



# SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH

Calling of Peter and Andrew by Ghirlandaio



## WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

It's been a busy week, as you may have noticed from the contractors and engineers on top of the lift and in the gutters. As the first step in the definitive repair of our longstanding gutter challenges, we scoped the pipes which run from the gutter drains way up by the roof all the way down to their connection to the sewer. Sending a camera the full length allowed us to make sure the entire pipe was clear of debris. Also, in order to make sure we don't experience any more leaks before it warms up sufficiently for the masonry and other work to be completed, we have placed heavy-duty "sump pumps" in each of the five gutters.

At the same time, we have finished the last of the repairs to the parish center roof in preparation to receive our new tenants. As I mentioned before, the Spanish American Cultural Center will be leasing six classrooms in the Center for an after-school program. It will provide a healthy new income stream in exchange for previously empty space, and all for a very good cause!

As some of you have heard me say, I can't bear to part with the beautiful trees in the Church, which will remain for one more week as "Ordinary time trees bushes with lights." We are all grateful to Adam Cormier and his dedicated crew of decorators, both for setting up those magnificent decorations and soon for taking them down!

Did you see the new rug in the Chapel? It had been on order since last April, and was just recently installed, covering the sanctuary area. With its installation, the Chapel is finally complete.

And have you noticed how much warmer it feels in Church? Thanks to Adam and Denis and Paul Burch, our heating consultant, the steam traps are almost done in the Church and Parish Center. Now we get to enjoy the even heat, as well as the savings on our gas bill.

Finally, I hope you have been watching the Facebook videos of Father Shaughnessy and I drawing the Calendar Raffle winners. We've been having great fun playing with green screens (in case you've wondered whether we were really drawing in the snow!) We're both thinking of getting second jobs as weathermen!

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney





# ENVELOPES AND YOUR KIND DONATIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

No doubt, you have heard of supply chain problems and the difficulty of getting sufficient employees in these challenging days. Well, here's another example of it.

We have been informed by the CHURCH BUDGET ENVELOPE COMPANY that they will not be sending out envelopes for the month of February. Having consulted with other parishes and investigated other envelope companies, we can report that this is an industry-wide problem. CHURCH BUDGET has served the parish well through the years, and we are confident that they will be back on track by March.

However, your weekly donations (and our ability to track them through your envelopes) are important priorities, which cannot be skipped for a month!

So...you will find boxes of envelopes at the entrances to the Church which are marked SAINT CECILIA DONATION ENVELOPE (see below). Please pick up eight of them and bring them home. Then, on the front of each envelope is a list of the individual donations you would customarily make in February. When you drop an envelope in the collection basket, please check off which donation it is intended for.

Likewise, we would ask you to write your name (and envelope number, if you have it...if you don't we'll just look it up!) in the space provided at the bottom of the envelope.

Thank you for your patience with this unusual disruption. Your indispensable donations keep our beloved Church running day to day and always know that you are in my grateful prayers.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



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## Religious Education Students

**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Grades 7-10:** Classes resume this week from 7:00- 8:15 PM.

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) - Grade 6:** Classes continue this week from 9:45- 11:00 AM.

*Please pray for those who are ill, especially:*

*Sister Clemence Croteau, DHS, Leanne Davis-Iches, Suzanne Melanson, John Nelson, Stephanie Matthews, Linda Kinsey, and Lubica Vidrine. If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email us at [office@stceciliachurch.net](mailto:office@stceciliachurch.net) and we will add them to our list for a month or so.*



**Last Weekend's Collection was \$7,374.29. Thank You!**

**HERE AT SAINT CECILIA'S  
ON SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>  
FROM 10am - noon**

**Monsignor Moroney will present reflections on  
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### CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S JANUARY CALENDAR DRAWING WINNERS

**01/18** • \$200 *Rebecca Brideau*  
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**01/20** • \$100 *Hermine Leger*  
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**01/23** • \$100 *Marilyn Robichaud*  
**01/24** • \$100 *Paula Marini*

**Drawings Wednesday nights at  
7pm on St. Cecilia's Church  
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**Final Drawing  
January 25 - Draw for January 25-31  
All winners will receive a phone call.**

**Good Luck to All!**

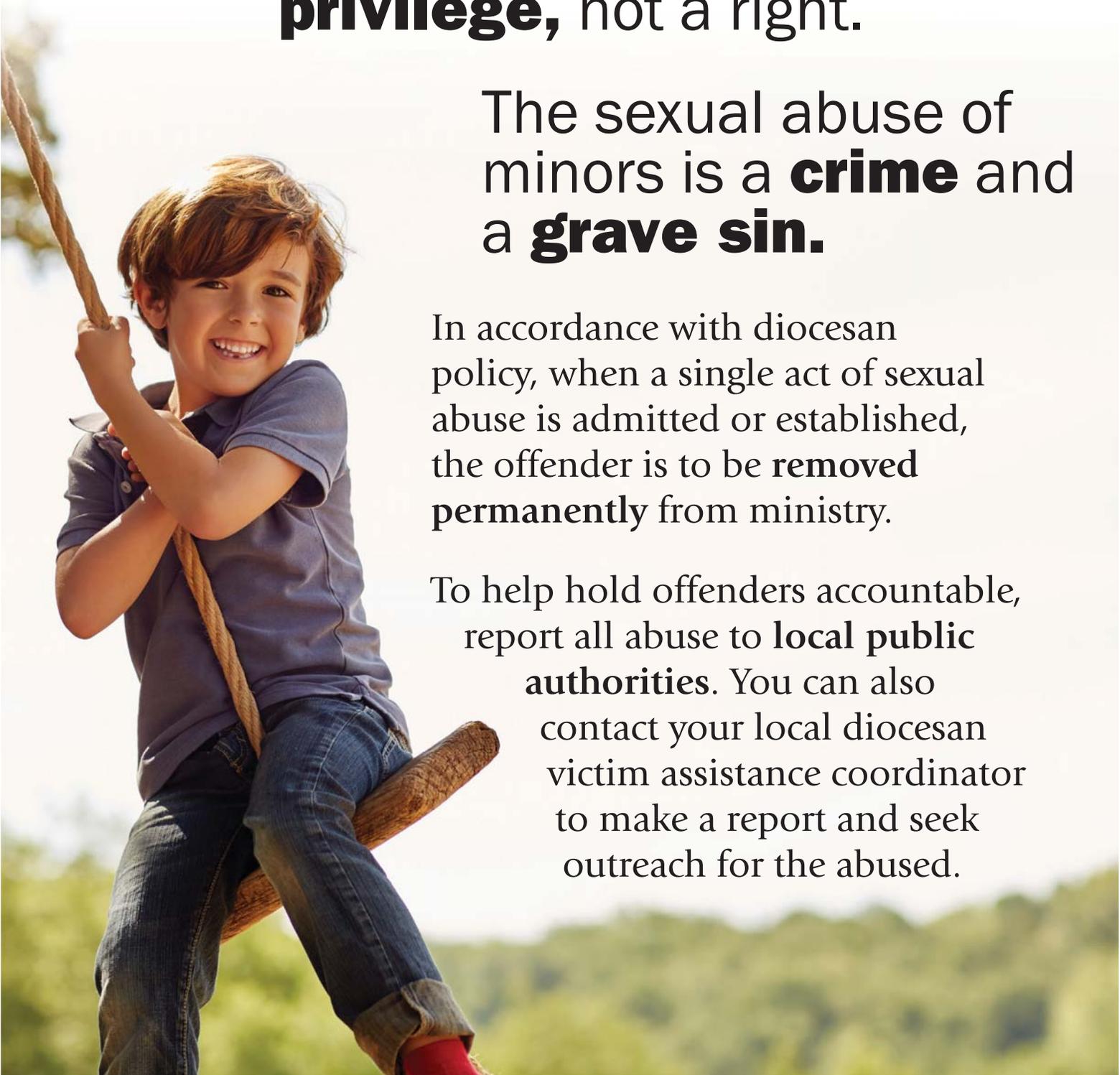
# Every child deserves a **safe environment.**

Ministry to children and young people is a **privilege**, not a right.

The sexual abuse of minors is a **crime** and a **grave sin.**

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be **removed permanently** from ministry.

To help hold offenders accountable, report all abuse to **local public authorities**. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.





# ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

*LAUDATO SI'*

## “Praise be to you, my Lord.”

“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord.” These are the words that open Pope Francis’ encyclical on ecology and care for God’s creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi’s beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Pope Francis’ encyclical letter [\*Laudato Si'\*](#) was released in June 2015. Five years later, in 2020, Pope Francis invited all Catholics and people of good will to celebrate its fifth anniversary by protecting families and future generations through action to care for our common home. Here are themes that Pope Francis highlighted in *Laudato Si'* which require our urgent response today.

- **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- **Care for God’s Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.
- **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- **Technological and economic development** must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.
- **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- **Hope and Joy.** “Injustice is not invincible” (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God’s vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

## How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

1. **Become more aware of our connectedness.** Care for one another and creation includes understanding that “everything is connected” (no. 91) and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?
2. **Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference.** For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.
3. **Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace.** For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.
4. **Support local efforts to solve environmental problems.** Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.
5. **Contact your members of Congress** to share Pope Francis’ message and urge action to address climate change.

## Prayer

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,  
teach us to contemplate you  
in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of you.  
Awaken our praise and thankfulness  
for every being that you have made.  
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined  
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world  
as channels of your love  
for all the creatures of this earth,  
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good,  
advance the weak, and care for this world in  
which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.  
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,  
help us to protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom  
of justice, peace, love and beauty.  
Praise be to you!  
Amen.

Excerpted from “A Christian prayer in union with creation,”  
in *Laudato Si'*, no. 246

## For More Information

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice ([www.usccb.org/environment](http://www.usccb.org/environment))
- Catholic Climate Covenant ([www.catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org))
- [WeAreSaltAndLight.org](http://WeAreSaltAndLight.org)





# THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Over the next several weeks, we will be publishing excerpts from the United States' Conference of Catholic Bishops' letter on the importance of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. We hope you enjoy this eighth of nine excerpts from the Bishops' letter.

## Food for the Journey

51. The lives of the saints and blessed show us the importance of the Eucharist on our journey as disciples of Jesus. Many testify to the power of the Eucharist in their lives. We see the fruits of Holy Communion in their lives of faith, hope, and charity. It was their intimate union with Jesus in Holy Communion and frequently their prayer before the Blessed Sacrament that nourished and strengthened them in their journey to heaven. They teach us that "growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage until the moment of death, when it will be given to us as viaticum."

52. Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young Italian teenager, who died at the age of fifteen and was beatified in 2020, used to say: "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." Blessed Carlo attained sanctity at such a young age because the Eucharist was at the center of his life. He attended Mass daily and prayed each day before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration. He discovered the joy of friendship with Jesus and brought that joy, the joy of the Gospel, to others. He was an apostle of the Eucharist through the internet. He said: "To always be united with Christ: This is my life's program."

53. Likewise, St. Jose Sanchez del Rio, a Mexican teenager who was martyred at the age of fourteen and canonized in 2016, was so filled with love of Christ and his Church that he was willing to give up his life rather than renounce Christ and his Kingship. While imprisoned, St. Jose Sanchez del Rio was able to receive the Blessed Sacrament when it was smuggled into his cell along with a basket of food. Strengthened by this viaticum, he was able to endure torture and to remain faithful to Christ when his captors told him he must renounce his faith or be executed. He replied to his persecutors: "My faith is not for sale." We

encourage all, especially our young people, to learn about the lives of these holy teenagers. In the midst of many distractions in our life, Blessed Carlo and St. Jose Sanchez del Rio teach us to focus on what is more important than anything else.

54. There are many people who have been attracted to the Catholic Church and entered the Church because they came to believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our first U.S. born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, is one of these converts. She was drawn to enter the Catholic Church after she witnessed the devotion of Catholics to the Blessed Sacrament. She wondered about that devotion. God's grace led her to faith in the Real Presence. While still an Episcopalian, she found herself at worship in her church in New York looking out the open window and praying to Jesus in the tabernacle one block away in a Catholic church. On the night after her entrance into the Catholic Church and her First Communion, St. Elizabeth Ann wrote in her journal: "At last GOD IS MINE and I AM HIS." For the rest of her life, her deep faith and pioneering service to the Church in our young nation was nourished by the Holy Eucharist.

55. In recent years, increasing numbers of Christians in our country have left their churches and become religiously unaffiliated. We invite Catholics who have left the Church or who no longer practice the faith to come home. We miss you and we love you. We pray that Jesus will draw you back to your Catholic family, his Mystical Body, through his Eucharistic Body. We repeat words attributed to St. Teresa of Calcutta: "Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the Church. Not because the Church won't let you but because your heart won't let you."



# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 21 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 59*

4:00pm Jeannette Brow by her children

Sunday January 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 59*

7:00am Souls in Purgatory

9:45am Rob Marshall & Judy Bowers (anniv.) by a friend

11:15am Frank Conti (3rd anniv.) by his wife, Jeanne

Monday January 23 Prayer for the Protection of Life

6:30am Parishioners of St. Cecilia

Tuesday January 24 Saint Francis de Sales

6:30am Jeannette Brow by Last Will

Wednesday January 25 Conversion of Saint Paul

6:30am Carol Amenta by her son, Chris

Thursday January 26 Saints Titus and Timothy

9:00am Father Frank J. Listro (10th anniv.)

6:00pm Bernadette Goguen by her daughters, Carol & Lena

Friday January 27 Weekday

9:00am Jacqueline Lacroix by her friends

Saturday January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas

9:00am Janice Marie Zephir by Joan & Doug Romano & family

Saturday January 28 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 61*

9:00am Aurele Richard (22nd anniv) by his daughter

Sunday January 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 61*

7:00am Rita M. Daigle by Lorraine Ouellet

9:45am Viola Gadoin by Patrick & Janice Goguen

11:15am Alonzo Maillet (10th anniv.) by his wife & children





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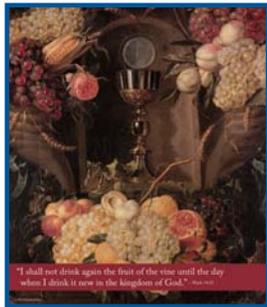
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