



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 2, 2007

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Mass Schedule:	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (Mon. Wed. Fri.)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Thur.)
Confessions:	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas. It is also an amazing time, a season where amazing generosity takes place and Goodwill to all. As Christ is for all, we too seem to feel we all belong to each other; which is what community is, in comparison to individualism or egocentrism.

Advent is the beginning of a three-cycle season, each celebrating a distinctive event.

- Advent ... Preparation John the Baptist
- Christmas ... Incarnation Christ
- Epiphany ... Gospel, universal message for the world
Pope's *Urbi et Orbi*

The season also, when entered into, reminded us of our Journey of Birth – Life – Resurrection.

Enjoy the Season.

Mass Intentions: Week of December 2, 2007

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	.....	Rose Talbot
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	.....	Bob Farley
Monday	8 a.m.	.....	Virginia Prendergast
Wednesday	8 a.m.	.....	John Lawson
Thursday	8 a.m.	.....	Lori Hughes
Friday	8 a.m.	.....	Chris De La Torre
Saturday	10 a.m.	.....	Teresa De La Torre



From the Pew

A big Thank You to all who have decorated the church, St. Cecilia's and St. Mary's, for the Christmas season, especially Rob & Laura Hoge, Mike Stephens, Spike & Kathy Drady. I don't know if this is the first time these churches have exteriorly been lit up, but they sure look beautiful this Christmas.

An anonymous donor is granting a matching donation of up to \$12,500 to St. Cecilia parish. This donation is specific to be used for the repayment of the debt the parish incurred when the church was remodeled. Though this is a busy financial time of the year, nevertheless we cannot ignore this opportunity to alleviate our debt to the diocese. We have three more years to pay off our debts. Matching this donation helps us enormously. We have until the end of the year.

The Giving Tree is now ready for any parishioners who want to share a gift for needy families. Envelopes are next to the tree. Place your donations in the envelope. All offerings will be given to toys and joys in the Valley.

The Parish's Christmas Party is two weeks away. Last year's gathering is remembered fondly. So, mark your calendar. Friday, December 14th, 6PM at St. Cecilia's Hall.

Two new books have been added to the library. "*The Church's Amazing Story*" by the Daughters of St. Paul; "*The Prodigal Son*" by Henry Nouwen.

The Feast Day of Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, Saturday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass will be at 10AM at St. Cecilia's.

Next week's second collection is for Religious Retirement.

"Get Ready Marin" is designed to raise household preparedness level. At our local fire stations there are classes scheduled on December 7th and 14th in Woodacre. Training for prospective disaster volunteers is scheduled in Nicasio for the weekends of January 12th and 13th.

Congratulations to Brendan and Dawn Miller, married at St. Mary's Church last Saturday.

8th grade students who are interested in applying to Marin Catholic, the filing date is December 14th. If you are interested or have questions, please call 464-3810.

<u>Last week's collections:</u>	St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	.....	\$1,830.00
	St. Mary's, Nicasio	.....	\$ 259.00
	Total:	.....	<u>\$2,089.00</u>



"Wealth comes from counting the blessings one cannot buy."