon
by ♥ The Gang
12:10 PM † Irene McHale
by Ginger McHale

Thursday, November 19
7:30 AM Priests' Intentions
12:10 PM † John Benedict
by Pat Benedict

Friday, November 20 - *Parish Office Closed*
9:00 AM Harold Ortiz
by Barbara Ortiz

Saturday, November 21
4:00 PM † Joseph Zeterberg
by Judith Zeterberg

Sunday, November 22
7:30 AM Saint Cecilia's Parishioners
9:00 AM † John Decker, Jr
by Mary Polakowski
11:30 AM † Donna Sanger
by Jack & Maria Milazzo







Scripture Readings

Monday	Rev. 1:1-4;2:1-5; Ps. 1:1-4,6; Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday	Rev. 3:1-6,14-22; Ps. 15:2-5; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	Rev. 4:1-11; Ps. 150:1-6; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday	Rev. 5:1-10; Ps. 149:1-6,9; Luke 19:41-44
Friday	Rev. 10:8-11; Ps. 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Luke 19:45-48
Saturday	Rev. 11:4-12; Ps. 144:1,2,9,10; Luke 20:27-40
Sunday	Ezeq. 34:11,12,15-17; Ps 23:1-3,5,6 1 Cor. 15:20-26,28; Matt. 25:31-46

This Week In Our Parish

Saturday, November 14
8:30 am Cursillo - "Fourth Day" .....PH
2:30-3:30 pm Reconciliation .....CP

Sunday, November 15
8:30 am Sunday Social .....PH
10:00 am Faith Formation .....PH
10:00 am Walking with Purpose .....PH

Monday, November 16
12:45 pm Rosary .....CH

Tuesday, November 17 - *Mem. of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
8:30 am Men's Gospel Forum .....PH
10:30 am Walking with Purpose .....PH
12:45 pm Rosary .....CH
1:00 pm Our Grief Journey .....LIB

Wednesday, November 18
12:45 pm Rosary .....CH
7:00 pm Men's Gospel Forum .....PH
7:00 pm Walking with Purpose .....PH

Thursday, November 19
10:00 am Bible Timeline Study Group .....PH
12:45 pm Rosary .....CH
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal .....CR
7:00 pm Bible Timeline Study Group (Evening Session).....CH

Friday, November 20 - Parish Office Closed
12:45 pm Rosary .....CH
5:30 pm Rosary .....CH

Saturday, November 21 - *Mem. of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary*
2:30-3:30 pm Reconciliation .....CP

Sunday, November 22 - *The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; Saint Cecilia's Feast Day*
8:30 am Sunday Social .....PH

PH= Parish Hall CH= Church CP= 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
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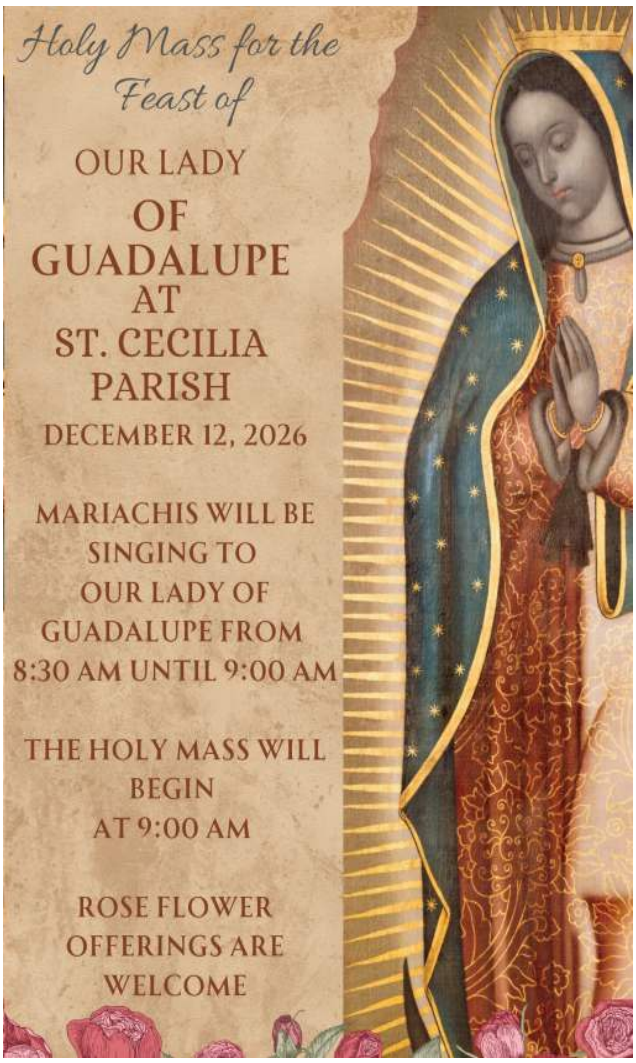
Prayer Intentions

Please go online (Click on Link or scan QR code below) and submit your prayer requests. You are welcome to do so even if you are not a registered parishioner!

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

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Current Prayer Intentions







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Thankgiving Day Mass

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise..."
Psalm 100:4

Thursday, November 26, 2026

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 9:00 am

The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at noon. It will reopen on Monday November 30 at 8:00 am

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 KNIGHT'S CORNER

Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, Vice Postulator and Founding Guild Director writes:

"The end of the calendar year includes familiar celebrations, both sacred and secular. Halloween, All Saints, All Souls, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and New Year's Eve mark our calendars as we close out 2026, with a hope for God's choicest blessings.

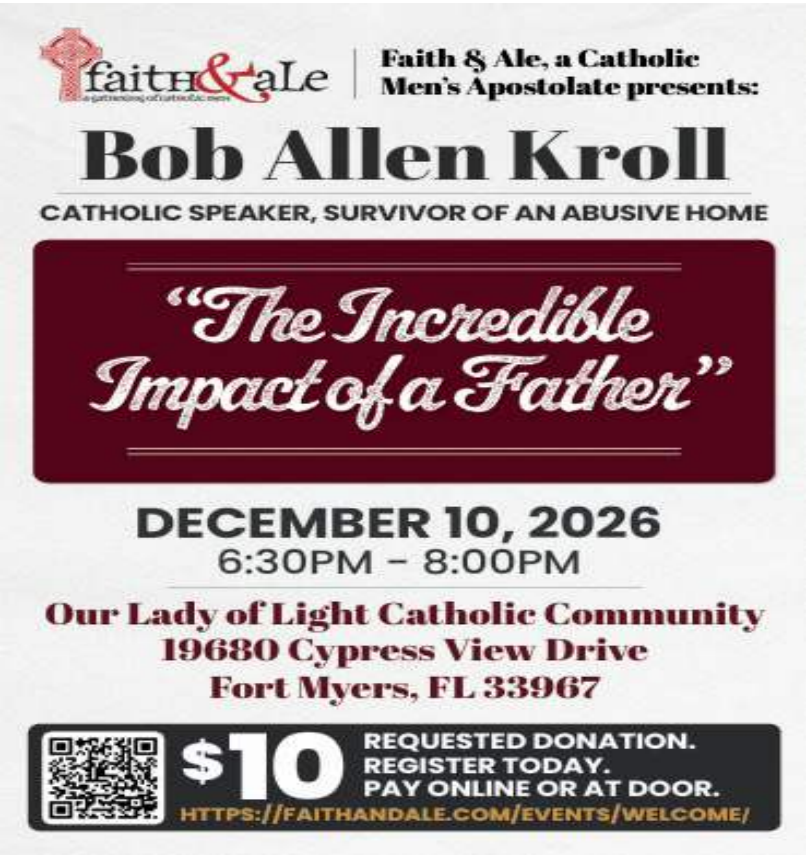
For those devoted to Blessed Michael McGivney, we can add to the list of celebrations October 31, when we observe the sixth anniversary of his beatification. In the midst of the COVID pandemic, in spite of the limits imposed on social and religious gatherings, it was a glorious day in the Hartford cathedral. A climatic moment at Mass came when Cardinal Joseph Tobin knelt to greet little Mikey, Michael McGivney Schachle, the recipient of the **miraculous in-utero healing** obtained through the intercession of Father McGivney. The cardinal accepted the first-class relic that Mikey carried with the assistance of his parents and siblings.

That moment was a perfect expression of the life of Father McGivney, whose ministry as a parish priest was always an affirmation of the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of Christian marriage and family. In his tireless efforts to defend the rights of laborers, to advocate justice for defenseless widows and orphans, and to defend the faith, Father McGivney manifested heroic virtue in his life and ministry."

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

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Use it or Lose it

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

When I hear the Gospel reading for this Sunday, I wonder what that third servant was doing all that time, after he buried the talent he was given. Probably nothing. What strikes me is that the word for money in this reading is "talent," which in our language is an ability or skill. So maybe this parable can remind us to use our abilities and not let them go to waste.

It is sad to see someone who is not very good at his job just because he never developed his inborn talents. But if you know what gifts or abilities God gave you, you can develop them to be much more than you expected. A person might be strong and fast, but if she exercises and practices, she could be a great athlete. The same with a spiritual gift. Just having one doesn't make you a saint. So how do you know what gifts you have?

First, ask God in your prayers to show you what gifts you have been given. Find a spiritual director, or even your parish priest, and talk about your life, your strengths and weaknesses. Read about saints and how they used their gifts to serve the Lord. Read the scriptures, especially the Acts of the Apostles or the Letters of Paul (e.g., 1 Corinthians 12:1–11). Listen humbly to friends or loved ones who can tell you what strengths they see in you.

Second, look for ways to use your gifts. Check the parish bulletin or website or your diocesan newspaper for activities and organizations that you could take part in. Hospitals, schools, shelters, and nursing homes frequently offer opportunities for volunteers. If one kind of service seems attractive to you, that could be God's way of telling you to try it. On the other hand, a job that seems very challenging could be what you need to stretch your spiritual muscles. Or you may see a need for some service that you can get started in the parish or community.

Just remember that you are called to service by your baptism and confirmation. Don't bury that calling by procrastinating or being afraid to try. Remember the "useless servant" with the one talent who was fearful and lazy (Matthew 25:25–26). At least he can remind us to use it or lose it.





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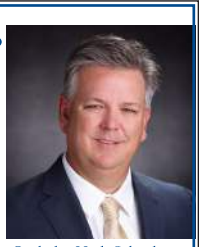
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