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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

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

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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“Lord Jesus, You know that my outer strength is fading, yet you promise that my inner self can be renewed day by day. Show me the treasures You are hiding in my old age, and the ways I still cling to myself.”

1. The treasure of dependence on God

- As my body weakens and my plans are interrupted, am I learning to depend more on God’s strength and less on my own? Or do I complain, resist, and insist on my own way?
- Do I see my limitations as invitations to deeper prayer and trust, or only as injustices and losses?

Ask: “Lord, teach me to say from the heart: ‘Father, I abandon myself into Your hands; do with me what Your will.’ Show me how my limitations can become trust.”

2. The treasure of wisdom and memory

- Have my years of experience become a gift of wisdom for others, offered humbly and briefly, or do I turn memories into long complaints and lectures that center myself?
- When I speak about the past, do I highlight God’s faithfulness and mercy, or mostly my hurts, achievements, and disappointments?

Ask: “Lord, purify my memory. Let my stories point to You, not to my ego. Make my wisdom gentle, patient, and ready to listen.”

3. The treasure of letting go

- Am I able to let go of roles, control, and recognition with peace, entrusting my parish, my family, and my legacy to God? Or do I cling to decisions, criticize those who come after me, and resent change?
- Have I accepted that my vocation now may be more hidden—prayer, intercession, quiet encouragement—rather than visible leadership and achievement?

Ask: “Jesus, You emptied yourself and took the form of a servant. In my old age, teach me to let go of the need to be important and to embrace the quiet vocation you give me now.”

4. The treasure of forgiveness and mercy

- Do I hold on to old resentments—toward family, clergy, parishioners, or myself—that poison my final years?
- Have I asked forgiveness where I have wounded others, especially those close to me, or do I justify myself and dwell on their faults?

Ask: “Lord, show me one person I need to forgive, and one apology I still need to offer. Make forgiveness the treasure that shines in my old age.”

5. The treasure of intercessory prayer

- Do I realize that my prayer for others—children, grandchildren, priests, the Church, the world—is a powerful hidden treasure, even if I can no longer serve in the ways I once did?
- Have I set aside regular time to intercede, or do I fill my time mainly with television, news, complaint, and worry?

Ask: “Holy Spirit, turn my worries into intercession. Each time I think of someone or something that troubles me, remind me to entrust them to You instead of turning inward.”

6. The treasure of solitude and silence

- Do I see my solitude as a punishment, or as a place where God desires to meet me more intimately?
- When I am alone, do I choose prayerful silence, Scripture, and quiet reflection, or do I seek constant noise, gossip, and distraction?

Ask: “Lord, make my silence a sanctuary where You speak to my heart. Free me from useless talk and arguments and let my quiet presence be a blessing to others.”

7. The treasure of meaning and legacy

- How do I define my legacy: only by what people think of me, or by the love, faith, and wisdom I have tried to pass on?
- Am I still asking, “What can I give?” or mostly, “What do I get?” in these years?

Ask: “Jesus, show me the legacy you desire from me now: perhaps a word of encouragement, a reconciled relationship, a deeper trust in You. Help me add to that legacy each day.”

8. The treasure of hope in death

- Do I face death with trust in God’s mercy, or with hidden fear, anger, or denial?
- Do I meditate on heaven and God’s promise, letting hope make my present more peaceful, or do I avoid thinking about death and cling anxiously to this life?

Ask: “Lord, renew my hope. Let me see my old age as a final preparation for meeting You face to face. Make my hope itself a treasure for those who watch me grow old.”

Closing prayer

“Father, I thank You for the hidden treasures You have placed in my old age: dependence on You, wisdom, forgiveness, prayer, silence, hope. Where I still cling to myself, loosen my grip. Where I hide my gifts, bring them into the light. May my remaining years be a quiet hymn of praise to You, for the sake of those who come after me.”



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**Our Religious Education program for the year 2026—2027
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Registrations are available in the Church vestibule. You also may complete the paper-work at the Church office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM—3:00 PM.

Classes will be Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30 PM and Sundays from 10:00—12:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

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

GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP YOUTH GROUP

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

VOICES OF HOPE YOUTH GROUP

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

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.

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith, about becoming Catholic or in need of the Sacraments, please extend an invitation to them to come to the RCIA sessions.

These classes will begin in September. For more information, or to register for classes, please call Juana at (863)385-0049.

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Jonathan Spence 508-333-0483 (voice/text)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Pancakes and sausage will be available in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses each Sunday until August 30.

Asking for a minimum donation of 5.00 for each plate. Prepared for you by the Knights of Columbus and the CCW.



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.

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: Jer 13:1-11, Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21, Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22, Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13, Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21, Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18, Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6, Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9, Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14, Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24, Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34, Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3, Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18, Rom 8:35, 37-39, Mt 14:13-21

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

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY July 25th**

4:00 PM CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams

TONY SALCEDO † Shelly & Riley

SUNDAY July 26th

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

10:00 AM MAIRIN OGLE † John & Tina Haley and Family
 Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala

MONDAY July 27th

8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY † MTY

TUESDAY July 28th

8:00 AM CARLOS & TIKIA LUMBAB † Pacita Powell

WEDNESDAY July 29th

8:00 AM T.H. for health T.H. (Health) — Bob Babik

THURSDAY July 30th

8:00 AM VICTOR DIAZ † Jose & Zoraida

FRIDAY July 31st

8:00 AM MARIA LILIBETH LUMIBAO SAMILLANO † MTY
 MARIA T. ADAMS † Her Daughters

SATURDAY August 1st

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

SUNDAY August 2nd

8:00 AM LORAIN CURTO and ARTHUR WILLIAMS †
 Frankie Hernandez

Shawn Newman (Health) — Chet Furgala

10:00 AM PATRICK WM. ELLIS III † Pat LeFiles
 EDD and TODD VOWELS † Rita Vowels

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.*

RED MEMORIAL CANDLES

Are in the back of the church adjacent to the Chapel. A Memorial Candle is lit and remains lighted at all times for one year in memory of a person who has passed away. You may commemorate a loved one by lighting a candle for one year with a donation of \$150.

Please come to the Parish Office (863)385-0049 to make arrangements for a Memorial Candle which will be accompanied by a small plaque with the name of the person.

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

OFFERINGS

Budgeted for First Collection Weekly
from 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027: \$10,000

Collected July 19th: \$5,174.00

Deficit: \$4,826.00

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa: \$1,062.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,299.00

Second Collections

This Week:

To assist in recovery efforts in Venezuela

Next Week: Youth Group

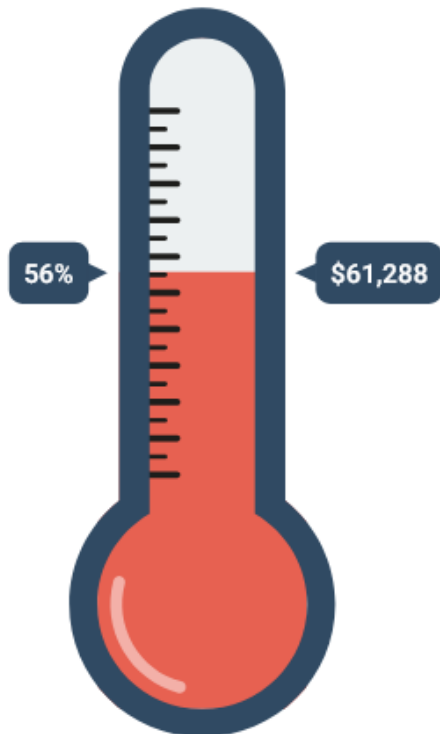
For Online Giving instructions visit
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Flocknote June: \$4,757.00

For Online Flocknote Giving visit
<https://stcatherineofseb.flocknote.com/fundit/give>

INSURANCE FUND 2026

GOAL: \$110,000



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2026

Our assessment for 2026 is \$123,00.00

We have received \$115,360.36

Please make checks payable to CFA and in the Memo write "St. Catherine". All donations in excess of our assessment will be returned to the Parish. Thank you for your generous support to St. Catherine's and the CFA.

To contribute online go to

dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Last week we visited 3 patients in the hospital and shared prayer and Holy Communion.

We served 47 visitors/shoppers with a total of 148 family members.

22 Volunteers/Vincentians and 3 students operated the food pantry. We received 25 donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of canned soup, cereal, black dry beans and rice. You can place the items in the Ministry room at the Church entrance.

If you would like to make a monetary donation you can make a check payable to St Vincent de Paul and place it in the Poor Box at the Church entrance. You could also donate using the QR code included below.

If you would like to join us or have a need we are open every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Our address is 806 Hickory St.



Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity and support.

You are helping restore hope to those that face hunger in our community. Our phone number is (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: 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

Many of us have recently lost a loved one, life continues; for those of us who grieve, the hurt stays with us. God doesn't intend us to grieve on our own.

Meeting first Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM in the Building S200, together, we will pray, share and support one another in our grief. Continuing the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM. For information text or call Marge Rafferty (863)214-3312.

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 Month** at 7:00 PM in Building S200. Family of the month "The Schmitz family". Knights of the month, "Anthony Fontanes and Steve Cullipher". Any questions please contact Don Israel 239-691-4777.

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 9:00 AM each Sunday in the Chapel).

"That Man Is You!" "TMIY" is a **Catholic men's program** built to transform men and form authentic leaders capable of transforming their families and society. We gather every Saturday from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in Building S300. No registration is required, just come every Saturday. For more information call Edward DeCastro 315-264-4153 (decastroem70@gmail.com)

SOMETHING NEW Break open the Word of God every Monday after the 8:00 AM Mass for the following Sunday's Gospels. Prepare your heart for the Sunday readings and learn how Lectio Divina can help you to a deeper relationship with God. No need to register, just come to the church. Information call Marge Rafferty (863)214-3312.

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