

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

CLERGY

Pastor

Very Reverend José González, V.F.

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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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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FRATERNAL CORRECTION

At times everything is measured by how it affects my image, my comfort, my importance, and my control. The Gospel calls us instead to become people who truly see, hear, and love others.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives a clear path for addressing harm within the community: begin privately, speak truthfully, seek reconciliation, and do not simply gossip or withdraw. This requires humility rather than self-importance, responsibility rather than blame, and love rather than the need to "win."

Self-centered habits can appear in any of us when we refuse correction, always need to be right, make another person's pain about ourselves, or use relationships primarily to obtain admiration, attention, or advantage. The Christian response is not to label people carelessly, but to examine our own hearts honestly.

Jesus teaches that when a brother or sister sins, we should first speak privately and directly: not to shame, defeat, or expose the other person, but to "win over" a brother or sister. His step-by-step instruction in Matthew 18 protects both the person's dignity and the unity of the community.

Spiritual pride can distort this Gospel command. It appears when we correct others mainly to feel superior, when we enjoy pointing out faults, or when we assume that another person needs conversion more than we do. Pride can make us harsh in judgment and resistant when someone, in turn, speaks honestly to us; humility is its remedy.

Authentic fraternal correction begins with self-examination: Am I angry? Have I understood the facts? Do I truly desire this person's good? Am I willing to be corrected as well? Correction is not an excuse for gossip, public embarrassment, or settling scores.

Jesus begins with a one-to-one conversation, carried out quietly, respectfully, and patiently—not with an audience, a text-message campaign, or a complaint shared around the parish.

The Gospel addresses not only those who must correct, but also those who receive correction. A humble Christian can listen without immediately becoming defensive, ask what is true in the concern raised, and bring that truth to prayer and conversion.

This week, let us ask the Lord: Jesus, remove from me the pride that makes me judge others harshly and defend myself quickly. Give me the courage to speak truth with love, the humility to receive corrections, and the charity always to seek reconciliation.

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**



THE JOANN WALZ 5K MEMORIAL RACE
 November 7, 2026 – 8:00 am Start Time
 Eco Park in Spring Lake 1616 Duane Palmer Blvd.

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To register please email toni.joyce@stcatheschool.org by 10/20/2026

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Our Religious Education Program for the year 2026—2027
begins on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM
& Sunday, September 13 from 10:00 to 11:45 AM**

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 1 & 2. 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 the 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 OCIA sessions. These classes will begin in Wednesday September 9th at 6:00 PM in the Building #300. For more information, or to register for classes, please call Juana at (863)385-0049.

 **DIOCESE OF VENICE**
IN FLORIDA

The Venice Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to join them in celebrating

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY 9|27|26

Let's honor our priests! Donate to the Seminarian Fund and specify "In honor of . . . (name your priest)." A card will be sent to your priest letting him know of your support. Donations of any size are gratefully accepted, and will thank and honor our current priests and support the education of our future priests. The Diocese of Venice currently has 21 seminarians in formation!

Send your donation for an "In honor of . . ." card to:

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Seminarian Fund Guardian
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Checks should be made payable to the
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 **COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**
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The Bible Timeline
The Story of Salvation

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Thursdays at 6:00 PM - Starting June 18
Building S200 - Hickory St & Lakeview Dr

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

FLOCKNOTE

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: 1 Cor 5:1-8, Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12, Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30, Ps 13:6ab, 6c, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31, Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17, Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13, Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24, Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27, Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12, Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22, Ps 116:12-13, 17-18, Lk 6:43-49
 Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SATURDAY September 5th**

4:00 PM MARIA TERESA OLIVEROS † Liliana Mejia
 EDD and TODD VOWELS † Rita Vowels
 Shawn Newman (for health) - Chet Furgala

SUNDAY September 6th

8:00 AM EZEQUIEL RAMOS † Magdalena Animas Ruiz
 ROBERT JOHN MARQUARDT † Marlene G. Marquardt

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

MONDAY September 7th

8:00 AM Shawn Newman (for health) - Chet Furgala
 Bob Walters (special intentions) - Daughter

TUESDAY September 8th

8:00 AM VILMA WASHBURN † Margie Gourley
 For the Hall Family - Mom

WEDNESDAY September 9th

8:00 AM JOE RAFFERTY † Kathy Berard

THURSDAY September 10th

8:00 AM Dorothy Pierczhnowski † Barbara Tuthill

FRIDAY September 11th

8:00 AM ROBERT LEFILES † Knights of Columbus
 In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings - Maye Del Castillo

SATURDAY September 12th

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

SUNDAY September 13th

8:00 AM DENNIS SIMINIAK † Mary Tucker
 Shawn Newman (for health) - Chet Furgala

10:00 AM Peter & Carol Kent (64th Wedding Anniversary) - Carol Kent

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.

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.

BOOKKEEPERS CORNER OFFERINGS

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

Collected August 30th: \$6,176.00

Deficit: \$3,824.00

Youth Group: \$1,723.00

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,224.00

Flocknote August: \$4,529.00

Second Collections

This Week: Insurance

Next Week: Catholic University of America

For Online Giving instructions visit

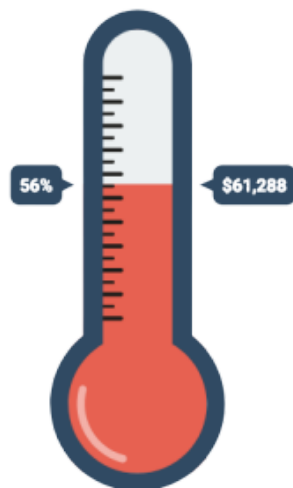
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For Online Flocknote Giving visit

<https://stcatherineofseeb.flocknote.com/fundit/give>

INSURANCE FUND 2026

GOAL: \$110,000



Remember St. Catherine's in Your Will

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the St. Catherine Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries. The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

"I bequeath the greater of \$____ or ____% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Emilio Biosca, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, "For the benefit of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, in Sebring, FL."

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney. If you have any questions or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, please contact Fr. José González at (863)385-0049.

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2026

Our assessment for 2026 is \$123.00.00
We have received \$124,975.36

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 4 patients in the hospital and shared prayer and Holy Communion.

We served 51 visitors/shoppers with a total of 171 family members.

14 Volunteers/Vincentians operated the food pantry.

We received 8 donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of rice and dry beans, cereal and peanut butter. 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.



ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORY

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MINISTRIES & 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 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. 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://stcatherineofseeb.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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