



Church of Saint Cecilia

Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 9:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45 pm

www.stceciliaspam.org

September 12/13 and September 19/20, 2026



Season of Creation 2026 September 1 - October 4

Creation Season 2026:

Honoring this Season at St. Cecilia's, each week there will be a prayer for the earth and our role as stewards. Starting Oct 4, we will continue with programming and activities for kids ages 2-90.

Prayer for week of September 13-19

based on a prayer from the Diocese of Toronto
God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth! 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.

Prayer for week of September 20-26

Psalms 65:8
The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

Office Hours

Parish Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm.

Bulletins/Enews

Bulletins are produced every two weeks.

Enewsletter is published weekly.

Submissions: bulletin@stceciliaspam.org.



TAIZÉ PRAYER

September 20, 4:30 pm

A peaceful hour of music, prayer, silence.

Mark your calendar for other upcoming dates:
October 18, November 15, December 13

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Sacrament of Anointing During masses on October 3 and 4

The Sacrament of Anointing of the sick will be offered at our liturgies the weekend of October 3 and 4. This is an opportunity for our community to surround those who are experiencing the burden of illness with our compassionate prayer and support.

CALENDAR

Monday, September 14

6:30 pm Craft Night

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 16

6:00 pm PorchFest

Thursday, September 17

6:30 pm Presentation Series: The Psalms

Saturday/Sunday

September 19-20

Ministry Signup Weekend

Sunday, September 20

4:30 pm Taizé

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 24

6:30 pm Presentation Series: The Psalms

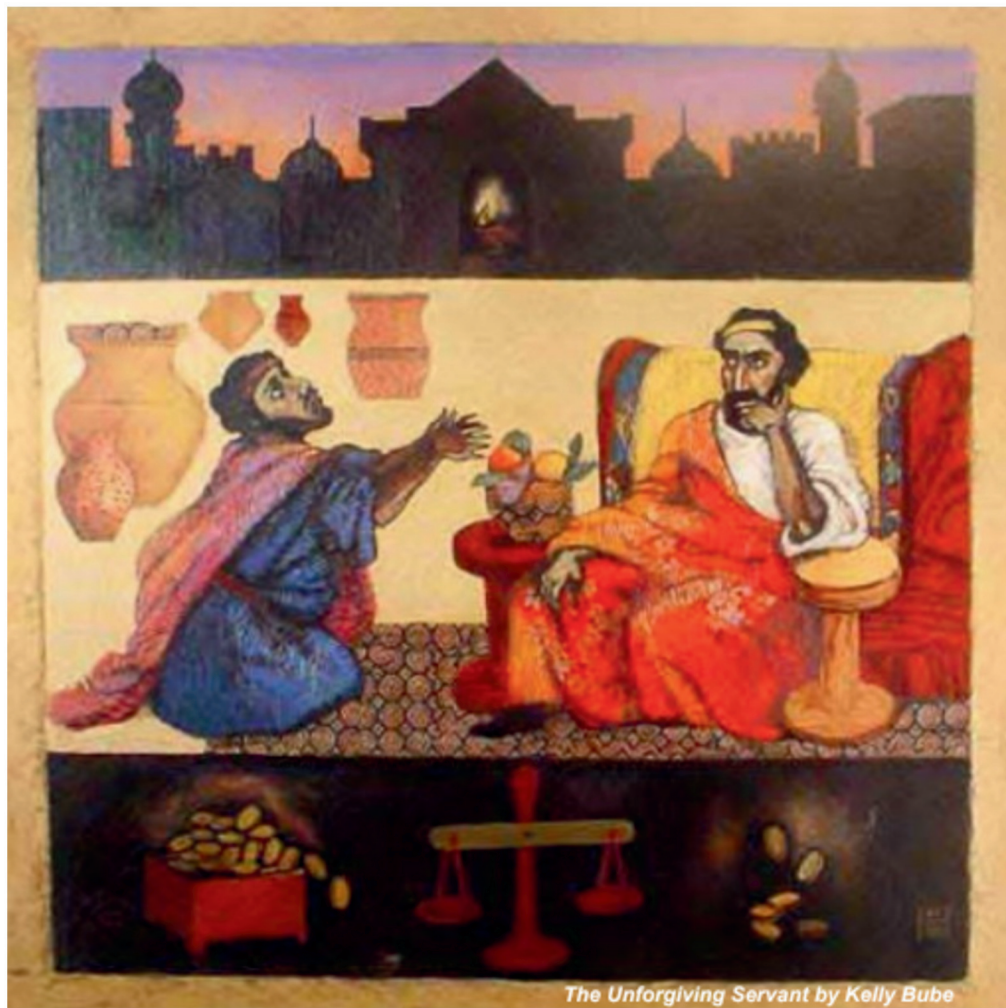
Saturday, September 26

5:30 pm Game Night

Monday, September 28

6:30 pm Craft Night

September 12/13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Unforgiving Servant by Kelly Bube

CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & FAMILY FORMATION

CGS/Liturgy of the Word/1st Eucharist

We will begin Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for PreK-1st grade, Lit of the Word for Children (open to all), and First Eucharist class (typically second graders+) on **Sunday, Oct 11th during 9:30am Mass**, and then on 2nd and 4th Sundays through the end of the year.

We are holding a **parent/child Introductory Retreat for second graders** (or older students who would like to receive First Eucharist) **Saturday, September 19th, 9 am to 12 pm**. St. Cecilia's staff will reach out to registered eligible families.

Confirmation

We will have Confirmation this year for students in 8th & 9th grade as well as for those who are older but who have not received yet. Confirmation will meet **two Wednesdays a month from 5:30-7:30pm**, starting with our first Whole Community Wednesday on October 7.

New This Year! Peer Ministry

Peer Ministry is a leadership opportunity for post-Confirmation students to work with the Confirmation catechist and help guide Confirmation candidates.

The commitment is approximately **four meetings per month**: two Peer Ministry preparation meetings and two Confirmation class sessions. Details and schedule on the Youth Faith Formation page of our website, www.stceciliaspmp.org/youth-faith-formation

Registration

Register on the Youth Faith Formation page of our website, www.stceciliaspmp.org/youth-faith-formation. Cost: \$85 per family + \$45 sacramental preparation fee for anyone in First Eucharist or Confirmation. No family will be turned away due to finances.

Deadline: September 15.

Questions?

Email Colleen, colleen@stceciliaspmp.org.

READINGS

Sirach 27:30-28:7. *Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Remember your last days and set enmity aside.*

Psalms 103. *The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to answer, and rich in compassion.*

Romans 14: 7-8. *None of us lives as our own master. Both in life and in death we are the Lord's.*

Matthew 18: 21-35. *We are to forgive brother and sister seventy times seven. We are not forgiven unless we forgive from the heart.*

The Church of St. Cecilia
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OKTOBERFEST

DINNER & FUN
Brats/veggie brats, beans, corn, chips, fixings, provided by our very own Adam Sieve! Beer/wine/drinks. Good will offering. Cash bingo. Games/activities for the kids!

VOLUNTEER
We need cleaners, bingo sellers, beer/drink servers, game doers, and bingo callers! Sign-up on website.

OKTOBERFEST BAKE-OFF
Show off your best baked good or dessert. Awards for top desserts! Register to enter by October 3 via website.

WWW.STCECILIASPM.ORG/OKTOBERFEST

**OCTOBER 10, 2026
5:30-9:00PM**

\$5/kid, \$10/adult, \$25/family

FOOD • DRINK • BINGO

Join us for Oktoberfest!
Saturday October 10, 5:30 to 9:00pm
\$5/kid, \$10/adult, \$25/family
RSVP, Links and more:
www.stceciliaspmp.org/oktoberfest

Volunteers Needed

We need cleaners, bingo sellers and callers, drink servers, game doers! Sign up: www.stceciliaspmp.org/oktoberfest.

Help with Publicity

Join a team of four in promoting this fantastic event across the neighborhood. Link to SignUp on the website.

Bring your families, friends and neighbors to a wonderful community event at the best little church around!

September 19/20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parable of the vineyard workers

Byzantine Gospel of the 11th century

READINGS

Isaiah 55: 6-9. *Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so are my ways and thoughts above yours.*

Psalms 145. *The Lord is near to all who call on him.*

Philippians 1: 20-24, 27. *Christ will be exalted through me, whether I live or die. I long to be freed of this life and to be with Christ, yet it is more urgent that I remain alive for your sake.*

Matthew 20: 1-16. *The parable of the owner of the vineyard who hires workers at different hours of the day. He pays the last the same as those who labored all day. Are you envious because I am generous? The last shall be first.*

Porchfest: September 16, 6 pm

St. Cecilia's is once again offering our front yard as a venue for **The Grainbelters** for 2026 St. Anthony Park Porchfest. Beautiful neighborhood, great people, and free music in community!

FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

Presentation Series: The Psalms

Thursdays thru Oct 15, 6:30pm

Join us for six presentations on the Psalms by Fr. Mike Joncas. Upcoming:

- September 17 at St. Cecilia
- September 24 at St. Albert
- October 1 at St. Francis Cabrini
- October 8 at St. Cecilia
- October 15 at St. Albert

Called and Gifted: Ministry Signup Weekend September 19 & 20

Each person has gifts and talents to contribute. Our hope is that throughout the next year people will get to know each other a little better and together we will come to a deeper understanding of who we are and what we hope to be.

Ministry Descriptions and Signup Form on the Adult Formation page of our website, www.stceciliaspam.org/adult-formation. Paper copies are also available in The Link.

Whole Community Wednesdays

Wednesday, October 7, 5:30 pm meal

Our first WCW will be held October 7, starting with a community meal at 5:30 pm. The topic for the evening will be Called and Gifted, an opportunity to reflect on our giftedness and how we can share our gifts within this community and the world. All ages and stages welcome!

This year, we are hoping for **five volunteer hosts** to help with meal pick-up and service and then 4 to help with clean-up.

Register/volunteer via link in weekly newsletter and on the Parish Calendar.

Story and Faith: The Bible's Beginnings Sunday October 4, 11, 18 after Mass

The first stories in the Bible are well-known, and yet their dramatic and surprising meanings are often overlooked. In three weekly sessions, Dr. David Penchansky will interpret these texts.

Kids Creation Series

Sunday October 4, 11, and 18
(during Story and Faith presentation)
October 4

St. Francis had such a joy in God's creation that he danced and sang, and talked with all manner of creature! We will sing with Betsy and Mike the wonderful song, "The Cantic of the Sun" and then make a mural.

October 11

Start a nature journal and you will be noticing more and more about the world around us! Come get a journal to get started drawing or writing today.

October 18

Draw a background and add realistic animal stickers. Or just make a poster of your favorite animals to take home.

Volunteers Needed!

Teens and adults are invited to help with the October Kids Creation Series. Email Anne Neuberger, anneneuberger@gmail.com

Have a plan for the ones you leave behind.

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