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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33



JULY 16
FEAST DAY OF
Our Lady of
Mount Carmel

A Message from Bishop Dewane on Immigration Enforcement

July 3, 2025

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the new detention center becomes operational at Dade-Collier Airport, or “Alligator Alcatraz,” it seems necessary to take stock of recent developments in immigration enforcement and the need for further improvements to our wider immigration system.

Broad Support for Actions Against Criminals

In describing immigration enforcement initiatives, the Trump administration has stated its focus is on removing criminal aliens who endanger public safety. This concern is widely shared. There is no argument with this. However, the need for just immigration enforcement and the government’s obligation to carry it out must be undertaken in a way that is targeted, humane and proportional.

Growing Recognition of Contributions of Immigrants

There is also a growing recognition that many, indeed most immigrants, even those who are not lawfully present, are not dangerous but peaceful, law-abiding, and hardworking contributors to our communities and to our economy. President Trump has acknowledged this in his recent remarks establishing a farm pass for those working in the agriculture industry.

Concern for strategies and rhetoric failing to respond to the dignity of persons

It is alarming to see enforcement strategies which treat all unauthorized immigrants as dangerous criminals. Masked, heavily armed agents who fail to identify themselves in enforcement activities are surprising. So is an apparent lack of due process in deportation proceedings in recent months.

Along this line, much current rhetoric is obviously intentionally provocative. It is unbecoming of public officials and corrosive of the common good to speak of the deterrence value of “alligators and pythons” at the Collier-Dade facility. I do not speak so glibly in regard to convicted felons in Florida Department of Corrections facilities. Decency requires that we remember individuals being detained are fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters of distressed relatives. This dignity of every person always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God (Pope Leo XIV, 16 May 2025).

Regarding the Center and Conditions

Observers note that people will be held at the new center in temporary structures, in the heat of the Florida summer, crowded in confined spaces, far from medical facilities and possibly located in the path of hurricanes. I have every hope that for brief stays, the conditions will befit human dignity.

Concern for pastoral needs of detainees and staff

As this and other planned facilities become operational, it should be ensured that chaplains and pastoral ministers will be able to serve those in custody, to their benefit and that of the staff.

Reiterating a call for reforms to U.S. immigration system and support for those involved

The bishops of the United States have long been advocates of reforms to our immigration system. Thoughtful observers of the challenges faced by our country cannot help but recognize that serious reforms are necessary to preserve safety and the integrity of our borders, as well as to accommodate needs for labor, family stability and the ability of those at risk of grave harm to migrate with due process. Enforcement should be proportional. We continue to propose reforms that will enhance our immigration system, respect human dignity and promote the common good. For more on the bishops’ approach to immigration reforms, click <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/churchteachingonimmigrationreform>.

I call on all people of goodwill to pray for our government officials, for those in immigration custody and their families, for those who work in enforcement, and for justice and prosperity across our nation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

U.S. Bishops' President Reacts to Passage of One Big Beautiful Bill Act

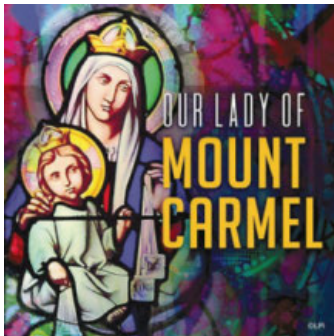
WASHINGTON – Reacting to the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act by the U.S. Congress, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, lamented the great harm the bill will cause to many of the most vulnerable in society, making steeper cuts to Medicaid and clean energy tax credits, and adding more to the deficit. While the bishops had commended the positive aspects of an earlier version of the bill, the restriction on federal funds to abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood was reduced to one year, the parental choice in education provision was greatly weakened, and the restriction on federally funding “gender transition” procedures was removed.

Archbishop Broglio said:

“My brother bishops and I have repeatedly and consistently urged lawmakers to use the budget reconciliation process to help families in need and to change course on aspects of the bill that fail the poor and vulnerable. The final version of the bill includes unconscionable cuts to healthcare and food assistance, tax cuts that increase inequality, immigration provisions that harm families and children, and cuts to programs that protect God’s creation. The bill, as passed, will cause the greatest harm to those who are especially vulnerable in our society. As its provisions go into effect, people will lose access to healthcare and struggle to buy groceries, family members will be separated, and vulnerable communities will be less prepared to cope with environmental impacts of pollution and extreme weather. More must be done to prevent these devastating effects.

“The Catholic Church’s teaching to uphold human dignity and the common good compels us to redouble our efforts and offer concrete help to those who will be in greater need and continue to advocate for legislative efforts that will provide better possibilities in the future for those in need.”

LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



Devotion to our Lady of Mount Carmel indicates a strong call to the interior life, which, in a very special way, is Mary’s life.

The Blessed Virgin wants us to resemble her in heart and mind much more than in externals. If we penetrate into Mary’s soul, we see that grace produced in her a very rich interior life: a life of recollection, prayer, uninterrupted giving of herself to God, and of constant contact and intimate union with Him. Mary’s soul is a sanctuary reserved for God alone where no creature has ever left an imprint; here reign love and zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of men.

Carmel is the symbol of the contemplative life, of life wholly consecrated to seeking God and tending wholly toward divine intimacy; and she who best realizes this very high ideal is Mary, Queen, Beauty of Carmel.

Every interior soul, even if living amid the tumult of the world, must strive to reach this peace, this interior silence, which alone makes continual contact with God possible. It is our passions and attachments that make noise within us, that disturb our peace of mind and interrupt our intimate converse with God. Only the soul that is wholly detached and in complete control of its passions can, like Mary, be a solitary, silent “garden” where God will find His delights. This is the grace we ask of Our Lady today when we choose her to be the Queen and mistress of our interior life.

Prayer

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, your arrival was prophesied by the vision of Elijah the prophet when he saw the small cloud rising from the sea. From that cloud, rain quenched the arid earth.

Through you, the true rain of mercy continues to fall upon us in the form of your divine Son.

Please pray for me, that my thirst from the dryness of my soul will always seek satisfaction only in your Son and the mercy He pours forth.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for me.

Jesus, I trust in You.



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2025—2024



Our Religious Education program for the year 2025—2026 begins in September. The registrations are available now

Registrations are available in the Church vestibule. You also may complete the paperwork at the Church office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM—3:00 PM.

Registration are for Pre-Communion, First Communion, Post Communion and Confirmation. For more information please call (863)385-0049.

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: Ex 1:8-14, 22, Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a, Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34, Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12, Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7, Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20, Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27, Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14, Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18, Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Ex 12:37-42, Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15, Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a, Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a), Col 1:24-28, Lk 10:38-42



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

Name: _____

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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- () New Registration
 () Moving out of the Parish
 () Up-date information
 () Need contribution envelopes

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY July 12th**

4:00 PM TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley
 JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY July 13th

8:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José
 10:00 AM DAVID JACKSON † Jim & Eileen Jackson
 EDD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan
 TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

MONDAY July 14th

8:00 AM FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ † Luz Fernandez

TUESDAY July 15th

8:00 AM For the Morales Family — Mother

WEDNESDAY July 16th

8:00 AM ANTONIO GONZALEZ † Fr. José
 BETTY S. POWELL † Pacita Powell
 BERTHA RUIZ GARCIA † Magdalena Animas Ruiz

THURSDAY July 17th

8:00 AM For those who care for the sick — Fr. José

FRIDAY July 18th

8:00 AM MARGARO RODRIGUEZ † Jose Rodriguez

SATURDAY July 19th

4:00 PM PHIL & ANN CHUPKA † Rose Chupka Cookman
 JORGE SANTOS † Roxana Santos

SUNDAY July 20th

8:00 AM DENISE MORALES † Mother
 JEANNE LESNIAK † Jerry
 10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions forms are available at the Parish Office or online, at

<https://web4ucorp.com/massintentions/catherinesebring>

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.*

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER**OFFERINGS****Second Collections**

**This Week: Solidarity Fund for
the Church in Africa**

Next Week: Insurance

June 29th

Regular Collection: \$7,852.00

Second Collection:

Peter's Pence Collection: \$1,062.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,466.00

July 6th

Regular Collection: \$6,658.00

Second Collection: Youth Group: \$1,390.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$3,054.00

For Online Giving instructions visit

<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>

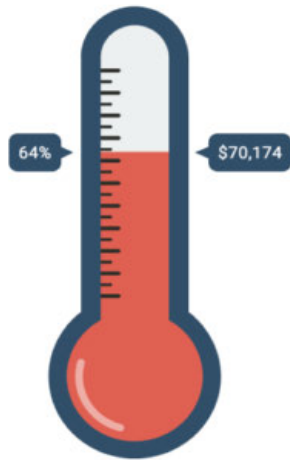
Flocknote June: \$3,021.00

For Online Flocknote Giving visit

<https://stcatherineofseeb.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: \$97,765.00

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week we served 26 visitors/ shoppers with a total of 85 family members. 9 volunteers/ Vincentians operated the food pantry with 3 students. We received donations from 4 Parish families. We shared Holy Communion and prayer with 10 patients and their family members at the hospital. This week we would appreciate donations of Cereal and dried beans.

Last week we served 22 visitors/ shoppers with a total of 64 household members. 9 Vincentians and 1 Student volunteer operated the food pantry. We received 4 donations from our Parish families. We shared Holy Communion and prayer with 2 patients and their family at the hospital.

We invite anyone interested in joining or learning more about our efforts to join us in the food pantry at 10:00am every Tuesday. We thank you for your generosity and support.

For more information call 863-835-0571

Safe Environment Training

As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Please visit the **[Diocese of Venice website](https://www.dioceseofvenice.org/safe-environment)** for further information.

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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 jcsjlindsey@yahoo.com.

GRIEFSHARE GROUP

For more information please call (863) 385-0049

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council Member Business Meetings are held on the first Wednesday 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For First Communion, Confirmation classes or more information please call (863)385-0049.

ROSARY

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

Raffle: You Can't Win if You Don't Play

To help us achieve our goal of \$100,000 to pay the cost of our insurance, we offer you the opportunity to participate in a raffle with your donation of \$10. The raffle will take place November 16th in the Parish Hall. For \$100 you can receive 11 tickets (\$10 each, ONE FREE) to win any of the following prizes.

1st Prize : \$3,000 2nd Prize: \$1,500 3rd Prize: \$500

The proceeds will go to help the Parish offset the price of our Insurance Premiums.

Time to move the thermometer!

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW: <https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/give/33806> and we will send your tickets by regular mail.

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