

Celebration of Life



Marianna Elizabeth Forasiepi Ceccacci

September 7, 1927 – June 12, 2026

Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Galveston, Texas

Gathering

Pastor Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all mercy
and the God of all consolation,
who comforts us in all our sorrows
so that we can comfort others in their sorrows
with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized
into his death. We were buried therefore with him by
baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the
dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new
life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like
his.

Greeting

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our sister Marianna.
We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up
in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your
call, we are gathered to our heavenly home
in the company of all your saints;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading and preaching.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

3 For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace.

Leader Word of God. Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (Please join in reading the bold verses)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

² **he makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I fear no evil;**

for thou art with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.**

Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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All Thanks be to God.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:1-6

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Creed

Pastor Let us affirm the Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the † life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Pastor Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.
God of mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Commendation

Pastor Let us commend Marianna to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant,

Marianna Elizabeth Forasiepi Ceccacci.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

The Lord bless her and keep her. The Lord make her face shine on her and be gracious to her. The Lord look upon her with favor and give her ☩ peace. May the Lord receive Marianna into God's peace and raise her up on the last day.

All Amen.

Pastor None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (*Romans 14:7-8*)

Pastor As family and friends gathered in thanksgiving to God and holy remembrance of Marianna. Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

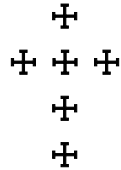
All Amen

Pastor Rest eternal grant Marianna, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Pastor The God of peace—who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

All Amen

Pastor Let us go forth in peace,
All in the name of Christ. Amen.



Welcome to this worship service. *The Lutheran funeral service is a celebration of the promise of Christ given in holy baptism. In holy baptism God yokes us to Jesus Christ's death and resurrection giving the promise of the forgiveness of sin and eternal life to the baptized. The funeral service is thus a celebration and remembrance of baptism. Trusting in the promise God made in baptism, the church gathers to commend the deceased to God's eternal care. The service includes scripture readings that lift up the promise of eternal life as well as a thanksgiving for baptism and prayers of thanksgiving and for comfort. Worship as you are able and listen for the proclamation of the Good News given through Jesus Christ.*

Serving today:

Presiding Minister The Reverend Richard A. Rhoades,
Pastor, First Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Galveston, TX

Lector The Reverend Doug Guthier
Retired Pastor, First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Marianna Elizabeth Forasiepi Ceccacci



Marianna Elizabeth Ceccacci, 98, of Galveston, passed away Friday, June 12, 2026. She was born September 7, 1927, in Galveston to Adolph and Angelina Forasiepi.

Marianna was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 61 years, Mario Ceccacci, Jr. She is survived by her son, Mario Ceccacci, III, and wife, Rosalyn; granddaughters Amy and husband, Chuck, Alicia and husband, David, and Angela and husband, Shaun; great grandchildren, Anthony, Isabel, Hunter, and Lyndie; great great grandson, Colson; and dear cousin, Carolyn.

A graveside service will be held at 9:30 am, Thursday, June 18, at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Galveston.