

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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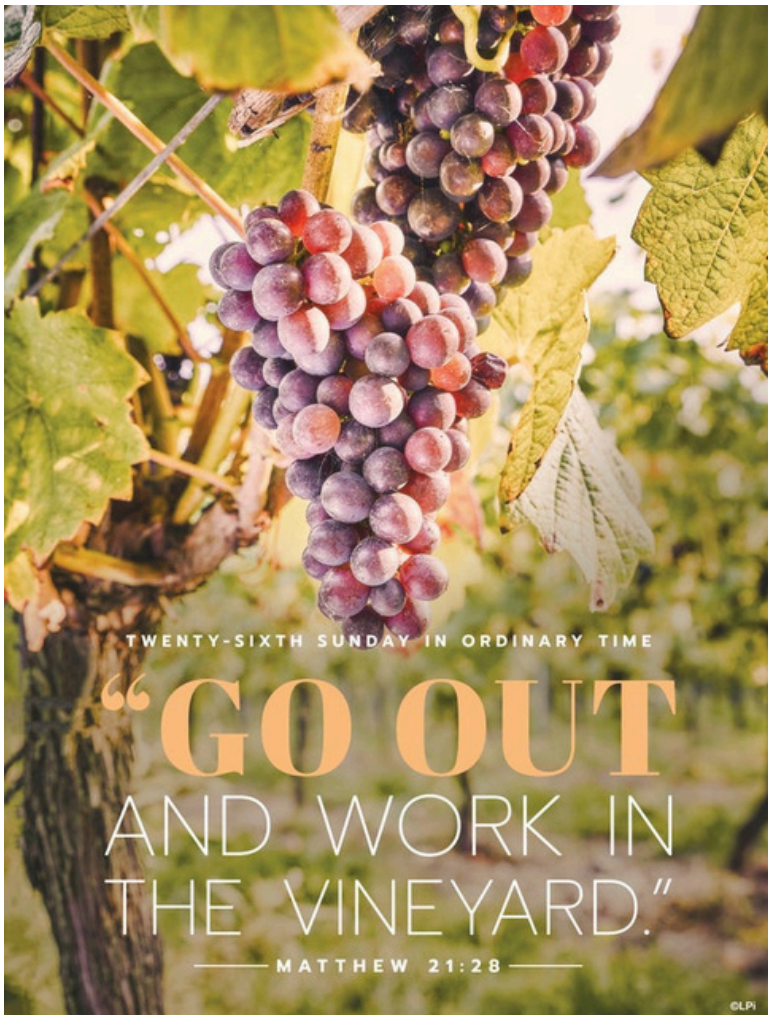
Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

CLERGY

Pastor

Very Reverend José González, V.F.

frjose@stcathe.org



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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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priesthood Sunday — September 27, 2026

On this Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks to God for the priests who serve our parish, our families, and the wider Church. We pray especially that the Lord will renew them in holiness, courage, joy, and compassion—and that He will call generous men to follow Christ in the priesthood.

This Sunday's Gospel presents the parable of two sons. One initially refuses his father's request to work in the vineyard but later changes his mind and goes. The other says the right words— "Yes, sir"—but does not follow through. Jesus' question is direct: Which one did the father's will?

The Gospel reminds every Christian that discipleship is more than good intentions or religious words. The Lord seeks hearts that listen, repent when necessary, and put faith into action. Ezekiel likewise proclaims God's mercy toward the person who turns away from sin and chooses what is right and just. God always opens a path of conversion; He invites us not to remain trapped by yesterday's failures, but to take the next faithful step today.

Priesthood is a lifelong "yes" to Christ—but it is also lived one day at a time. Priests are called to stand with Christ in the vineyard of the Church: proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the Eucharist and the sacraments, comforting the sick and grieving, guiding families, forming young people, and calling all of us back to the mercy of God. Their ministry is not simply a role or profession; it is a gift of self in service to the People of God.

St. Paul gives us the pattern for all Christian service: "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Christ did not cling to privilege or power. He humbled Himself, took the form of a servant, and gave Himself completely in love. This humility is at the heart of the priesthood—and it is also the calling of every baptized person.



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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:

Cornelia Zanetti
Seminarian Fund Guardian
5808 Gulf Drive, #204
Holmes Beach, FL 34217

Checks should be made payable to the
VDCCW Seminarian Fund.



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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OUR PRAYER

Let us remember to:

- Thank the priests who have helped us encounter Christ.
- Pray by name for our pastor and all priests who have served our parish.
- Ask God to strengthen priests who are tired, discouraged, ill, or carrying heavy burdens.
- Encourage young men who show generosity, faith, leadership, and a love for the Church to consider whether God may be calling them to priesthood.
- Pray for the grace to move beyond words and respond generously to God's will in our own lives.

May Mary, Mother of Priests, intercede for all who serve the Church through the ordained priesthood. And may the Lord of the harvest raise up holy, joyful, compassionate priests for His people.





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

Title Sponsorship: ~~\$3,000~~ _____ Sold Out

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026—2027
Classes for First Communion and Confirmation

Classes Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM and Sunday from 10:00 to 11:45 AM in the Parish Hall. For registrations or more information please call (863)385-0049.

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.

Classes Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Building #300. For more information, or to register for classes, please call Juana at (863)385-0049.



**Eucharistic
Rosary
Congresses**

Our Rosary Congress will take place October 2-3. It begins with the celebration of the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, October 2 and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

Adoration in the Chapel will be for 24 hours until benediction at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 3.

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.



BLESSING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd
AT 9:00 AM
IN THE FRONT OF THE
CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP
Calling all 8th–12th graders!

Meeting will be every Friday at 6:30 PM at the Youth Center. Come join us for faith, fellowship, fun, and growing closer to Christ together.

 Youth Center

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Open to all 8th–12th grade students. For more information, contact the Youth Group coordinator: Anthony Fontanes (863)235-1500.

**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE
CONFERENCE**

Married and engaged couples are invited to the sixth annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on October 24, 2026 from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm at Our Lady of Light Parish in Fort Myers, FL.

This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family.

Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through September 14 as well as scholarships upon request.

This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Venice.

For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/venice or email nancy@forlifeandfamily.org.



SACRAMENTS**RECONCILIATION**

This sacrament is available every Saturday from 3:00—3:45 PM or by appointment with a Priest.

For Anointing of the sick, Baptism & Marriage or more information (863)385-0049 or e-mail at office@stcathe.org.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22, Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7, Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5, Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16, Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15, Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27, Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14, Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab, Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17, Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130, Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7, Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SATURDAY September 26th**

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

SUNDAY September 27th

8:00 AM FRANCIS SEMENTILLI † His family
Shawn Newman (for health) - Chet Furgala

10:00 AM EDD VOWELS † Rita Vowels
TODD VOWELS † Rita Vowels
JAMES SOUSANE † Eliane Sousane

MONDAY September 28th

8:00 AM Robin Hoffmann (for health) - Elise, Terry, and Rose Maralow
Brice John (for health) - Elise, Terry, and Rose Maralow

TUESDAY September 29th

8:00 AM MICHELLE VALERIE EUSTACHE † Serge Eustache
LUDIVICO & PURIFICACION FRANCISCO † Ruth Arcenas

WEDNESDAY September 30th

8:00 AM MANUEL VILLALUZ BARAOIDAN † Elaine, Andrew and Maria Asis

THURSDAY October 1st

8:00 AM YVONNE MORAN † B. Walters

FRIDAY October 2nd

8:00 AM MANUEL VILLALUZ BARAOIDAN † Elaine, Andrew and Maria Asis
Reema Mavelil Family (Special Intentions) - Rheema Mavelil

SATURDAY October 3rd

4:00 PM CHARLES & CATHARINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams
EDD and TODD VOWELS † Rita Vowels
Shawn Newman (for health) - CHET FURGALA

SUNDAY October 4th

8:00 AM CARLOS BRAVO † Maria Von Drewitz
ALFREDO PAZMINO † Maria Von Drewitz
JAMES SOUSANE † Eliane Sousane
10:00 AM For All Living and Deceased Parishioners - Fr. José

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 September 20th: \$5,644.00

Deficit: \$5,644.00

Insurance: \$1,695.50

Weekly Online Giving: \$1,344.00

Flocknote August: \$4,529.00

Second Collections

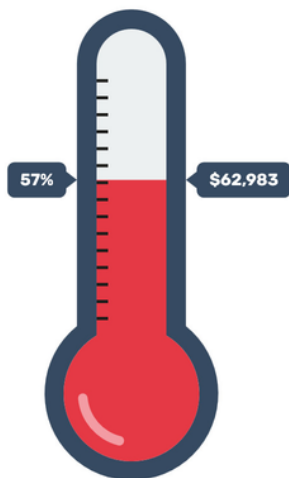
This Week: Youth Group

Next Week: Respect Life

For Online Giving instructions visit
<https://www.osvhub.com/stcath/funds>

For Online Flocknote Giving visit
<https://stcatherineofseb.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 \$130,641.99

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/

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



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We served 57 visitors/shoppers with a total of 202 family members. 14 Volunteers/Vincetians operated the food pantry. We received 33 donations from Parish families.

We would appreciate donations of canned vegetables and soup, rice and cereal. 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



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 jcsoljindsey@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 the 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. Family of month Carol and Barry Knight of the month Don Israel. 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@stcath.org

Rosary The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 9:00 AM each Sunday in the Chapel).

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.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Catholic Men's Program Featuring
 Dr Scott Hahn, Fr Dave Pivonka, And many more!

Video Presentation followed by Group Discussion

Two Groups Forming:
 Tuesday 6:00 PM - Starts Tues 9/15
 Saturday 9:30 AM - Starts Sat 9/19
 Both meeting in Building S300

For more information, call or text:
 Ed DeCastro 315-264-4153
 Ken Lindsey 618-559-8192

THE GREAT ADVENTURE
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 &
 Fr. Mike Schmitz

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)
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