



Saint Cecilia Parish



## WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Dear brothers and sisters,

Yesterday, a thirty-one year old father of two children was murdered in cold blood. And today, September 11<sup>th</sup>, is the anniversary of the day that almost 3,000 people were murdered at the Pentagon and in the Twin Towers of lower Manhattan. I was working in D.C. then, and the feelings I had as the smoke rose from the Pentagon are still vivid. I was afraid (If them, who else? Me?). I was angry (Who did it? Who was responsible?) and I wanted vengeance (What can we do to *get back at them?*).

I imagine that many of you have had the same feelings when someone is murdered, whether it be in front of the School Book Depository in Dallas, the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the Sandy Hook Elementary School, or, now, the Amphitheater at Utah Valley University. Murder never makes sense to us, for it happens only with an incursion of the devil's dark hate into the confused heart of a deranged killer.

So what does the Lord Jesus tell us to do in the face of murder? He tells us to pray. To pray for the person who has been killed and for those who loved them the most. He tells us to resist the perpetuation of cycles of hate. He tells us to love our enemies, pray for our persecutors and refuse to look for cheap scapegoats, deepening the divisions into which the devil slipped in to cause the awful act in the first place.

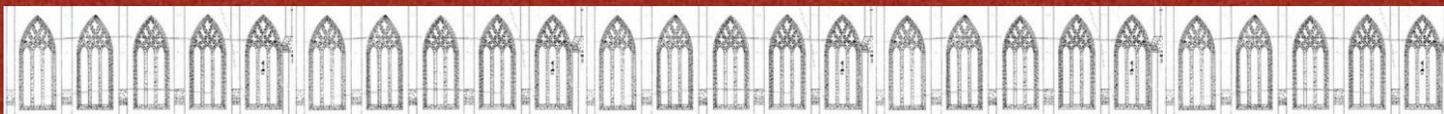
I think of Senator Robert Kennedy who, five years after his brother's assassination in Dallas announced the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King to a stunned crowd of his supporters. Some screamed and wailed in disbelief, as his staff feared for his safety. In his spontaneous remarks he reminded the crowd of Dr. King's efforts to "replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand with compassion and love." He told them he understood their anger and their desire for revenge, but then, for the first time, spoke publicly about his brother's assassination. He quoted the Greek playwright Aeschylus: "Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God."

He continued: "What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence or lawlessness, but is love and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice towards those who still suffer within our country...[and to] dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and to make gentle the life of this world."

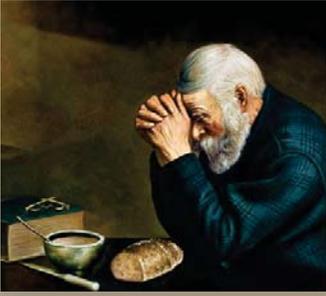
Two months later, Senator Kennedy would be murdered by another deranged assassin. But his words live on.

In the Lord,

Monsignor Moroney



## PRAY WITH US!



**Pray for all who are sick, and especially for:** Rosemarie (Albert) Orr, Mark Rohoc, Lisa Stacy, Steve Augat, Lindsey Booth, Judith Melanson, John Nelson, Claudette Guilmette, Wayne G., Stephanie St. G., Christina Fernet, Claudette Lucas, Klye Eaton, Rita Churri and John LaFortune.

Join us in praying for those who have died recently especially; Theresa P. Rice. 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@stceciachurch.net](mailto:office@stceciachurch.net) and we will add them to our prayer list for the next several weeks.



### Ladies of St. Anne Meeting

Sept. 14, 2025

2:30pm

Upstairs Hall

Please join us, we will be discussing our upcoming meetings and activities for the balance of 2025 and 2026.

There will be refreshments and a small raffle. If your dues are not current, bring your book. All members are encouraged to attend to show their support for our wonderful organization.

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IN SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH  
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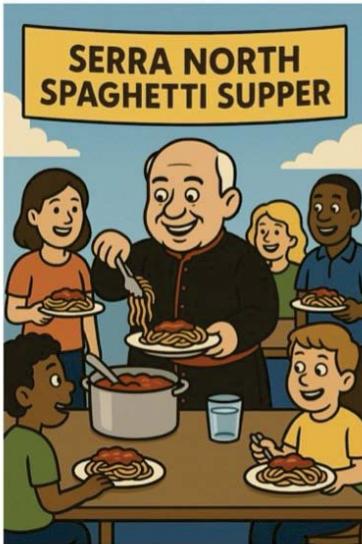
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## Jubilee Pilgrims from Blackstone



Each week we welcome pilgrims from across the Diocese to visit our wonderful Church. Last week we were graced with these wonderful folks from Divine Mercy Parish in Blackstone.

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HEAL

If you or someone you know has been abused by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope, help and healing. We encourage you to contact our Diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Judith Audette: 508-726-2880 ([jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org)), Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609. All reports of child abuse are also reported to law enforcement.

The Catholic Church in the United States recognizes her “obligation to protect children and young people and to prevent sexual abuse flows from the mission and example given to us by Jesus Christ himself, in whose name we serve.” (*USCCB Charter for the Protection of Minors*).

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in Need of Your Help!**  
**They require our help to continue assisting local families  
and individuals in their time of emergency.**



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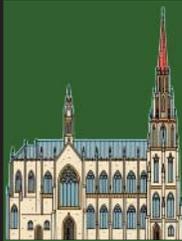
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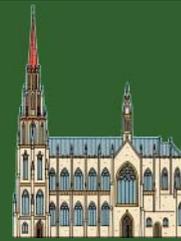
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# THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday      September 13      Vigil      *Breaking Bread, page 218*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)  
**4:00pm Mass** for Deceased members of Dusoe and Smith families, by the family (Church)

Sunday      September 14      The Exaltation of the Holy Cross      *Breaking Bread, page 218*

**7:00am Mass** for Deceased members of Provo and Tessier families, by the family (Church)  
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)  
**9:45am Mass** for Deceased members of the Gaudet family, by the family (Church)  
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education Classes for Grades 2 through 6 (Parish Center)  
**11:15am Mass** for Eric Scott Doucette (27<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by the family (Church)  
 12:15pm Volunteer Bingo Appreciation Banquet (Parish Center)  
 1:00pm Baptism of Miles Thomas McNamara (Church)  
 2:00pm Wedding of Gary Roy and Virna Managbanag (Church)  
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)

Monday      September 15      Our Lady of Sorrows

**9:00am Mass** for Deceased members of the Plourde and Brow families, by last will (Chapel)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Tuesday      September 16      Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

**9:00am Mass** for Denise Pagacik (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by Anne Marie and Jean Noel Bernard (Chapel)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)

Wednesday      September 17      Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Doug Ross (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.), by Carole Watts (Chapel)  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass - Benediction at Noon (Chapel)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)  
**6:00pm Mass** for Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Goguen, by Lena and Carol (Chapel)  
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)  
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday      September 18      Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Romeo Poirier, by Lillian Poirier (Chapel)  
 9:30am Confessions (Church)  
 9:30am Bible Study on The Chosen Series (Parish Center)  
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)  
 6:00pm Bible Study on The Chosen Series (Parish Center)  
 7:00-9:00pm Haitian Prayer Group (Chapel)

Friday September 19 Weekday in Ordinary Time

**9:00am Mass** for Victor Amenta, Jr., by Carol (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 September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gôn and Paul Chông Ha-Sang

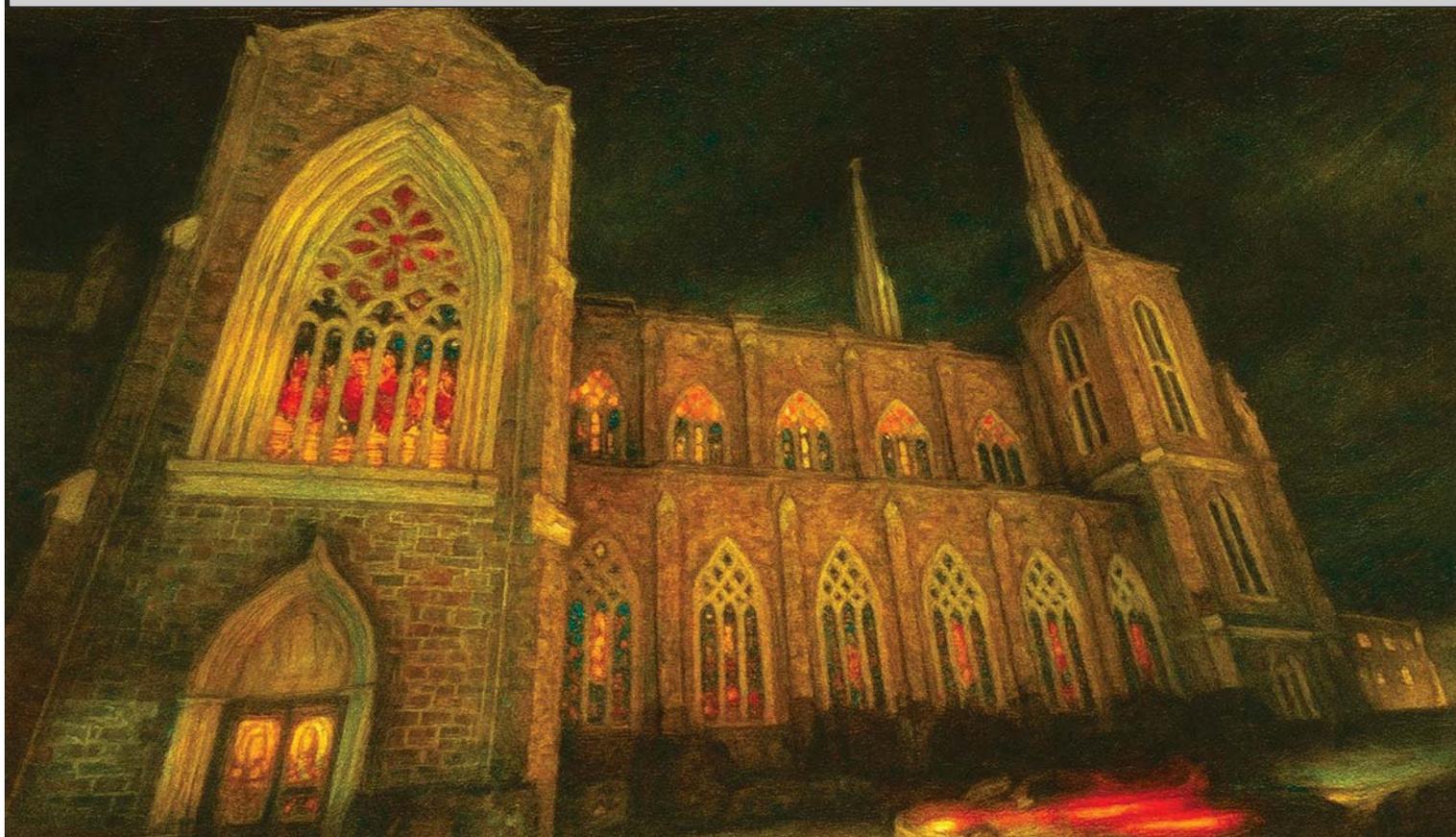
**9:00am Mass** for Perry J. Yun, by the family (Chapel)  
 9:30am Confessions (Church)

Saturday September 20 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 220*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)  
**4:00pm Mass** for Jenny Sante, by John and Charleen Raymond (Church)

Sunday September 21 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Breaking Bread, page 220*

**7:00am Mass** for David Thomas, by a friend (Church)  
 9:30-11:00am OCIA Group Meeting (Rectory)  
**9:45am Mass** for Victor Albert, (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.), by the family (Church)  
 9:45-11:00am Religious Education: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 6 (Parish Center)  
**11:15am Mass** for Robert Marcoux, by Madeleine and Annie (Church)  
 6:00-8:00pm Sunday Night Card Players (Parish Center)





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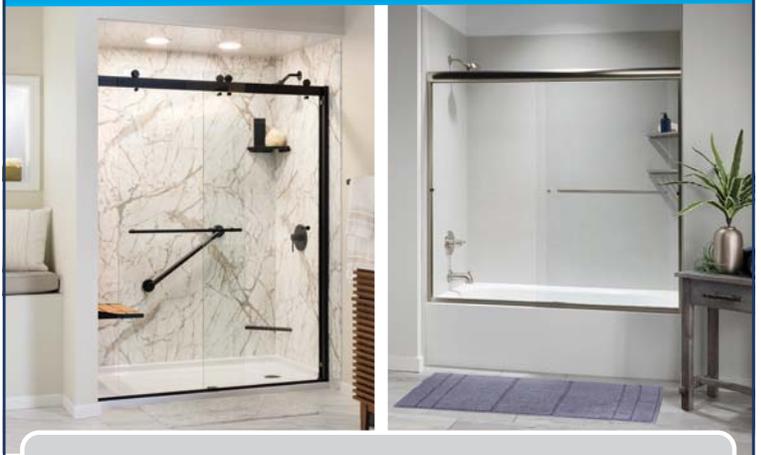
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