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"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40



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

DAILY MASS Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday: 3:00—3:45 PM

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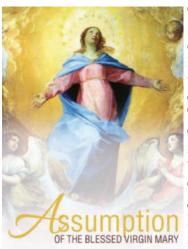
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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUGUST 15 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

MASSES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 7:00 PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 8:00 AM & 12:00 NOON



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most joyful of our liturgical Solemnities. The Church on earth and the Church in Heaven join in the infinite glory of God, who welcomes and crowns his Mother. Today is the day of Mary's birth in Heaven which celebrates the triumph of her soul and her body. The Assumption is the theme of her constant ascension. Full of grace from the very moment of her conception on this earth, Mary Immaculate never ceased to grow in grace before God. The Annunciation, Christmas, Calvary, the Passover of the Resurrection and Pentecost are the spiritual landmarks of her existence. In each one, her motherly and virginal love was enriched, aspiring to a summit that no other creature will ever be able to attain.

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The mystery of Our Lady of the Assumption becomes evident if it is set within the connections that unite the Marian prerogatives to one another: she was taken up into Heaven because she was Immaculate; she was taken up into Heaven and was Immaculate because of her divine motherhood. After the holy humanity of Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father in the sanctuary of divinity, there was nothing in

the world more perfect than this motherly soul, shining with purity, beauty, tenderness and grace, reflected in her body. Fully open to the splendours of the Word, her Son, Mary finally achieves the perfection of all the requirements of her sublime vocation.

Mary taken up into Heaven, in her attitude of contemplation before the Most Holy Trinity, carries out the ministry of intercession on our behalf, ever in communion with Jesus Christ, the one Mediator and heavenly Priest. On the Solemnity of the Assumption, the Blessed Virgin Mary strengthens us through faith in the future resurrection; she attracts us with the sweetness of her love, so that one day we too may contemplate Jesus, the blessed fruit of her love.

The fact that Mary has already been assumed into heaven is a reason to celebrate, to rejoice, to hope in the "already and the not yet". One of God's creatures – Mary – is already in heaven. With her, and like her, we too, who are God's creatures, will one day be there too. Mary's destiny, united to the transfigured and glorious body of Jesus, is, therefore, the destiny of all those who are united to the Lord Jesus in faith and love.

Mary, a mirror in which the entire people of God can see its own features reflected. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, is an eloquent sign of how not only the "soul" but also the "body" is included in the biblical observation that "God found it very good" (Gn 1:31), so much so that in the Virgin Mary, "our flesh" would be assumed into heaven. This does not exempt us from committing ourselves to life here on earth, but rather that with our gaze fixed on the goal, on Heaven, our Homeland, we are driven to commit ourselves during our present life to reflect the Magnificat: to rejoice in God's mercy, to be attentive to all our brothers and sisters we meet along the way, beginning with the weakest and most vulnerable.

OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2025—2026 BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER REGISTRATIONS WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27 AT 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

2025—2026
Religious
Education
Registration

Registration are for Pre-Communion, First Communion, Post Communion and Confirmation. 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.

For more information please call (863)385-0049.

Don't settle for less; God is waiting to transform your life, pope tells youth



ROME (CNS) -- The fullness of life depends on how much only come from God, Pope Leo XIV told

young people. "Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you," he said in his homily during Mass concluding the Jubilee of Youth Aug. 3.

The outdoor Mass, held in Rome's Tor Vergata neighborhood on the outskirts of the city, marked the culmination of a week-long series of events for the Jubilee of Youth. More than 1 million people were estimated to be gathered across the 130 acres that had been prepared for the morning Mass, the prayer vigil the evening before, and for the hundreds of thousands of people sleeping overnight.

After touching down by helicopter less than 12 hours after leaving the evening vigil, the pope rode in the popemobile throughout the open areas -- dotted with tents and tarps, and filled with young people, cheering, waving their nation's flag, and sometimes launching at him shirts and gifts.

"Good morning!" he said in six languages from the massive stage set up for the Mass. "I hope you all rested a little bit," he said in English. "We will shortly begin the greatest celebration that Christ left us: his very presence in the Eucharist."

He said he hoped the concluding Mass would be "a truly memorable occasion for each and every one of us" because "when together, as Christ's church, we follow, we walk together, we live with Jesus Christ."

In his homily during the Mass, the pope again highlighted the importance of the Eucharist, as "the sacrament of the Lord's total gift of himself to us."

It is Christ, the Risen One, he said, "who transforms our lives and enlightens our affections, desires and thoughts." "We are not made for a life where everything is taken for granted and static, but for an existence that is constantly renewed through the gift of self-in love," he said.

Much like a field of flowers, where each small, delicate https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/dont-settle-lessstem may dry out, become bent and crushed, he said, god-waiting-transform-your-life-pope-tells-youth

each flower is "immediately replaced by others that sprout up after them, generously nourished and fertilized by the first ones as they decay on the ground. This is how the field survives: through constant regeneration."

one joyfully welcomes "This is why we continually aspire to something 'more' and shares in life that no created reality can give us; we feel a deep and while also living with burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy," a constant yearning he said. "Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by for those things that trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!"

> Pope Leo urged the young people to listen to that yearning and "turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God," who has been "waiting for us. knocking gently on the window of our soul."

> "It is truly beautiful, especially at a young age, to open wide your hearts, to allow him to enter, and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity," he said.

> Speaking briefly in English, the pope said, "There is a burning question in our hearts, a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom and mediocrity?"

> "Buying, hoarding and consuming are not enough," he said. The fullness of existence "has to do with what we joyfully welcome and share."

> "We need to lift our eyes, to look upwards, to the 'things that are above,' to realize that everything in the world has meaning only insofar as it serves to unite us to God and to our brothers and sisters in charity, helping us to grow in 'compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience,' forgiveness and peace, all in imitation of Christ," he said.

> Evoking St. John Paul II's words during the XV World Youth Day prayer vigil held in the same spot 25 years ago, Pope Leo reminded the young people that "Jesus is our hope."

> "Let us remain united to him, let us remain in his friendship, always, cultivating it through prayer, adoration, Eucharistic communion, frequent confession, and generous charity, following the examples of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will soon be declared saints," he said.

> Wishing everyone "a good trip home," he encouraged the young people to "continue to walk joyfully in the footsteps of the Savior and spread your enthusiasm and the witness of your faith to everyone you meet!"

Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Catherine Catholic School,

Teachers have entered the building! We started off the week Monday morning with Mass (we'll need all the prayers we can get!). We followed that with our bi-annual CPR and first aid training and a transportation meeting. Tuesday, we had a photography crew take pictures of the faculty and staff for an upcoming revision to our website. Many thanks to Tracy and James McCoy at Get Fish Slapped Marketing for helping us with our branding and marketing. It is a great blessing to count such top tier talent among the St. Catherine Catholic School Family. We celebrated the opening Mass for the Department of Education for The Diocese of Venice at St. Cecelia Catholic Church in Ft. Myers.

We also welcomed our families to school on Thursday and Friday during our open house. We do still have a few openings on some of our classes. If you know of someone that might be interested, please have them contact Gloria Lopez at 863-385-7300.

We are still searching for a music teacher and a PE teacher. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact me, <u>cullipher@stcatheschool.org</u>. Either position can be part-time or full-time and we can assist with the necessary qualifications. Please pray that the Holy Spirit moves someone's heart to join our purpose of guiding our students to sainthood.

We will have our first fundraiser of the year on August 16 & 17 at Caliber Car Wash on US 27. This will also be an opportunity for middle school students and families to earn service hours. Please stop by Caliber Car Wash on those dates and tell the attendant that you are supporting St. Catherine Catholic School. Caliber Car Wash offers a very generous portion of proceeds to the school. Please stop by for a wash and tell them that you're there to support St. Catherine Catholic School. Thank you for your support.

I ask that you keep St. Catherine Catholic School, including our students and teachers, in your prayers. I invite you to join our Guardian Angels in supporting our mission of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the world. More information can be found on our website www.stcatheschool.org and clicking on the Giving/Guardian Angel tab at the top of the page. You can also contact our advancement associate, Toni Joyce at 863-385-7300 if you have any questions.

May God Bless You and God Bless St. Catherine Catholic School.

St. Catherine of Sienna, Pray for Us!



Mr. Steven Cullipher, M. Ed. Principal

COME & SERVE THE LORD

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers must have received First Communion to serve. These young people serve at weekend Masses, and other liturgical celebrations.

LECTORS

Lectors proclaim the readings from the Scriptures during the celebration of the Mass and other liturgies, and read the pulpit announcements and prayers of the faithful.

SACRISTANS

Sacristans are "humble servants" of Christ who serve by preparing the altar and sanctuary for Mass, and arranging and managing the liturgical books, sacred vessels, bread, and wine.

USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers and greeters do much more than just seat people, take up the collection, stand watch in case of emergency, and greet people. They are the "Open Doors" to fellow worshipers, and hence serve as the face of the Church! They welcome each new arrival, make them feel at home, and point them towards Christ.

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: Dt 10:12-22, Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14,

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8, Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12,

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12, Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-

17, Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17, Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 8:00 AM

5-6, Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2, Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14, 1 Cor 15:54b-57, Lk 11:27-28 8:00 AM Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Ps 45:10, 11, 12,

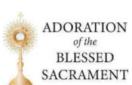
16, 1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29, Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11,

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b),

Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53



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:
Address:
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PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
() New Registration
() Moving out of the Parish
() Up-date information
() Need contribution envelopes

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intentions of the Week

SATURDAY August 9th

 $4{:}00~{\rm PM}~$ CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna

Williams

JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams

SUNDAY August 10th

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

10:00 AM ELIZABETH ANN PADEN BARINA † Richard M.

Barina

EDD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

MONDAY August 11th

8:00 AM FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY † Kim

TUESDAY August 12th

B:00 AM BONITA LESNIAK † Jerry & Jean Lesniak

WEDNESDAY August 13th

8:00 AM BOB ELLIS † Pat LeFiles

JOSEPH A. KENNEDY † Gertrude (Boots) Kennedy

THURSDAY August 14thh

8:00 AM For the Morales Family — Mother

7:00 PM For all devoted to our Blessed Mother — Fr. José

FRIDAY August 15th

8:00 AM OLIVA ACEVEDO† Familia Alba

VICENTE ALBA † Familia Alba

12:00 Noon EDNA ALBERT † B. Walters

GUILLERMO MESA & ISABEL VERNAZA †

Claudia Ramos

SATURDAY August 16th

4:00 PM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

SUNDAY August 17th

8:00 AM DONALD ROWE † Rose H.

10:00 AM ESPERANZA RODRIGUEZ (b'day in heaven) †

Marité Ford

EDD and TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim &

Susan

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

<u>Second Collections</u>
This Week: Florida Catholic
Next Week: Insurance

August 3rd
Regular Collection: \$6,338.00
Youth Group: \$1,347.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,156.00

For Online Giving instructions visit https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds

Flocknote July: \$2,493.00

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: \$116,337.00

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 22 visitors / shoppers with a total of 75 family members. 10 volunteers/ Vincentians operated the food pantry.

We received 5 donations from Parish families. We shared Holy Communion and prayer with 5 patients in the hospital.

We invite anyone interested in joining or learning more about our efforts to join us in the food pantry at 10:00 am every Tuesday.

Our next meeting is Tuesday August 19th at 11:00 AM in room 13 at the Parish hall.

We would like to ask if there are any bilingual Parishioners that can donate a couple hours of their time on Tuesdays at the Pantry at 9:30 AM.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



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 <u>Diocese of Venice website</u> 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 jcsojlindsey@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 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.

For those who wish to enter personally (rather than electronically) raffle tickets will also be available:

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