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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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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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August 22

Welcome Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero

In the first three weeks of the episcopal rule of Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero, O.F.M. Cap., he has managed to visit 25 parishes and other entities while learning about the Diocese of Venice, its priests and its people.

The bishop admits that in such a short period of time, there is still much he must learn about the diocese. "I am doing what I have done in each new place I have been assigned; going around to learn the history and background of a place and getting to know the people where they are."

Here are some pictures of his visit to St. Catherine Church August 9th. Thank you, Bishop Emilio. We welcome you and we pray for you as you take on your role as our shepherd!



Second part cont....**Making Financial Assistance More Equitable**

Charging tuition at the true cost of education does **not** mean every family will pay the same amount. Instead, it establishes an honest starting point while allowing tuition assistance to be directed toward families with demonstrated financial need.

This approach ensures that scholarship funds, parish support, and donor generosity are concentrated where they can make the greatest difference, enabling more families to access a Classical Catholic education regardless of their financial circumstances.

Rather than providing the same subsidy to every household, available resources are distributed intentionally and equitably.

Why Independent Financial Aid Verification Matters

To accomplish this fairly, St. Catherine Catholic School requires families applying for tuition assistance to complete a confidential financial assessment through an independent third-party organization (FACTS Mgmt.).

Fairness

Every family requesting assistance is evaluated using the same objective standards. Financial aid decisions are based on verified information rather than personal familiarity or subjective judgment.

Responsible Stewardship

Every dollar of tuition assistance represents the generosity of parishioners, benefactors, and donors who believe in the mission of Catholic education. Independent verification helps ensure these gifts are distributed responsibly and according to demonstrated need.

Confidence in the Process

Parents can trust that all applicants are treated consistently. Donors can be confident their contributions are being used wisely. School leadership can make financial aid decisions that are objective, transparent, and faithful to the school's mission.

A Community United in Mission

Catholic education has always been sustained through sacrifice and generosity. Families invest in their children's future. Parishioners support the mission through stewardship. Donors provide scholarships so that more children can experience an education rooted in Christ.

Aligning tuition with the actual cost of education strengthens this partnership.

Families who are able to pay the full cost help ensure the school's long-term financial health. Families who require assistance continue to receive support through scholarships and tuition aid that are awarded through a fair and confidential process. Together, every member of the St. Catherine community shares responsibility for preserving the school's mission.

Looking Ahead

Together, we are ensuring that St. Catherine Catholic School remains a place where Christ is at the center, where minds are formed, hearts are transformed, and the next generation is prepared to lead lives of faith, wisdom, and service.

Over the coming weeks, a representative from St. Catherine Catholic School will be at every Mass to ask for your support via our **Guardian Angel** program. We ask for you to prayerfully consider supporting our efforts in reaffirming the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness of a Christ centered life.

God Bless,
Steven Cullipher, M. Ed.
Principal

2026—2027

**Our Religious Education program for the year 2026—2027
begins in Wednesday September 9 & Sunday September 13.
The registrations are available now**

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: Anthony Fontanes (863)235-1500.

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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The Bible Timeline

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Videos, Schedule, & more: www.Isaiah11.com
Contact: Jennifer Lindsey 618-521-8730 (voice/text)
Jonathan Spence 508-333-0483 (voice/text)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Pancakes and sausage will be available in the Parrish Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM 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: Ez 24:15-23, Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21, Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10, Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab, Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28, Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19, Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14, Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab, Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14, Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Is 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

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

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions of the Week****SATURDAY August 15th**

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

SUNDAY August 16th

8:00 AM Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala
 DENNIS SIMINIAK † Mary Tucker
 10:00 AM LUIS S. DELGADO † The Delgado Family

MONDAY August 17th

8:00 AM TONI BUDDINGTON † Jeffrey Kindler
 JOE RAFFERTY † Marge Rafferty

TUESDAY August 18th

8:00 AM VICENTE ALBA † Alba Family
 Claire Arnan (birthday) — Ian R. Arnan

WEDNESDAY August 19th

8:00 AM BO FULLERTON † Bob Babik
 EDWARD M. ROOT † Mark & Barbara Walczak

THURSDAY August 20th

8:00 AM BO FULLERTON † Bob Babik
 DENISE MORALES † Mother

FRIDAY August 21st

8:00 AM BO FULLERTON † Bob Babik
 ROBERT LEFILES † Denny & Sharon Bledsoe
 FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY † Kim Torres

SATURDAY August 22nd

4:00 PM GERALD HASTINGS † Pat LeFiles
 CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams
 JACK H. WILLIAMS SR. † Madonna Williams
 ANNE YOHAM † The Yoham Family

SUNDAY August 23rd

8:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners — Fr. José
 10:00 AM Rev. Angelo Henry Camacho O.P. — Jeffrey Kindler
 Shawn Newman (health) — Chet Furgala



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

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

Collected August 9th: \$7,043.00

Deficit: \$2,957.00

Florida Catholic: \$1,471.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$824.00

Second Collections

This Week: Insurance

Next Week: Charity Fund

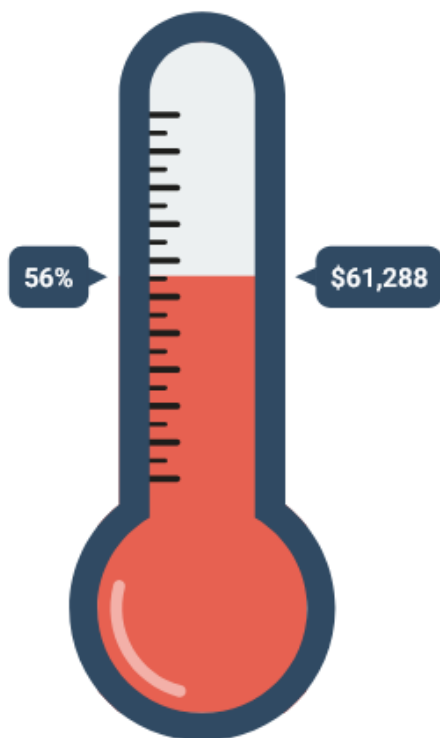
For Online Giving instructions visit
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Flocknote July: \$3,375.00

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 \$124,625.36

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 42 visitors/shoppers with a total of 133 family members. 18 Volunteers/Vincentians and 1 student operated the food pantry. We received 7 donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of canned soup, cereal, 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 10AM. 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.

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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.

GRIEF SHARE 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 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 Month** at 7:00 PM in Building S200. Welcoming new Knights Tyler Senecal, Charles Kuhn, Jonathan Spence & Frankie Hernandez. Knight of the month: Joe Schmitz. Family of the month: Ken and Jennifer Lindsey. 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.

ORA ET LABORA (Men's Group)

Join for Brotherhood, Prayer, and Stewardship. Every Friday at 8:00 PM at the S300 building. See Joe Schmitz for more information at (863) 840-1145 (text preferred).

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.

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

To help us achieve our goal of \$110,000 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 December 20th 2026 at 2:00 PM 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/54994> 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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