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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday-----5:00 pm

Sunday -----8:30 & 11:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday----- 8:00 am

Tuesday -----7:00 pm

Holy Days -----8:00 am, 12:15 & 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS *(Sacrament of Reconciliation)*

Saturdays----- 3:45 - 4:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday ----- 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Office is closed on Holidays & Holy Days

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration for Respect Life Intentions is held every Fridays from 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Church. Benediction takes place at 9:30 am.

Sacrament of Baptism

Our baptisms are typically held on the 4th Sunday of the month, during the 11:00 AM Mass. Arrangements may be made by contacting the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick

Arrangements can be made anytime for the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office when someone is seriously ill or in hospice care and in need of Anointing. *Please do not wait until someone is so ill that time is of the essence and a priest might not make it there in time.*

Welcome to our Parish

The Catholic Community of St. Cecilia ministers with the Gospel principle that “All are welcome”, a principle exhibited at all times by Jesus throughout his public ministry.

Our community is comprised of people from many different ethnic and language backgrounds from all over the world. Yet, even in our diversity, we are all daughters and sons of the same God, and therefore one family, one faith, one Church, nourished by Jesus the Bread of Life, and walking the journey to the Kingdom of God together.

If you are new to the area, we invite you to join us on this exciting adventure! Come celebrate with us. Laugh with us. (Cry with us, at times.) Pray with us and live the Gospel of life with us. Know that no matter what may be going on in your life, you will always be welcome here.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Any family residing in the area, and adult children 18 years of age and older, are invited to register to become parishioners.

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for marriage must be made at least one year in advance of the wedding. Please call or email the Pastor to make an appointment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our Religious Education program is committed to faith formation and formal training of children. Please visit the parish web pages for information regarding the specific times and locations, or email drescc@yahoo.com.

Sponsors & Godparents: The following are the mandated requirements to be a sponsor/Godparent at St. Cecilia parish:

- ✦ If married, the marriage MUST be valid within the Catholic Church
- ✦ At least 14 years of age
- ✦ Received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- ✦ Attend Mass regularly on Sundays/Saturday evening and Holy Days of obligation
- ✦ Receive the Sacraments of the Church regularly

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Instrumental Song

Reading I [Isaiah 45:1, 4-6](#)

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him,
and making kings run in his service,
opening doors before him
and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,
of Israel, my chosen one,
I have called you by your name,
giving you a title, though you knew me not.
I am the LORD and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun
people may know that there is none besides me.
I am the LORD, there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2 [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b](#)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and
labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord
Jesus Christ, before our God and Father,
knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,
how you were chosen.
For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with
much conviction.

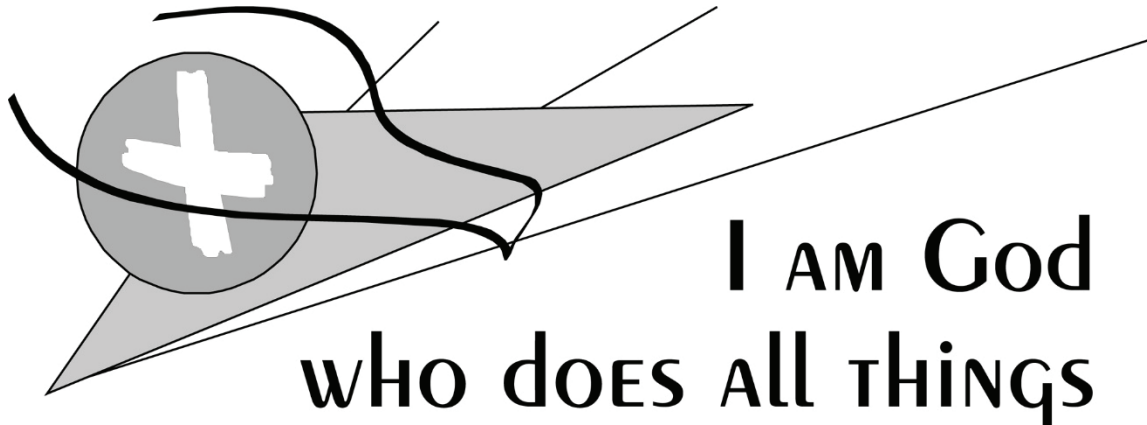


Gospel [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might
entrap Jesus in speech.
They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians,
saying,
"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man
and that you teach the way of God in accordance
with the truth.
And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion,
for you do not regard a person's status.
Tell us, then, what is your opinion:
Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"
Knowing their malice, Jesus said,
"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin.
He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose
inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."

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Doctrine

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*

*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.*

*For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

*For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.*

*He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen.

October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions - week of October 19, 2026

MONDAY **Weekday – Fr. Pauly**
8:00 A.M. Rev. Daniel Sloan r/o Christine Slovensky

TUESDAY **Weekday – Fr. Charlie**
7:00 P.M. Rev. Daniel Sloan r/o St. Cecilia Columbiettes

WEDNESDAY **Weekday – Fr. Charlie**
8:00 A.M. Larry Larobis r/o Evelyn DeJesus

THURSDAY **Weekday – Fr. Charlie**
8:00 A.M. Vincent Zimmerman r/o The Buckelew Family

FRIDAY **Weekday – Fr. Charlie**
8:00 A.M. Andrew DiFresca r/o Dan D'Ambly

SATURDAY **Vigil Mass – Fr. Charlie**
5:00 P.M. Rev. Daniel Sloan r/o Joanne, Paul, Jackie & Jake Marciniak

SUNDAY **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Fr. Charlie**
8:30 A.M. Mass for the People
11:00 A.M. Margaret LaMantia r/o The Mournet Family

Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers:

Denise Pedersen, John Anthony Criscuola, Ron Lewis, John Milano, Anne Cacavio, Paul Seidel, Susan Capellupo, Margaret Fimbel, Kenny O'Connor, Gladys Milazzo, Arlene Bellinger, John Smyth, Bill Sharp, Susan Marantz, Maryann Hughes, Michael Banko, Mary Elizabeth Clark, Diane Brennan, Liam Robilotto, Cheryl Salus, Joseph Longo, Colleen Lettieri, Evan Wadyka, Cody Salus, Michelle Leblanc, Bradley Opdyke, Vanina Jean-Claude, Peg Gray, Freddy Oliveria, Jay LaRusso, Gary Johnson, Carlos Maldonado, George Currie, Carmen Hernandez, Peggy Schiller, John Gambatese, Charles Micale, Cole Joannette, Joseph Tete, Stevie Skaats, Taryn Wrotny, Bob Ulshafer, Christopher Duffet, Brandan Novak, Stephen Szackas, Scott Morganlander, Janice Trojanowski, David Mahn, Annie Maiorano, Andrew Schuddeboom, Nancy Messina, Anthony Monderine, Lisa Trombino, Mary Lou Noonan, Joseph Fischer, Michael Palumbo, Jackie Cahill, Gilberto Arroyo, Candace Noonan, Kristen Block, Ann Marie Hagerty, Rose Marie Gianvito, Dave Marciniak, Jeff Epstein, Vasso Rienzi, Frances Spallone, Lisa DeFroscia, Rosalind Henry, Alphonso LeBlanc, Michael Bernardo, Leo Bowden, Maryann Vasquez, Kathy Case, Ken Fulton, Patrick McMahon, Lorenzo Terlizzi & Lee Taylor

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To be or not to be ...

A Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation

The opportunity to walk with another person in faith, whether a child or an adult, is an awesome privilege. It is cause for serious consideration on the part of those who ask another to witness with their lives to what it means to be a Catholic, and for those who accept this responsibility. It is important to think carefully about your selection and decision.

The person to be considered a Sponsor must be at least 14 years of age and have themselves completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), and are leading a life in harmony with the Faith and Tradition to which they are called to witness. A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the mother or father of the one to be baptized. If married, their marriage must be recognized as "valid" by the Catholic Church. They must be attending Mass regularly, that is, on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

They will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility signed by their pastor. Being properly registered at one's parish is an important first step. Consider carefully your invitation and response. There is more involved to this than simply standing at the Baptismal Font. It is a lifelong commitment. If you have questions, speak with the pastor who can guide you correctly.

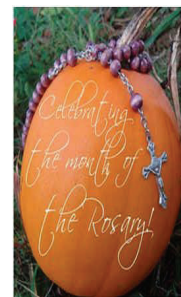
Call the Parish Office EARLY, even before your child's birth to obtain information that will help you in selecting suitable godparents. New parishioners are asked to come to the Parish Office and fill out a Census Form. Individuals and families must be registered and attending Mass here for at least three months before applying for a sponsorship eligibility certificate.

October - Month of the Most Holy Rosary

In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

It is the perfect time to commit to praying the beautiful prayer of the Holy Rosary daily, as a means of thanksgiving to Our Lady for her powerful intercessions on our behalf.

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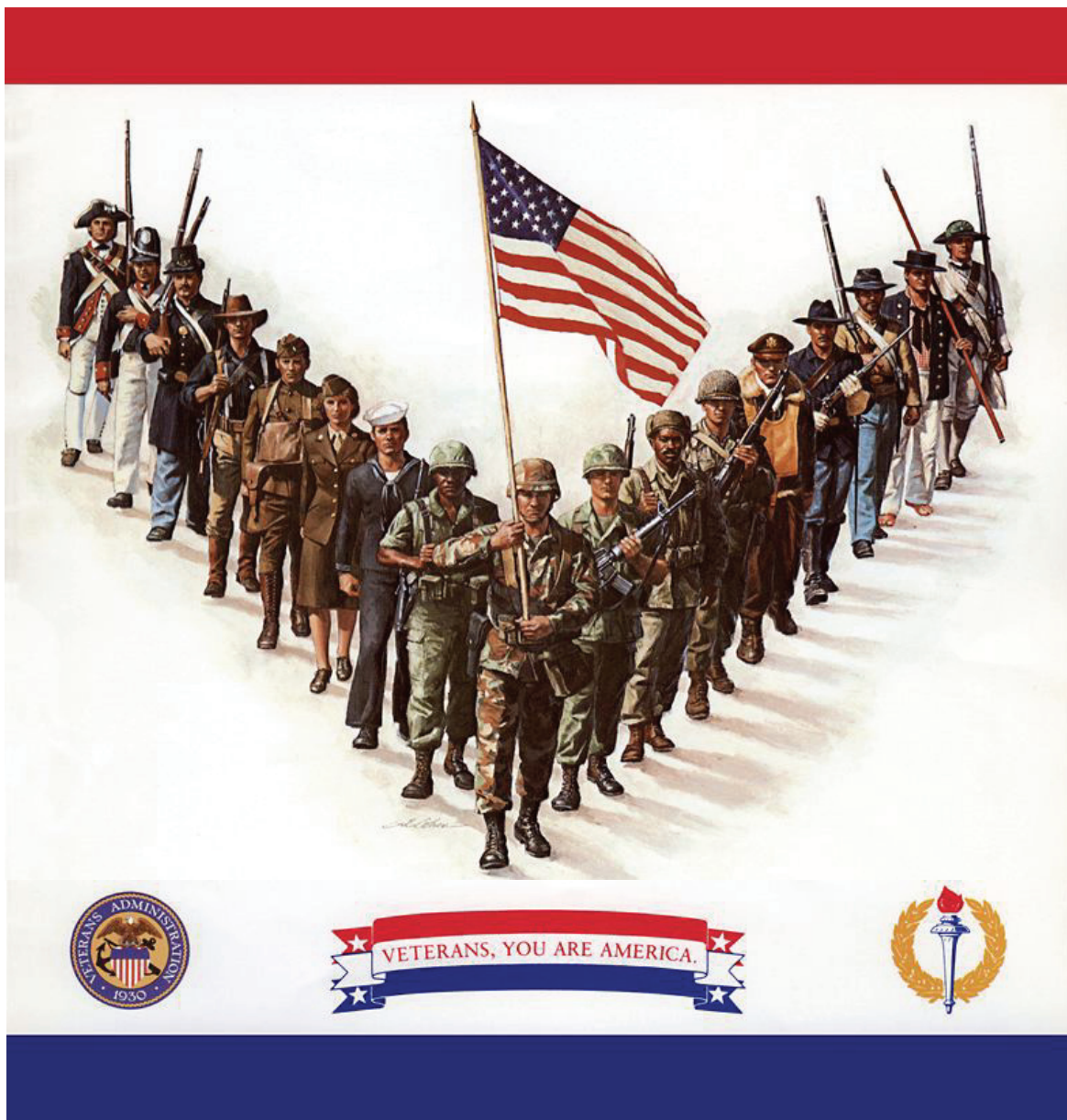
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Veterans Day Mass

On Sunday, November 8, 2026

St Cecilia's 8:30 Mass will especially recognize our Veterans.

There will be a **"Massing of the Colors"** and a light breakfast, for our Veterans, to follow in the parish hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Anyone with a family member on active service is invited to participate.

Please join us in honoring the women and men who have bravely fought and sacrificed, so that we could enjoy the freedoms we too often take for granted!



*You are cordially invited to a Mass of Remembrance
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Cecilia Church*

*All are welcome and invited to attend as we gather to remember and celebrate the lives
of our loved ones who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord.*

We invite parishioners to **use the form below** to submit the name(s) of loved ones who **have passed away during the past year (after November 4, 2025)**. These loved ones will be honored by name during the Mass.

To honor those who passed away prior to November 4, 2025, parishioners may write the name(s) of all their loved ones in the **Book of Remembrance**. The Book will be located at the back of the church from Oct. 17 – Nov. 2, and will be brought to the Altar during Mass.

All parishioners may bring in **framed photos** of loved ones who have passed away. The photos will be displayed on the Altar of Remembrance table. Photos should be **no larger than 5 x 7** (please include the name of the deceased along with your name on the back of each photo). Members of the FIA Ministry will be collecting these photos before & after Masses on the weekends of October 24 & 25 and October 31 & November 1.

The Book of Remembrance and the photos will remain on display throughout the month of November. Please take a few moments each week to remember these loved ones in your prayers.

Please don't forget to retrieve your photograph(s) no later than the end of November.



Please put the completed form in the collection basket at the weekend Masses

no later than October 18, 2026.

Please PRINT below the name(s) and date entered eternal life of *those who passed away in the past year* for the Mass Intentions and the Program.

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Breakfast with Santa

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sunday, December 13th, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Watch future bulletins for details!

The Power of Prayer

The Lord allows prayer as a powerful way to assist others in need. There is a faithful group of prayer warriors in our Church family that are ready, willing and able to pray for the needs of our parish and beyond. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers of any kind - spiritual, mental, physical, emotional - feel free to send your prayer requests.

Please place your petitions in the Prayer Box, located at the back of the Church

Turn to Mary



During the month of October, we honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, too). Turn to her for guidance and protection and she will bring you to her Son: "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided."

*"His mother said to the servants,
Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5).*

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Climb the Mountain ... Bring Jesus Along

Time in prayer is not a luxury or secondary to service, mission, or productivity. Nothing we do all day is more important than spending time with Jesus. Prayer gives life to our mission, and mission draws us back to prayer. We need both.

Climb the mountain: People may rightly say, "My work is my prayer." Yet spouses would struggle to stay close if they only met to divide the chores. In the same way, we need time with God apart from our work. Following Christ requires knowing Him. We sit at His feet and let Him teach us. In His presence, we learn to see as He sees, value what He values, and love as He loves.

Return to the plains: We aren't meant to stay on the mountain. Jesus sends us back into ordinary life carrying what we received in prayer: a peaceful presence, a new insight, a kind word at the right moment. Some even begin the day by asking God to place in their path the people He wants them to encounter. The Christian life moves between the mountain and the plain: drawing close to Jesus in prayer, then carrying His presence into the world. And in both places, He remains at our side.



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