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Mass Celebrations

Available in our YouTube channel

Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday at 8:00 AM

Masses every day at 8:00 AM

Divine Mercy celebration
April 19 at 3:00 PM

*EASTER
SUNDAY*

Alleluia

He is Risen

**“Do not be afraid! I now that you are
seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not
here, for he has been raised
just as he said!**

Matthew 28: 5 B - 6

Dear Parishioners,

We will continue to communicate with you about our Parish events and activities, as often as possible so that you are aware of what is going on at St. Catherine.

The following are a few ways in which you may stay connected:

Sign up for text and email messages by clicking on the link

<https://StCatherineofSeb.flocknote.com/everyone>

To subscribe to text messages, text StCathe to 84576.

"Friend" our Facebook page in English: <https://www.facebook.com/stcathe> , then "Like" and "Follow"

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"Friend" our Facebook page for the School: <https://www.facebook.com/St.CatheSchool/> then "Like" and "Follow"

Subscribe to our YouTube page in English at St. Catherine Catholic Church, Sebring Fl.

Subscribe to our YouTube page in Spanish at Iglesia Catolica Santa Catalina en Sebring, Fl

- Check our website <https://www.stcathe.com/> for updates.

We will also be posting the weekly bulletin online in Flocknote and Facebook because we are not having Mass at this time.

I encourage you to register in Flocknote and on our Facebook pages. Invite your family and friends. That way we can notify you about the Masses and other important events and to stay in touch as a parish family.

Many people have expressed their gratitude for using the technology that allows us to stay together. Please know that we are committed to continuing the good work of our Parish at this time.

Thank you for the many ways you support our mission. It is our hope that you continue to support the work of our Church. St Catherine is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to continue its ministries in this critical time of crisis when we are not able to go to Mass. Please use this time to transition to online giving by going to

<https://www.osvhub.com/stcathe/funds>

And create an account. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. I want to express my gratitude to all those who have registered for the online donations or have dropped off or mailed in their weekly donations. While there may not be Mass or any other activity going on at the present time, we still have bills to pay just like you at home. If you have not dropped off your donation yet, it can be mailed to St. Catherine or dropped in the office.

What a comfort it is to know that we are not alone. God is always with us, and even during this time of physical separation, we can continue to support each other in prayer. As a parish, let us pray for one another, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Join us in prayer for the repose of those who have died, for the recovery of those who are sick, for the strength of healthcare workers and caregivers, and for an end to this health crisis.

Please be assured of our prayers for all of you, our parishioners, and know that our Parish community is here for you.

*The Priests, Deacons and Staff of
St. Catherine Church and School*

*would like to wish you a
Happy Easter!*



2020 Easter Message from Bishop Frank J. Dewane

Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Christians today around the world proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection, a time of transformation from darkness to light. The face of the Risen Christ is that light, in my life, your life and the lives of those we love and know.

This Easter we are not in our Churches for Mass and that saddens me as I'm sure it saddens you as well. These are difficult times, no doubt, however, I ask you please do not allow fear to overshadow the joy of this day. Jesus Christ is alive and remains with us. The Risen Christ is the assurance that God will not abandon us as we deal with the challenges of our time. Christ's Resurrection and victory over sin and death provides the encouragement most desperately needed for all who are experiencing hardship, pain and deep sorrow.

May this Easter Season, beginning with the Resurrection, bring you the comfort, peace and knowledge that we are so greatly loved by God Our Father that He sent His only Son as our salvation.

God bless you and your families! Please know that you remain in my prayers!

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday commemorates the experiences of Faustina Kowalska, a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, who lived in Poland in the early 20th century. St. Faustina is said to have been personally visited by the Savior many times from 1934 to 1938. She recorded the visits in her diary, which was published in 1981.

During one visit, the Savior showed himself to Faustina in a vision as the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. He asked that the image be painted and venerated throughout the world. He also asked that a feast day be established.

In 2000 Faustina was canonized; at that time Pope John Paul II directed that the Second Sunday of Easter be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

At St. Catherine Church, the Divine Mercy celebration on Sunday, April 19, will be observed remotely At 3:00 PM we will be join together watching a video on our YouTube channel with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of The Divine Mercy Chaplet from our chapel, followed by Benediction.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Bishop Dewane announced the Diocese of Venice will celebrate a "Year of St. Joseph" from March 19, 2020 through March 19, 2021.

St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and protector of the Blessed Virgin, is the Patron of the Universal Church, as proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1870.

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of this Proclamation and on the Solemnity of St. Joseph Bishop Dewane celebrated Mass in which he consecrated the Diocese of Venice to the care and protection of St. Joseph particularly during this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

St. Joseph is known as the saint of protection and we all need protection from evil during these difficult times. Throughout the coming months, there will be announcements as events are planned, as well as prayers and resources.

During this coming year let us place our trust in St. Joseph through prayer and his example of humility and kindness. In doing so we will all grow in virtue and ever closer to Our Lord. Please visit www.dioceseofvenice.org to view the Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph and the Consecration.

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

OFFERINGS

We thank you for your generosity

April 5: Regular Collection;

\$2,226.00

Online Giving: This week;

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

Second Collections

(available Online and in your envelopes)

This Week: Easter

Next Week: School Support

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2020

Our assessment for 2020 is \$110,000.00. We have received pledges of \$56,590.42. We are at 51.45% of our goal! Please make checks payable to CFA and in the Memo write "St. Catherine".

Thank you for your generous support to St. Catherine's and the CFA. Watch the video listed below for more information:

DO YOU HAVE A RETIREMENT ACCOUNT?

The owner of an IRA or 401k names a beneficiary. One way to avoid taxes on your inheritance altogether is to designate St. Catherine Parish as your beneficiary. When you name a charity as a beneficiary to receive your IRA or other retirement assets upon your death, neither you and your heirs nor your estate will pay income taxes on the distribution of the assets. Changing the beneficiary of a retirement account is a simple process and does not generally require a change to your will or trust.

Another way to avoid taxes if you are required to take a minimum distribution from your retirement plan would be to consider making a qualified charitable distribution, naming St. Catherine as the eligible charity.

Please contact Claudia Spradlin in the Parish Office at (863)385-0049 or claudia@stcath.org and we can provide you with details and instructions.

Thank you for your support of St. Catherine Parish. Our parishioners are our only source of funds and your contributions keep the lights on, enable parish ministries, and support our outreach to the poor.

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the sick

Baptism

Marriage

Reconciliation

For questions or more information (863)38500-49 or e-mail at office@stcath.org .

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We thank you for your generosity. We need your contributions to pay the bills and continue to serve you in these circumstances, waiting for a day when we all can celebrate the Mass together again. If you have envelopes, you can mail them to:

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To make your contributions online, you can register at: https://www.stcath.com/online-giving

If you have any questions, you can call us at (863)385-0049 Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The parish office is open the same hours. Blessings on all—stay safe and well and please let me know if you have need of anything that I can pick up or drop off for you.

Yours in Christ
Fr. José

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.stcath.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

Parishioners who wish to receive a statement of financial contributions to St. Catherine in 2019 for tax purposes are asked to fill in the information below and deposit it with the weekend collection basket or return it to the Parish Office. Those of you that contributed to the Catholic Faith Appeal will receive their statement of contributions directly from the Diocese.
Name: _____
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Envelope #: _____
Address: _____

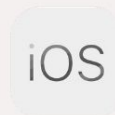


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