



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas

✠ **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 5, 2010



st. mary church  
nicasio

**Mission Statement of St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's**

To be Nurtured by Christ's Word, Supported by a Faith Loving Community, and to Serve the Needs of Others as Called to Minister.

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

Gospel: Matthew 3 : 1 – 12

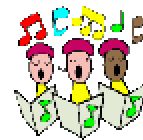
Matthew begins the preparation for Christmas with the lonely voice of John the Baptist exhorting us to prepare a way for the Lord. What he is asking us to do is to open our minds and hearts to the Lord so that He can enter into our lives.



**Mass Intentions:** Week of December 5, 2010

- Sun. 9:30 a.m. ... Annie Kim
- Sun. 11:15 a.m. ... James Tongol
- Mon. 8 a.m. ... John King
- Tue. 8 a.m. ... Lena Morlyk
- Wed. 8 a.m. \*(SM) ... John Lawson
- Sat. 10 a.m. ... Michael McCarty

\*\* This week, no daily Mass on Thur. & Fri.



From the Pew:

Feast of the **Immaculate Conception**, Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St. Mary's at 8 a.m. No daily Mass on Thur. & Fri this week.

Parish **Tour of Shrine of St. Francis**, SF. this Thur., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Tour starts at 2.

**Padre Pio** Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month, 10 a.m. at St. Cecilia's.

This week, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Retirement for Religious.

Next week, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Campaign for Human Development.

**St. Mary's Christmas Concert** Fund Raiser, Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m. at the church. Featuring performances by Sal Valentino, Mike Duke, Janet Hopkin, Greg Lee, Antonia Van Becker, Vajra Voices, the Ornaments and more. A cocktail reception followed at Druid's Hall. Adults \$50, children under 12 \$10. Additional donations are greatly appreciated. For tickets, call Drady's at 662-2057 or e-mail: kadrady@aol.com.

Advent Talk: **Third Presentation on the Mass**. Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m. at the parish hall.

Support **Toys & Joys**, to fulfill the Christmas wishes of local children in need. Make donations of cash or check (payable to "Valley Toys and Joys"). The Jesse Tree will be at both churches. Just put your donation into one of the envelopes provided and hang it on the tree.

St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's will be **cooking & serving meals for homeless women** at Christ Lutheran Church in Fairfax. Dates are Wednesdays: Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>. If you can help on one of these dates, contact Cia Donahue, phone: 488-0337, e-mail: cpdonahue@comcast.net.

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Indomitable Faith (Part-I) 1862: No one walking around Chicago would find much to signify that Father Augustus Tolton, widely regarded as the first African-American priest to minister in the United States, served there. The church where he began ministering to black people - St. Augustine's Church, a sort of parish within a parish - is gone. The church that he started to build for black Catholic parishioners, St. Monica, was never finished, and the building was torn down long ago. "Father Gus" escaped from slavery in 1862 with his mother, sister and brother by crossing the Mississippi River in a rowboat in the middle of the night. His father, Peter fought for the Union in the Civil War, and the family never saw him again.

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Last Week's Collection:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	.... \$	584.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	.... \$	388.00
<b>Total:</b>	.... \$	<b>972.00</b>



"The Measure of Love is to Love Without Measure." ... Cardinal Di Nardo, Houston