



## EASTER SUNDAY

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

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**MASS 12:00 NOON EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL MAY**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**MONDAY 21ST**

# St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church 820 Hickory Street Sebring, FL 33870

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## Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

## CLERGY

### Pastor

Very Reverend José González, V.F.  
[frjose@stcathe.org](mailto:frjose@stcathe.org)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

Saturday: 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM (Spanish)  
Sunday—8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
12:00 Noon (Spanish)

## DAILY MASS

Monday—Thursday: 8:00 AM  
Fridays: 8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon  
Saturdays: 9:00 AM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00—3:45 PM

## ST CATHERINE SCHOOL

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[cullipher@stcatheschool.org](mailto:cullipher@stcatheschool.org)

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### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Resurrection of the Lord was one of the most momentous events in history. By rising from the dead to return to eternal power at the right hand of the Father, Jesus fulfilled a vital part of the plan of God that has paramount importance to the life and future of every human being.

Let's dive deeply into this subject to try to understand more fully what the truth of Jesus Christ's resurrection should mean to us.

It was necessary that Jesus should rise again in order to manifest the justice of God. For it was most fitting that He who was degraded and loathed with ignominy through obedience to God, should have been exalted by God.

Furthermore, he rose with the purpose of confirming our faith, which is necessary for our justification. For the resurrection of Christ from the dead by his own power gives our faith its principal argument for his divinity.

The Resurrection also shows us that the sacrifice of Christ was acceptable to the Father, and serves a sign of the ratification of the New Covenant.

It also nurtures and sustains our hope, for, as Christ rose again, we are established in the certain hope that we too shall rise again. The members must necessarily arrive at the condition of their head. "Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pt 1:3).

Finally, the resurrection of our Lord was necessary to complete the mystery of our salvation and redemption. For Christ liberated us from the slavery of sin by His death and restored to us through his resurrection the most important privileges which we had lost by sin. Hence the Apostle Paul teaches: "Jesus was to put the death for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Rm 4:25).

Therefore, so that nothing be wanting to perfect the work of our salvation, it was necessary that, as he died, he should also rise again from the dead.

### JESUS LOVES US ALL SO MUCH

Jesus loves us all so much  
That He would bleed and die  
He took upon His beaten back  
The cross that saw Him crucified

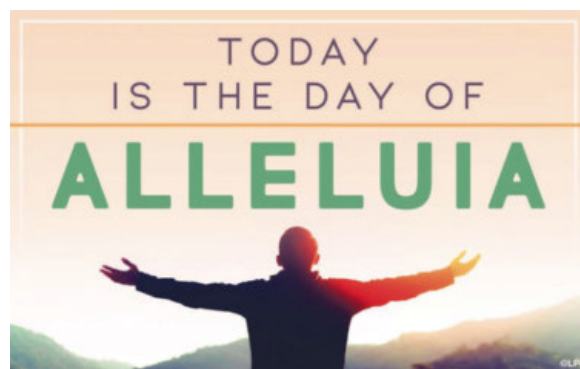
Yes, He loved us all so much  
That He was scorned and scoffed  
He took it all upon Himself  
For it was the will of God

God knew it was the only way,  
The final sacrifice  
Jesus Christ, a sinless man,  
Would need to give His life

And even in the gift He gave  
We still have not yet known  
The fullness of His mighty love  
And the grace so freely shown

All He asks is that we all  
Repent and follow Him,  
For He has made the way for us,  
Free from hurt and sin

Yes, God loved us all so much  
And yes, He loves us still  
He longs for us to trust in Him  
And do the Fathers will.



# Happy Easter

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ON APRIL 27, 2025**



The Feast of Divine Mercy begins with a novena on Good Friday and the novena ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.

On Good Friday, FREE novena and devotional leaflets will be available in the Church Vestibule.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, St. Catherine Catholic Church in Sebring will have Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, painted by artist Vilma Washburn. Confession will be from 2:00 to 2:45 PM.

The Hour of Prayer for Divine Mercy sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be from 3:00 to 4:00 PM with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information or free devotional leaflets, please call Margie Gourley at 863-446-2838.

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA April 29th  
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**



Raised in the medieval walled city of Siena in the Tuscan region of Italy, young Catherine was inspired by a great love of the Lord. She dedicated her life to prayer and penance, knowing that it was not so much a matter of what she could accomplish, but what God could accomplish in her. Despite being a young lay woman, with little formal education, her hope, integrity, and wisdom prevailed. Her works in spiritual theology arose from her love of the subject. Her dedication to the truth won the day. In 1970, she was named a Doctor of the Church for the profundity of her spiritual texts.

St. Catherine's life was marked by charity in its two great manifestations: Love of God and love of neighbor. She cared for the poor and fed the hungry from her own table. She nursed plague victims when all else abandoned them. In a mystical vision, she exchanged hearts with our Lord. Such was and is the Love of Jesus that he wishes to share the love of his own Sacred Heart - that Heart of Fire - with each one of us. On fire with that love,

St. Catherine knew that more was possible. She need not accept the status quo. Truth is possible. Beauty is possible. Goodness is possible. And so, we ask St. Catherine's intercession as we educate a new generation, for this world and for the next.

"We were enclosed, O eternal Father, within the garden of your breast. You drew us out of your holy mind like a flower petaled with our soul's three powers and into each power you put the whole plant, so that they might bear fruit in your garden, might come back to you with the fruit you gave them. And you would come back to the soul, to fill her with your blessedness. There the soul dwells like the fish in the sea and the sea in the fish".

— St. Catherine of Siena



**Saturday May 3rd  
10:00 AM  
St. Catherine Church**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Classes will be on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 PM and Sundays from 10:00 to 11:45 AM in the Parish Hall. For information please call (863)385-0049.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Meeting will be on Fridays from 6:30—8:00 PM in the 806 Hickory St. "White House". For more information please contact: Jose Rodriguez (863)245-7597 or Leyda Calvillo (863) 245-3237.



Dear Friends and Families of St. Catherine Catholic School,



Throughout the Jubilee Year 2025, a special holy year of grace, hope, and pilgrimage that happens at least once every 25 years, Pope Francis is calling all Catholics to go on a journey of conversion as "Pilgrims of Hope," seeking to

grow closer to the Lord, cultivating hope in their hearts, and bringing hope to others. Our middle school students traveled to St. Paul Catholic Church, one of the designated pilgrimage sites, to attend Mass and receive a plenary indulgence. The parishioners at St. Paul's were very welcoming and provided guidance (and most importantly snacks!) to our students. We are very grateful for their hospitality and of course it was a treat to see Fr. Pawel again.



In addition to visiting St. Paul's, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders had the honor of visiting Mary Queen of the Universe Basilica in Orlando, another designated pilgrimage site. Here we were able to visit their museum, celebrate the Mass, and receive another plenary indulgence.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also be having a retreat at Campo San Jose on April 26 & 27.

Our Gala committee is ready to begin planning for next year's gala which will be renamed The Marlen Martinez Memorial Gala, in honor of our dear friend and supporter. We are welcoming volunteers to participate in the planning of next years' event. The meetings take place on the third Monday of the month at 4:30 pm in the St. Catherine School Library. Please contact Toni Joyce, [toni.joyce@stcatheschool.org](mailto:toni.joyce@stcatheschool.org) or 863-385-7300, ext. 231."

Enrollment for next school year is in full swing. We currently have spaces available, but they are filling up quickly.

Thank you all for your generous support of our school. God's beauty shines through our children daily due in large part to your support.



**Registration at St. Catherine Catholic Grade School, grades Pre-K to 8**

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God Bless,

Steve Cullipher,  
Principal

**SACRAMENTS****RECONCILIATION**

This sacrament is available every Saturday from 3:00—3:45 PM or by appointment with a Priest.

**Anointing of the sick, Baptism & Marriage**

For questions or more information (863)385-0049 or e-mail at office@stcathe.org.

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33, Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41, Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22, Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10, Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26, Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12, Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a, Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21, Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21, Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16, Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1), Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19, Jn 20:19-31



**ADORATION**  
of the  
**BLESSED**  
**SACRAMENT**

*Every Friday from  
8:30 to 11:45 AM  
in the Chapel*

**WELCOME TO ST. CATHERINE PARISH**

We invite you to register with us or if you have changed any of your contact information, please fill out this form.

Visit the Parish Office during open hours.

- Mail the Parish Registration or Update Form to the Parish Office.
- Drop the Parish Registration or Update Form into the weekend collection basket.
- Register online at [www.stcathe.org](http://www.stcathe.org)

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**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

( ) New Registration

( ) Moving out of the Parish

( ) Up-date information

( ) Need contribution envelopes

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord****Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY April 19th**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer — No Mass

8:30 PM For The Church — Fr. José

**SUNDAY April 20th**

8:00 AM For All Priests & Deacons — Fr. José

10:00 AM For Pope Francis — Fr. José

**MONDAY April 21st**

8:00 AM CARMEN DELIA ALEJANDRO † Magali Bobe

ANGEL LUIS REYES † Candida Reyes

**TUESDAY April 22nd**

8:00 AM DANTE BUENDICHO † The Knights of Columbus

VIC COCKRELL † Clara Tuazon

JOSEPH LUKE † Bini Chazhikattu

**WEDNESDAY April 23rd**

8:00 AM CARLOS FERNANDEZ † Erica Bowen

ED & RUTH TOMEK † Becky Johnson

**THURSDAY April 24th**

8:00 AM BRADLEY BENNETT † Gayle Swanson

SOULS IN PURGATORY † Candida Reyes

**FRIDAY April 25th**

8:00 AM POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY † Connie E. Riley

For a Greater Respect for All Human Life — Fr. José

12:00 Noon LAURO LOPEZ † Candida Reyes

Maria del Carmen Macias (special intentions) — Roxana Santos

**SATURDAY April 26th**

9:00 AM GUILLERMO BOBE SR. † Magali Bobe

JEANNE LESNIAK † Jerry

4:00 PM CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams

TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley

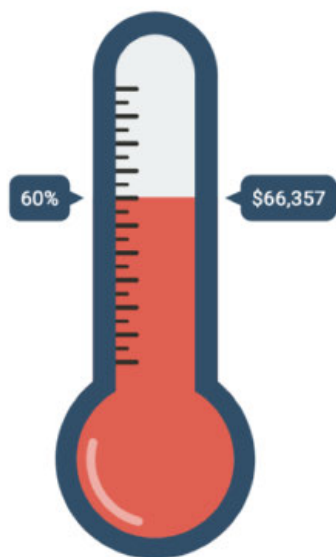
JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

**SUNDAY April 27th**

8:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

10:00 AM JACK & BETTY COXE & JOHN COXE † The Coxé Family

Jerry and JoMarie Grinkiewicz — JoMarie Grinkiewicz

**BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER****OFFERINGS****Second Collections****This Week: Easter Collection****Next Week: Youth Group****April 13th Collection****Will be reported in the next Bulletin****For Online Giving instructions visit****<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>****March Flocknote Giving: \$3,095.00****For Online Flocknote Giving visit****<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/fundit/give>****Thank you for your help with insurance bill****GOAL: \$110,000****CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2025****Our assessment for 2025 is \$115.00.00****We have received: \$56,614.00**

Please make checks payable to CFA and in the Memo write "St. Catherine".

Thank you for your generous support to St. Catherine's and the CFA. To contribute online go to **<https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/>**To watch the video go to **<https://vimeo.com/1052376784>****Tax Smart Giving****Fulfill Your Required Minimum Distribution**

If you reached age 73 in 2024, your second Required Minimum Distribution is due by December 31, 2025, based on your account balance on December 31, 2024.

Did you know that you can direct your Required Minimum Distribution to St. Catherine Catholic Church and avoid increasing your taxable income by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution? You can request your IRA Administrator to send a check payable to St. Catherine Catholic Church to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution.

Please check with your professional advisors for more information on this beneficial giving option.

St. Catherine Catholic Church does not provide legal tax, or financial advice. When considering gifting options, seek the advice of your own legal and/or financial professionals.

**St. Catherine Catholic Parish utilizes a system called "Flocknote" to keep in touch with members.**By signing up for this service at **<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com>**, you will receive text messages for any urgent information (such as weather cancellations or last-minute event details). You can also send the text message STCATHE to 84576 to automatically sign up for your Flocknote. Don't worry, we're not going to send you spam.*Simplify your tithing! Giving to St. Catherine is easier and more secure than ever before. Visit **<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/give>** to set up recurring giving, with no login or password required. You can get started in just a few minutes, and never have to worry about envelopes, stamps, or writing checks again. It's as easy as online shopping!***MASS INTENTIONS****Mass Intentions forms** are available at the Parish Office or online, at**<https://web4ucorp.com/massintentions/catherines>** **ebriing** Return Mass Intention forms at Parish Office or drop it in the weekend collection. The usual donation is \$10.Please specify whether the person is living or deceased. *Mass Intentions must be made a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of the intention.*

## ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY

<b>Pastor: Very Reverend José González, V.F</b>	OCIA: Juana Nava.....385-0049
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## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Women of our parish, come join us and see how St. Catherine's Council of Catholic Women can enrich your life. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 4:30 P.M. with a social time starting at 4:00 P.M. Meeting is at building S200 Hickory Street. For more information please call Mrs. Jennifer Lindsey at (618) 521-8730 or email jcsolindsey@yahoo.com.

**GRIEFSHARE GROUP**

For more information please contact (863) 385-0049

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Council Member Business Meetings** are held on the first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM in Building S200 on Hickory Street with the Rosary being said starting at 6:30 PM. **Fourth Degree Assembly Meetings** are held on the first Monday of **every other Month** at 7:00 PM in Building S200. **New Members and Transfers are ALWAYS welcome!** Any questions please contact Grand Knight Donald Israel (239)691-4777. Thank You!

**LEGION OF MARY**

Meetings are Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall, Room #17. For more information please contact Mary Ann Buckley (863)385-1386.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

For questions or more information please call Claudia Spradlin at (863)991-3271 or email [claudia@stcathe.org](mailto:claudia@stcathe.org).

**ROSARY**

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 9:30 AM each Sunday in the Chapel.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week we served 26 visitors / shoppers with a total of 73 family members and received 6 donations from Parish families. 16 Volunteers operated the food pantry. We shared Holy Communion and prayer with 10 patients and their family at the hospital.

We invite anyone interested in joining or learning more about our efforts to join us any Tuesday in the food pantry at 10 am. For more information please call at 863-835-0571

## LENTEN FOOD CALENDAR

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