



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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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 to Friday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 12:00 Noon
Saturday: 9:00 AM

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

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**Respect Life Month Statement
October 2025**

With great joy we celebrate October as Respect Life Month amid the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year "offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama." The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our hope. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious.

Yet, the daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide. Every day we witness the overwhelming disregard for human life: through rising rates of abortion and assisted suicide; the killing of innocent school children, even at prayer; the mistreatment of our immigrant sisters and brothers as they endure an environment of aggression; and political and ideological violence inflicted against unsuspecting victims. These attacks threaten life precisely when it is most vulnerable and in need of protection.

Despite these realities, the gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death. It is of the utmost importance that we work to ensure that every life, in every stage and circumstance, is protected in law.

This Jubilee Year we are challenged to be agents of hope to those whose hearts are burdened by trial, difficulty, or suffering, offering them the hope that comes from Christ Jesus alone.

As we begin Respect Life Month, together we embrace the words of Pope Leo XIV, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today." Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, proclaiming in word and deed the innate goodness and dignity of every human person.

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo

Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

**Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray daily Rosary for Peace in October**

Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace.



Catholics across the globe will unite to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands, especially during the month of October, which the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary.

"I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community," he said.

He invited Christians to share with others "the love of Jesus that illumines and lifts up humanity."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP

Join us every Friday from 6:30—8:00 PM for Youth Group! Will be meeting at the white House located next to the Church. Grades 9 -12 are invited!.

For more information feel free to contact Youth Group coordinator: Jose Rodriguez (863)245-7597.

GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

Join us every Thursday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm for Middle School Youth Group! Clases will be on the “White House” located next to the Church. Grades 7th and 8th and their parents/guardians are invited!

For more information feel free to contact middle school youth group coordinators: Kathy (863) 452-7679 or Ken Bruce (863) 273-6822

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA process is now called OCIA, reflecting a closer translation of the process by which adults are initiated into the Catholic faith, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

These classes will be Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Building S300. For more information, or to register for classes, please call Juana at (863)385-0049.



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**Mass and Marriage Blessing!**

Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane

Inspiring talks!

The Family: The First School of Love

Ryan Hanning, PhD

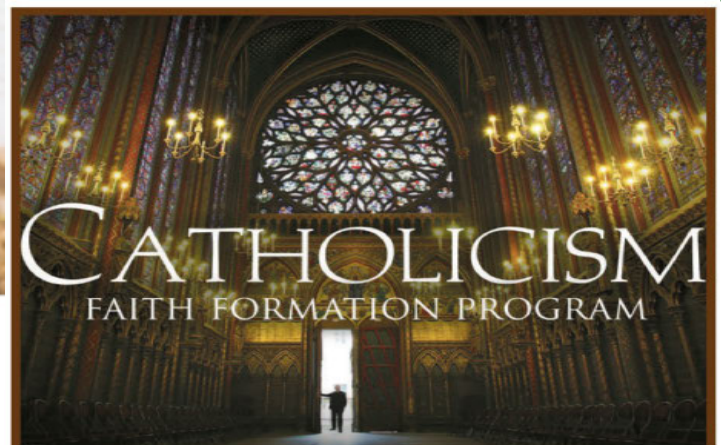
The Call to Love in a Throwaway Culture

Rev. David Portorreal

Becoming Witnesses to the Joy of Eucharistic Love

Deacon Jason and Rachel Bulman

For more information please contact Nancy Ariza (281)906-1546 nancy@forlifeandfamily.org

**JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AND DEEP INTO THE FAITH**

Join us as we watch and discuss
Bishop Robert Barron's
CATHOLICISM VIDEO SERIES

Every Thursday at 6:00 PM
From Sept. 18 to Nov. 20

Building S200 (corner of Hickory & Lakeview)

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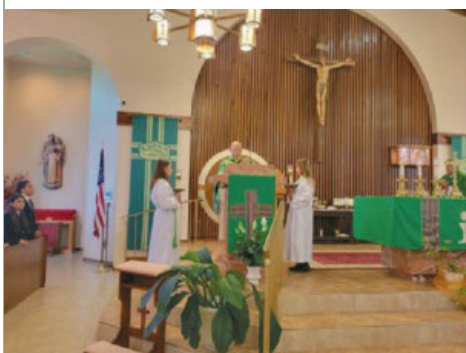
Last weekend we celebrated our 8th grade sunrise retreat at Campo San Jose. We were joined by St. Catherine parishioner Anthony Fontanes, Fr. John Belmonte, Superintendent of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Venice as well as Mother Nikopoia from St. Michael's Parish in Wauchula.

Anthony led the students in many activities, particularly focusing on Finding Christ in our Lives Everyday. Students learned how to appreciate the little moments we all have in each day to experience the love of Jesus, from opening a door for someone to praying for others and setting

aside time to listen to the Holy Spirit. Fr. Belmonte used some classic Frank Sinatra songs to explore the age-old question, "what is love?" He also did another on the Sacraments and how we use them to strengthen our relationship with God.



Fr. Jose exposed the Blessed Sacrament for us to spend time in adoration and offered the opportunity for confession and reconciliation. There was also time spent in reflection and journaling before lights out.



Sunday morning, we were welcomed to St. James parish in Lake Placid where Fr. Belmonte celebrated the Mass and our students participated as lectors, altar servers, and greeters. Afterward, we were treated to snow cones by the Knights of Columbus, before returning to Campo San Jose for pizza and Mother Nikopoia's insight on vocations. We learned that we all are called to some vocation, whether it be the priesthood, becoming a sister, or getting married and raising a family. We wrapped up the weekend with cleanup and more reflection and journaling.

Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards for food and supplies for our retreat. We are looking forward to several more retreats with our students

this year.

We are still searching for a music teacher and a PE teacher. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact me, cullipher@stcatheschool.org. 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.

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



Mr. Steven Cullipher, M. Ed.
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: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11, Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8,
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10, Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11, Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10,
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6,
Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2, Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9,
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12,
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17, Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b),
2 Tm 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19



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: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

☐ New Registration

☐ Moving out of the Parish

☐ Up-date information

☐ Need contribution envelopes

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions of the Week
SATURDAY October 4th

9:00 AM ANTONIO CAPULONG SR. † Sol Capulong
Pablo Morales Jr. (Birthday) — Mother

4:00 PM TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley
EDD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan
TODD VOWELS † Rita, Laurie, Tim & Susan

SUNDAY October 5th

8:00 AM HERÁCLIA FUENTES & MARIA BRAVO † Maria
Von Drewitz

10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José

MONDAY October 6th

8:00 AM TRUDY & DONALD MEEKS † Becky Johnson
EZEQUIEL RAMOS † Magdalena Animas Ruiz

TUESDAY October 7th

8:00 AM RUTH WRIGHT † Mike Flood
VILMA WASHBURN † MTY

WEDNESDAY October 8th

8:00 AM NOEL GARAY † Candida Garay
TRACY OWENS † B. Walters

THURSDAY October 9th

8:00 AM For peace in our hearts — Fr. José

FRIDAY October 10th

8:00 AM EDWARD W. KENNEDY † Gertrude (Boots) Kennedy
12:00 PM For our Parish and their Families — Fr. José

SATURDAY October 11th

9:00 AM ASTOR SANGALANG ASIS † Asis Family

4:00 PM EDWIN & MILDRED COOKMAN † Jim Cookman
CHARLIE KIRK † Anonymous

SUNDAY October 12th

8:00 AM HERÁCLIA FUENTES & MARIA BRAVO † Maria
Von Drewitz

FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY † Kim Torres
10:00 AM FR. SEAN MULCAHY † Nora Schmidt

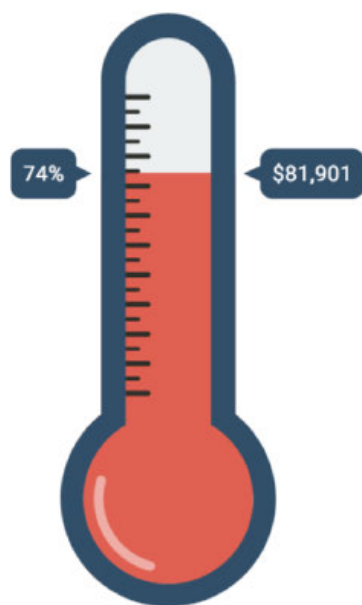
MASS INTENTIONS

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: Respect Life Sunday****Next Week: Insurance****September 28th****Regular Collection: \$6,166****Youth Ministry: \$1,789****Weekly Online Giving: \$546.00****For Online Giving instructions visit****<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>****Flocknote September: \$2,900.00****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: \$141,861.00**

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 33 visitors/shoppers with a total of 112 family members.

14 Vincentians/ Volunteers operated the food pantry. We received donations from 4 Parish families.

We shared Holy Communion and prayer with 9 patients and their family members at the hospital.

We would appreciate donations of Cereal and Tuna.

We thank you for your generosity and support. For more information please call 863-835-0571



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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://dioceseofvenice.org) for further information.

ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY

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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 call (863) 385-0049.

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.

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:

- At the Parish Office
- After Masses



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