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# Saint Cecilia Church



## WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,



**This picture is a fake.** I never met Pope Francis in person, but with the help of simple and free computer software, I was able to create it in under ten minutes.

Which is why I want to spend a little time speaking this week about how we approach images (and even videos) which we view on YouTube, Instagram and Facebook.

Since the election of Pope Leo, in particular, there have been lots of artificial intelligence-generated fake videos and reports concerning what he has said and done. One site on YouTube, entitled "Pope Leo XIV's Sermons," (it's since been taken down) had almost 18,000 subscribers and nearly one million views. None of its videos were real, even though the purported speeches were read in what sounds like the Holy Father's own voice. But it was all generated by Artificial Intelligence.

There are some things which Pope Leo **has said**, including his comments on "developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labor." He cautions us to be very careful with this new field of human knowledge.

And he's right! For example, a while back I asked ChatGPT to write a homily on a particular subject in the style of Pope Benedict XVI. It sounded just like him! Then I asked it to write the same homily in the style of Monsignor James P. Moroney. And even I could not tell that it was not me, but a machine, which wrote those words! Maybe I could have saved a lot of time by asking ChatGPT to write this column on the dangers of fake AI sounding like Monsignor Moroney!

So, what are we to do to respond to the challenge of computer degenerate fake content? I'd suggest three rules whenever reading about the Pope or anything else on the internet.

First, employ a healthy skepticism. *Seeing is not believing anymore.*

Second, check your sources. Unless the report comes from a known reliable news source, don't believe it.

Finally, go to the original source. For matters relating to the Pope, go to the Vatican website ([vatican.va](http://vatican.va)). Every word the Pope says is posted there and if it does not appear on that website (it has a great search engine) the Pope did not say it.

Artificial Intelligence is the latest new tool for the dissemination of information, and it won't be the last. The same sorts of challenges of discerning truth or falsity had to be faced when they invented the printing press or the internet. But it never hurts to be cautious in the sources we trust, for "the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney





## REFLECTIONS ON THE COLLECT

BY DANIEL MORRISSEY



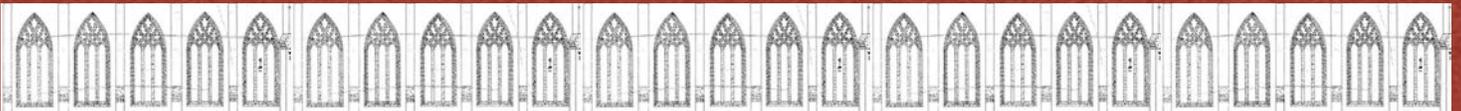
This week's Collect is for a Sunday in Ordinary Time, and will be used frequently at daily Masses, as well, unlike the Collect prayers for Solemnities which I have reflected in in this space for the past two weeks. So, if you come to daily Mass this week and we aren't celebrating a particular saint that day, the Collect will be the same as the one for Sunday. This means that the grace we pray for at this Sunday's Mass will be the same grace we pray for all week long.

This week's Collect prayer is short and simple and yet remains deeply profound. It's about holy joy. "Fill your faithful with holy joy" we ask of God. Joy, I would argue, isn't the same as happiness. Happiness is a fleeting emotional response that we feel, oftentimes on the surface, toward a particular thing. It comes and goes as the things in our lives come and go. But joy is far better than happiness because it is both deep and abiding!

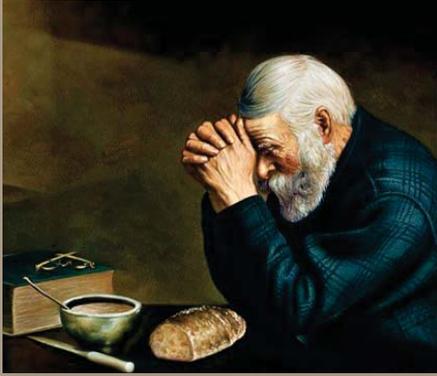
We aren't just asking for any old joy though; we are asking for a holy joy. Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. If it is a fruit, then it means that *something* produces it. This *something* is the truth of our Catholic faith and our lived reality of it. The truth is that there is a God who created us and created us good, out of pure love and for relationship with him. But we have all sinned and broken our relationship with God, thereby meriting eternal separation from him. But the truth of the Gospel is that despite offending him by our sins, God still loved us enough to send his Son to save us from those very sins and restore our relationship with him. We now have a relationship with a loving God. What joy!

As the Collect says: God has "raised up a fallen world" through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. Through his sacrifice on the cross Christ has "rescued us from slavery to sin." To be forgiven of our sins by Christ through his priests and to know we are forgiven brings real joy. To deeply internalize this mercy shown and freedom given brings real joy. To live under the loving gaze of our Father in heaven at every moment as his children can bring real joy. To know that this loving God is with us no matter what happens brings a peace and a joy like no other! We can trust that he is in control and taking care of us. Nothing can separate us from his love.

He alone satisfies the heart and brings holy joy. He is the joy of our hearts. If we continue to persevere in following Christ and his commandments, trusting in his mercy and cooperating with his grace we are promised the joys of eternal life as the Gospel this Sunday proclaims, "your names are written in heaven." To consciously live the truth about the reality of our lives as Catholics will produce the fruit of holy joy. Yes, there are times when the thick thunderclouds of suffering and the rainclouds of sorrow may come, but we can remain steadfast in joy despite it because we know that the light of the true Son hasn't disappeared but is hidden. Yes, the suffering and sorrow will come, but it can't steal the joy that comes with possessing a God who cares deeply for us. This week let us choose to receive the holy joy that God offers to us by choosing to live the truths of our faith.



## PRAY WITH US!



**Pray for all who are sick, and especially for:** Christina Fernet, Claudette Lucas, Klye Eaton, Rita Churri, Joseph “Max” Beaudoin, John LaFortune, Lyndsay Booth, Haddie Boucher, Lisa Stacy, Raymond Maillet and Connie A.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently. Pray for their families, as well, that they may be consoled by the promises of Christ.

If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email [office@stceciliachurch.net](mailto:office@stceciliachurch.net) and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.

**LAST WEEKEND'S  
PARISH COLLECTIONS  
TOTALLED \$7,481.**



### The 2026 Mass Book is now open.



We look for ways to honor our deceased family members and friends, one of the best ways to do this is to have a Mass offered on their behalf. It is the greatest form of prayer we have available to us on earth. It's important to remember that once our loved ones have passed away, they can no longer pray for themselves. It's up to us to keep praying for their souls!

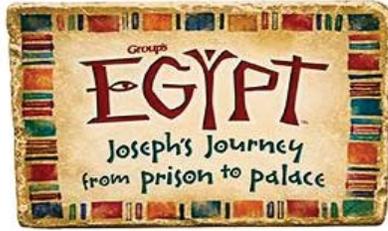
Please stop by the rectory or call on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10am and 3pm, Pat Secino will be happy to assist you.

St. Cecilia Church was officially dedicated on September 9, 1934 with 1,500 parishioners present and 50 visiting priests. Bishop Thomas M. O'Leary, bishop of the Springfield Diocese, celebrated the pontifical high Mass. Father Theodore Demers, a native son of St. Cecilia, gave the homily. That same afternoon, Bishop O'Leary confirmed 420 youngsters. The altar was transferred from the chapel, current bingo hall, to the sanctuary of the church. The current Stations of the Cross were also moved from the school chapel.



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The cost is \$50.00 per family for registered parishioners and \$75.00 per family for non-parishioners. If the cost for your child(ren) to attend exceeds your budget please reach out to Paula, scholarships are available. To register, please complete the registration form and drop it off at St. Cecilia Rectory. You may place it in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory, send it via email or postal mail to Paula Doucet ([pd@stceciliachurch.net](mailto:pd@stceciliachurch.net)). “Egypt” is great fun for children of all ages: preschoolers are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult; and even teenagers will have fun by signing on as Egyptian Family Leaders who help the younger children. If you are planning on having your child/children attend, please fill out form & return it by **July 8<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you, the adventure awaits!

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| <b>Child’s First Name:</b>                    | <b>Child’s Last Name:</b>        | <b>___ Male ___ Female</b>  |
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Photo Release:

\_\_\_\_\_ **I grant permission** to St. Cecilia’s Parish to photograph my child during participation at Egypt’s Vacation Bible School, July 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Pictures may appear in the bulletin and on the Parish’s social media sites (Website, Facebook, Twitter etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **I do not grant permission** for my child to be photographed.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# We Still Need Your Help!

PARTNERS IN CHARITY, as you know, is the annual appeal for Charitable, Educational and Pastoral programs sponsored by the Bishop of Worcester.

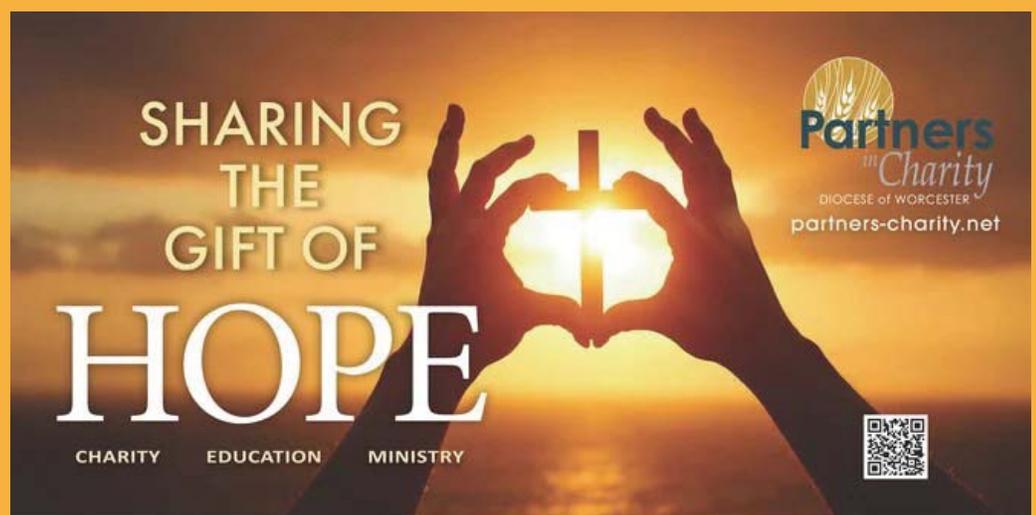
The goal for Saint Cecilia's parish is \$50,000, which was met and exceeded in the last weeks of July last year as we received 137 gifts. As of this week, we have received 93 gifts for the 2025 campaign and are at 49% of our goal. We still need to raise **\$25,345**.

Can you help? I am deeply grateful to those of you who have already contributed, but depend on your kind generosity to get us the rest of the way.

I just doubled my own gift, and invite you to join me in doing whatever you can to help us make the parish goal for Saint Cecilia's. Just drop an envelope in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the rectory made out to **Partners in Charity**.

Thank you!

Monsignor Moroney

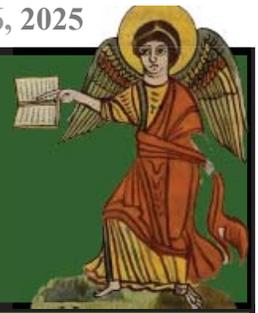




The Family of Wesley James Adams at his Baptism last Sunday



Thanks to all who made Monsignor Moroney's 45<sup>th</sup> such a great celebration!



## THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA

Saturday July 5 Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)

**4:00pm Mass** for Doris Richard (14<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by her husband and family (Church)

Sunday July 6 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**7:00am Mass** for Albert Cristofono (33<sup>rd</sup> anniv.), by the family (Church)

**9:45am Mass** for Rick Raymond, by Rita and family (Church)

**11:15am Mass** for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence William, by Felix and Annette LeBlanc (Church)

6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday July 7 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Jeannette Aubuchon (22<sup>nd</sup> anniv.), by her family (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday July 8 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Lulah Lavery, by Theresa Caron (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday July 9 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Sandra Comeau, by Keven and Michelle Mack, Simard's FH (Chapel)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

**6:00pm Mass** for Father Robert E. Gariepy, by last will (Chapel)

6:30pm Confessions (Church)

7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

7:30pm Introduction to Catholicism for Young Adults (Rectory)

Thursday July 10 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Marie Richard, by Al and Dina Vallee (Chapel)

9:30am Confessions (Church)

3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday July 11 Saint Benedict

**9:00am Mass** for Lien (Theresa) Le, by her family (Chapel)  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)  
 6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open at 4:00pm; Game starts at 6:30pm

Saturday July 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Lulah Lavery, by Theresa Caron (Chapel)  
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday July 12 Vigil

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3:00pm Confessions (Church)  
**4:00pm Mass** for Elizabeth Savoie (20<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by John and Charleen Raymond (Church)

Sunday July 13 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**7:00am Mass** for Andre and Alan Bergeron, by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Provo (Church)  
**9:45am Mass** for Pamela Petricca (7<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by her husband and family (Church)  
**11:15am Mass** for Steven Sonia, by the Serra Club (Church)  
 1:00pm Baptism of Evelyn Delia Tourigny, Jayden Evantus and Miles Michael Francis (Church)  
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)



Saints Scholastica and Benedict,  
 sister and brother



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