



# St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church 820 Hickory Street Sebring, FL 33870

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Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

## CLERGY

### Pastor

Very Reverend José González, V.F.  
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### Parochial Vicar

Reverend Pawel Kawalec (863)385-3993

### Deacon

Reverend Mr. Max M. Sévère  
Reverend Mr. James R. McGarry (Ret.)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday—8:00, 10:00 AM  
& 12:00 Noon (Spanish)

### DAILY MASS

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM  
Sat. 9:00 AM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00—3:45 PM  
In the Chapel

## ST CATHERINE SCHOOL

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### Mass Celebrations

Available in our  
YouTube channels



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



From their childhood, Catholics learn to pray the sign of the cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." At Mass, the priest's prayers frequently mention the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as well. The reason for this is that Catholics believe that God is not merely Unity (as all monotheists believe), but also Trinity. But what does this mean?

What we mean when we say that God is a Trinity is that there is one divine nature, one divine substance. A "**substance**" or "**nature**" is **what** something is. God, as a Trinity, exists in three Persons. A **person** is "**who**" someone is. In our experience, one human person each possesses one human nature. A husband and wife, no matter how closely united, are still two separate beings. In God, however, three Persons possess the same divine nature. If you were to ask each Person in the Trinity, "Who are you?" each person would answer something differently: "I am the Father;" "I am the Son;" "I am the Holy Spirit." If you were to ask each Person, "Who are you?" you would get the same answer from each Person: "I am God." Not, "I am a God," as a human would say, "I am a human." Rather, each divine Person, while not identical to the other divine Persons, is one in being with the other two divine Persons and is fully God. The word we use to describe this in the Nicene Creed is *consubstantial*. While we say in the Nicene Creed that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, it is also true that the Spirit is consubstantial with the Father and the Son.

#### The Family

The family is a great analogy for the Trinity. The family is united in love, and the three Persons of the Trinity live in a relationship of love with one another. A pregnant mother contains another person within her, which is similar to how the Divine Persons cannot be separated from each other. The Holy Spirit is sometimes defined as the love between the Father and the Son, and when a husband and wife express their marital love, sometimes a new human person results. We even use the familial terms *Father* and *Son* to describe two Persons of the Trinity. However, this analogy also has its limits.

Obviously, a human family of three persons contains three separate human natures, not one. Furthermore, the human child begins to exist after his or her parents exist, whereas the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are coeternal (meaning that each Person of the Trinity never began to exist and will never stop existing: God always exists, without beginning or end). We might say that this analogy emphasizes the three-ness of God at the expense of God's oneness.

### June is the Month of the Sacred Heart

The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are numerous. Some have been explicitly approved and frequently recommended by the Apostolic See. Among these, mention should be made of the following:

#### Personal Consecration

Personal consecration, described by Pius XI as "undoubtedly the principal devotional practice used in relation to the Sacred Heart"

#### Family Consecration

Family consecration to the Sacred Heart, in which the family, by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony already participating in the mystery of the unity and love of Christ for the Church, is dedicated to Christ so that he might reign in the hearts of all its members

#### Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, approved for the whole Church in 1891, which is evidently biblical in character and to which many indulgences have been attached

#### Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart

The act of reparation, a prayer with which the faithful, mindful of the infinite goodness of Christ, implore mercy for the offences committed in so many ways against his Sacred Heart

#### The Practice of the First Fridays

The pious practice of the first Fridays of the month which derives from the "great promises" made by Jesus to St. Margaret Mary. At a time when sacramental communion was very rare among the faithful, the first Friday devotion contributed significantly to a renewed use of the Sacraments of Penance and of the Holy Eucharist. In our own times, the devotion to the first Fridays, even if practised correctly, may not always lead to the desired spiritual fruits. Hence, the faithful require constant instruction so that any reduction of the practice to mere credulity is avoided and an active faith encouraged so that the faithful may undertake their commitment to the Gospel correctly in their lives. They should also be reminded of the absolute preeminence of Sunday, the "primordial feast", which should be marked by the full participation of the faithful at the celebration of the Holy Mass.

## † From the Pastor

Dear sisters and brothers;

Please know that I have been praying for you all every day. I pray that you have grown in your prayer life and love for each other. I thank you for your patience, love, and generosity that you have shown each other and your Church community.

Please know that your safety and health is my priority as your pastor. Throughout this whole COVID-19 journey, we have followed and respected the leadership and guidelines of our Bishop, Frank J. Dewane, for the Diocese of Venice as we opened back up and we will continue to do so.

The past 2 weeks of being back in the Church have been nothing but AMAZING! If this season has taught us anything, it has definitely ignited a renewed value for the Body of Christ in each of our lives and crafted a deeper appreciation for the privilege it is to gather each week in the Church to celebrate Mass together! Each week more and more of our church community, as well as new first-time guests, are coming back to celebrate with us in the Church and are getting re-connected each week.

Let us never get use to what the Lord is doing through our Church all over our community, online, around the world, and in the Church building each week. It is nothing but miraculous and we get to be a part of a movement of God that we never anticipated!!

Things are not the same when we celebrate Mass, however:

- Masks are worn and social distancing is followed.
- Every other pew has been blocked off.
- Hand Sanitizer stations have been placed in the entrance of the Church.
- All books and envelopes have been removed from the pews.
- No choirs are allowed, only an organist.
- Communion will be received on the hand from the priest without you having to move from your pew.
- The collection will take place as you enter or leave the Church.
- No altar servers yet.
- Confessions are on Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM in the chapel.
- The church will be cleared after every mass to allow a deep cleaning.

I am confident that we have been doing our best. You are not obliged to attend. Bishop Dewane has given the faithful dispensation until the end of June. In fact, if you have any doubts, I advise you to stay home. Only you can make that decision for you and your family.

We will continue to have the Masses every day on our YouTube channels until further notice. I advise everyone to arrive early before Mass and sit at the end of the pews, especially if you plan to receive Communion. We have had plenty of spaces so far maintaining our regular Mass schedule.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. José González  
Pastor

**SACRAMENTS**

**RECONCILIATION**

This sacrament is available in the chapel, every Saturday from 3:00—3:45 PM, or by appointment with a priest.

**Anointing of the sick**

**Baptism**

**Marriage**

For questions or more information (863)385-0049 or e-mail at office@stcath.org

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6, Ps 121, Mt 5:1-12  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16, Ps 4:2-3, Mt 5:13-16  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39, Ps 16, Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3, Ps 65, Mt 5:20-26  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16, Ps 27, Mt 5:27-32  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21, Ps 16, Mt 5:33-37  
 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a, Ps 147, 1 Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-58

**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](http://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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mass Intentions forms** are available at the Parish Office or online, at [www.stcath.com](http://www.stcath.com). 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.*



**SATURDAY June 6th**

9:00 AM For all Souls in Purgatory — Fr. José  
 4:00 PM For all living and deceased parishioners — Fr. José

**SUNDAY June 7th**

8:00 AM BETTY AND JOHNNY COXE † John Coxe  
 FRED AND JULIANNA WALCZAK † Mark and Barb Walczak  
 FRANCIS PLESKOVIC † Mark and Barb Walczak

10:00 AM WILLIAM P. TUOHY † Dianne C. Tuohy

**MONDAY June 8th**

8:00 AM DEE COOK † Denny and Sharon Bledsoe

**TUESDAY June 9th**

8:00 AM MONICA STABILE † Carol A. Stabile, Sister in Law

**WEDNESDAY June 10th**

8:00 AM For the peace in the word and freedom from Violence — Fr. José

**THURSDAY June 11th**

8:00 AM MARIA ANNA MULATTIERI † Dominic Mulattieri  
 MARY VORISEK † Twin sister, Margaret Mercure

**FRIDAY June 12th**

8:00 AM For Religious Vocations — Fr. José

**SATURDAY June 13th**

9:00 AM KEATON WALKER † Barbara Baxter  
 4:00 PM ANTOINETTE BIANCHI † Jerome and Jean Lesniak  
 JACK WILLIAMS, SR. † Madonna Williams  
 CHARLES AND CATHERINE RITCHEY † Madonna Williams

**SUNDAY June 14th**

8:00 AM BETTY AND JOHNNY COXE † John Coxe  
 FRANK AND JULIANA WALCZAK † Mark and Barb Walczak  
 10:00 AM For all living and deceased parishioners — Fr. José



**CARES Act****CARES Act**

Around the world and here at St. Catherine, we are witnessing incredible acts of kindness, faith and generosity. People are helping one another, praying for each other and supporting those in need during these unprecedented times. We are so grateful that even during an economic crisis, individuals and families continue to support St. Catherine Parish and School.

As many people are aware of, the Federal Government recently passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). However, most people are not aware that the CARES Act provides some additional tax benefits to those who donate to churches and other charitable organizations in 2020.

One of the new tax benefits will make it possible to take an above-the-line deduction for qualified charitable contributions up to \$300 for the 90 percent of taxpayers who do not claim itemized deductions on their federal income tax returns.

The CARES Act also relaxes some of the limits on charitable contributions. There are not many people with the ability to donate most of their income to charities, but for those that do, they can now get an increased federal income tax deduction for qualified charitable contributions. The deduction limit has been increased from 60 percent of their Adjusted Gross Income to 100 percent for 2020. In addition, the limitation on corporate donors has been increased from 10 percent to 25 percent of taxable income. Corporations can also increase their food donations from 15 percent to 25 percent of taxable income.

These income tax changes were included by the Federal Government to help individuals and families continue their support during this pandemic for the charitable organizations about which they care most, including St. Catherine Church and School.

To learn more about the CARES Act or how to support St. Catherine Church and School, please contact Claudia Spradlin at 863-991-3271

or by email at [claudia@stcath.org](mailto:claudia@stcath.org). You can also visit our website at [www.stcath.org](http://www.stcath.org).



**RED MEMORIAL CANDLES** are in the back of the church adjacent to the Chapel. A Memorial Candle is lit and remains lighted at all times for one year in memory of a person who has passed away. You may commemorate a loved one by lighting a candle for one year with a donation of \$150.

Please come to the Parish Office to make arrangements for a Memorial Candle which will be accompanied by a small plaque with the name of the person.

**BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER****OFFERINGS****May 31****Regular Collection: \$5,926.00****Second Collection; Charity Funds: \$1,757.00****Online Giving: This week; \$887.00**

For Online Giving instructions visit

<https://www.osvhub.com/stcath/funds>**Second Collections****(available Online and in your envelopes)****This Week: Youth Ministry****Next Week: School Support****CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2020**

Our assessment for 2020 is **\$110,000.00**. We have received pledges of **\$67,210.42**. We are at **61.10%** 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](mailto: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.

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