“...LOVE YOUR ENEMIES...
for he makes his sun rise...
and causes rain to fall
on the just and the unjust.”
-Matthew 5:44-45
The Season of Lent

The forty-plus-day season of Lent is the time that we, as disciples, are invited to draw more closely to God. Across the world, Christians journey individually and as communities, following the patterns of Jesus’ sojourn in the wilderness. Through practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we experience anew the ultimate expression of God’s love as it is expressed in the Paschal mystery of Christ’s suffering, Death, and Resurrection. As we remember and re-experience the promises of God we are reminded not only of the limitlessness of God’s power, but also the vastness of God’s love and generosity.

The purposes of the practices of Lent are many. Among them are spiritual growth and conversion of heart. At times, human life presents us with temptations. At other times, we rebel against our circumstances. In these holy days, Christ comes to us to further reveal the depth of God’s love for us and deepen our response to it. No matter how far we have strayed, our loving God stands at the ready to respond to our repentance with love and forgiveness. With confidence and trust, we embrace our role as witness and follower once again in the journey to Calvary.

Guidelines for Lenten Fasting and Abstinence
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For Catholics, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Lenten Almsgiving - 40 Days of Change for Change
During this Lenten season, St. Cecilia can make a life-changing difference for an impoverished family in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through Food For The Poor’s giving challenge, it is within your reach to help build a home with sanitation and a water component for a desperate family during the 40 days of Lent. Our parish’s gift will be matched, up to $100,000, to help build a safe and sturdy two-bedroom home for a family in need. With just a little spare change each day, your church can help provide a family in desperate need with safe shelter.

www.saintcecilia.org/foodforthepoor

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday through Friday, 8:15 am
Tuesday, 5:30 pm
Thursday, 7:00 pm in Spanish
Saturday, 9:00 am

Lenten Fridays (February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3)
Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 6 pm in English and 8 pm in Spanish. Stations of the Cross for Children will begin at 5 pm.
The annual Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry is every Friday from 5:30 pm to 8 pm.

Learn more about Lent at www.saintcecilia.org/lent
Mass Intentions and Readings

February 24
8:15 am Anthony Le
Jas 3:13-18
Mk 9:14-29

February 25
8:15 am All Souls in Purgatory †
Johnathan Tureau
Jas 4:1-10
Mk K 9:30-3

February 26
6:30 am Marylou Byerly †
Mk 9:30-3
Jl 2:12-18

February 27
8:15 am Rosella Burks †
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

February 28
8:15 am Ed Arnold
Is 58:1-9A
Mt 9:14-15

February 29
9:00 am David Le
Is 58:9B-14
Lk 5:27-32

Vigil
5:00 pm Sam Battaglia †
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19 Or 5:12, 17-19

March 1
7:30 am Lucian C. Zygmunt †
Mt 4:1-11

Calendar of Events

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Diocesan Services Fund 2020 (DSF)

February 23 - DSF (Spanish Masses)
March 1 - SVdP

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Youth Ministry News

High School

David Thies | dthies@saintcecilia.org
www.saintcecilia.org/high-school-life-teen

Life Teen is ON tonight at 7 PM in the Auditorium! This night will be on the 4 Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell. Seems a little intense, right? This is not to be morbid but since we are all going to die so let us prepare well for eternity!

This past Saturday many youth and families from St. Cecilia went to the East Spring Branch Food Pantry to love and serve their neighbors! We provided fruits and vegetables to over 175 families which comes out to around 1,000 people. Thank YOU for supporting this ministry. Great things are happening at St. Cecilia!

Middle School

Lorena Aranda | lorena@saintcecilia.org
www.saintcecilia.org/middle-school

Our next Edge night will be on:

MARCH
4 – Harvest: Almsgiving
11 – Law Breaker: Jesus’ Passion
25 – Game Changer: Resurrection

Adults & High School Teens Needed
EDGE is still in need of some extra help. Please consider looking into how you can help make this a successful year!

Faith Formation for Children

Cecilia Morillo | cmorillo@saintcecilia.org
www.saintcecilia.org/children

Children’s Faith Formation programs and events are for children in pre-k 4 through grade 5. Faith Formation (CCE) for children with special needs is available. Please refer to the programs listed below or contact one of our staff for more information.

KIDs Club Registration: Registration is closed now. Please visit our website in the future to find information about the 2020-2021 school year registration or visit www.saintcecilia.org.

KIDs Club class schedule for the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday sessions:
March 1, 8, & 29

Children’s Liturgy of the Word: March 8th, April 19th & May 3rd & 17th

RCIA (Adapted for children and youth) The RCIA process for children is in need of an added team member to assist with the parent/child sessions and other planned celebrations.

Mandatory Parent Meetings for First Eucharists: February 24 or February 27, 2020. Check in starts at 6:15 pm. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.in the Community Center (Spanish & English)
**40 Days for Life**

Saturday, March 7 from 6 am to 1 pm

St. Cecilia’s Catholic Church will be sponsoring a day of prayer on Saturday, March 7 from 6 am to 1 pm at Planned Parenthood (4600 Gulf Freeway) following the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston guidelines.

We will have prayer packets for attendees. About 40 Days for Life “40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ’s resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge.”

Sign Up

[www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044faaaa2d6-stcecilias1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044faaaa2d6-stcecilias1)

If you’d like more information – and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact Karen Edmonds at karensedmonds@gmail.com

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**Weekly Announcements & News**

**NO GREATER LOVE**

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST’S PASSION

**LENT BIBLE STUDY**

(ONLY 5 CLASSES DURING LENT)

Tuesday mornings (9-11am) starting 2/25
Thursday evenings (7-9pm) starting 2/27
Community Center (Room 204)
Cost: $25

**Starts next week!**

_Thousands sought Jesus during His life._
_Only a few followed Him to Calvary._

**What will YOU do?**

Questions? Colleen Stokes (cstokes003@comcast.net)
[www.saintcecilia.org/great-adventure](http://www.saintcecilia.org/great-adventure)

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**MATACHINES TONANTZIN DE STA. CECILIA**

El grupo de Matachines de Sta. Cecilia se dedica a venerar, por medio de la danza, a nuestra madre María de Guadalupe.

Estamos buscando nuevos miembros para nuestro ministerio.

Si estás interesado en unirte a nosotros, debes asistir a nuestra reunión de reclutamiento:

- **jueves 5 de marzo, 7 pm**
- en el Centro Comunitario salon 203.

Para más información te puedes comunicar con:

Coordinator: Gerardo De La Rosa
(832) 996-9451

Subcoordinator: Luis Vilchis
(832) 252-4560

“¿No estoy yo aquí, que soy tu Madre?”
Welcoming Sunday
Join our Parish Family

Our next Welcoming Sunday is March 1st.

If you are interested in making St. Cecilia your parish home, we welcome you and invite you to stop by Room 204 of the Community Center after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 1st. All are welcome!

Meet Fr. Francis, members of the Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council and some of the ministry groups to learn more about our wonderful parish. Registration forms and stewardship materials will be available.

Anointing Mass
Thursday, March 5th at 10 am

Please RSVP using the link below or call Deacon Frank or Colleen at (713) 465-3414 in the pastoral office.
A reception will follow in the Community Center.

www.saintcecilia.org/anointing-mass

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Weekly Announcements & News

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Deacon George Silva, Director of Formation
Office of the Permanent Diaconate Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston 713-686-4345
george.silva@smseminary.com

Please keep TERRY in your prayers as he is instituted in to the ministry of candidate. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

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Training for NEW Extra-ordinary Ministers

Training for NEW Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist has been scheduled, and a number of opportunities to attend will be offered. These lay ministers assist the regular ministers of the Eucharist (the ordained) with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist to the faithful at Mass, as well as those in the hospital or the homebound.

The requirements for serving as an EMHC are:

· 18 years of age or a senior in high school.
· A fully initiated Catholic.
· Living a life in communion with the teachings of the Catholic Church. If married, must be a Catholic marriage.
· Attend one 90 minute training session on: February 24, March 30, or April 27, at 6:00 pm, in the Church.

Please RSVP to attend one of the training sessions at www.saintcecilia.org/emhc. Contact Andrew Mein en in the Pastoral Office with any questions.

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Ash Wednesday

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6:30 am
8:15 am (with SCCS)
12:15 pm
5:30 pm
7:30 pm in Spanish

English Lenten Mission: Chris Padgett

Sunday, March 1st through March 3rd at 7 pm in the Church

I’m Not Okay. You’re Not Okay. But It’s Okay. Called to love What keeps us from life sharing His love. More information coming soon!

Misión de Cuaresma

“Muchos son los llamados y TU eres el elegido”
Marzo Lunes 16 y Martes 17 de 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm


Presentadores: Diacono Arturo y Esperanza Monterrubio Han trabajado como líderes catequéticos parroquiales y arquidiocesanos en Galveston-Houston por 28 años. Los dos obtuvieron una maestría en Estudios Teológicos de la Universidad de St. Thomas en Houston, Texas. Han impartido conferencias locales y nacionales. Actualmente trabajan juntos para los Misioneros Maryknoll como Educadores y Promotores de Misiones.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Thursday, March 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm

There will be a number of priests on hand to hear individual confessions in English and Spanish following a short service. Please arrive and be in line no later than 8:15 pm to secure a place in line.

Servicio de Reconciliación de Cuaresma

jueves, 12 de marzo de 7:00 p.m. a 8:30 pm

Habrá una cantidad de sacerdotes a la mano para escuchar confesiones individuales en inglés y español después de un breve servicio. Llegue a más tardar a las 8:15 p.m. para asegurar un lugar en la fila.
Change our Hearts this Time: Renewed by the Spirit

All women of the parish are invited to join the WOMEN’S CLUB to hear Jenny Mc Connell, a noted spiritual speaker and theologian who teaches at St. Thomas Catholic High School. Jenny will prepare us for Lent by inspiring us to listen and to understand God’s voice and His great love for us.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6th we will meet in the Community Center at 9:30 am for fellowship. The presentation will begin at 9:45 am. A box luncheon will be served. There will be a school Mass at 8:15 am for those who wish to attend.

COST: $15 payable to St. Cecilia Catholic Church

RSVP by Monday March 2nd to the parish office, 11720 Joan of Arc Drive, Houston, 77024. Contact Martha with any questions at (713) 816-4198 or mallen41@aol.com. Need babysitting? Contact Martina at mrazo@saintcecilia.org no later than February 25th.

Return this portion with your check

Name:___________________________________________ Phone:_______________________________________________

Make your lunch selection; all options include chips and a cookie.

_____ Albacore Tuna Salad Sandwich - tuna, green onions, mayo, leaf lettuce, celery, basil
_____ Tomato Mozzarella Sandwich - mozzarella, tomatoes, arugula, sweet roasted red bell peppers, and balsamic dressing
_____ Cavatappi Pasta Salad - roasted tomatoes, asiago cheese, arugula, and balsamic dressing
_____ Asian Wonton Salad - tuna, edamame, crisp wontons, and ginger soy dressed greens
_____ Spinach Crisp Salad w/cranberries, strawberries, goat cheese, oranges with strawberry vinaigrette, and raisin pecan sweet crisps

Lenten Penance Services at Other Parishes

St. Jerome
Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm
St. Maximilian Kolbe
Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm
St. Matthew the Evangelist
Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm
St. Rose of Lima
Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 pm
St. Bartholomew
Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 pm

St. Ambrose
Thursday, March 26th from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm
St. Edith Stein
Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 pm
St. Michael
Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 pm

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