



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2011

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.

+ St. Joseph Church, Magdalena, Colombia (sister parish) +



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Mass	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.

Mark 13: 33-37

Today we begin Mark's Gospel for Liturgical Year B. Who was Mark? He was the son of a well-to-do family in Jerusalem. He was a teenager when he began to follow Christ in his travels, and was in the Garden of Gethsemane when Christ was arrested. Mark was the nephew of Barnabas and traveled with him and Paul on their missionary journeys. He was with Paul in prison in Rome awaiting Paul's martyrdom and Peter's martyrdom. Tradition has it he founded the church in Alexandria, Egypt, also associated with Venice, Italy. His family home in Jerusalem was used as a Christian meeting place where Mark must have listened to amazing stories of the early church's evolution.



Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service last Sunday at SGVCC



Presentation by St. Cecilia's/St. Mary's



Mass Intentions: Week of November 27, 2011

- Sunday 9:30 a.m. ... Peter Forstner
- Sunday 11:15 a.m. ... Bob Farley
- Monday 8:00 a.m. ... All the DeRuttes

No Mass Wed., Thur. this week.
Friday Mass at Oakland Cathedral.

From the Pew

Car-pool to **Oakland Cathedral** this Friday, Dec 2nd, leaving St. Cecilia's at 9 a.m.

All parishioners are expected to make time for the **Christmas Party**, Friday, December 9th; 6 p.m. at the parish hall. Bring your Christmas smile.

Sunday, December 11th, **St. Mary's Christmas Concert**, 2:00 p.m. at the church. Christmas carols and music. Eight different entertainers. Wine and hors d'oeuvres after the concert. A great way to bring in Christmas. For Reservation and info, e-mail kadrady@aol.com or call the Kathy & Spike Drady at 662-2057.

Thursday, December 8th, Feast of **Immaculate Conception** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass 7:15 p.m. at St. Cecilia's. **8-Hour Adoration**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We welcome **Elliot DeMelo** to our Faith family. He was baptized at St. Mary's last Sunday.

Homeless Women Meals.

St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's are committed to bringing meals on the last Wednesday of each month through March. If you would like to help, contact Cia Donahue, 488-0337.

Food Drive for the Food Bank.

Bring non-perishable or canned food to the church during the winter seasons.

Sock Drive. St. Mary's children are collecting winter socks for the needy.

Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 513.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 452.00
Total:	\$ 965.00

Upcoming Parish Events:

- ★ Dec. 2 ... Oakland Cathedral
- ★ Dec. 8 ... 8 Hrs. Adoration
- ★ Dec. 9 ... Christmas Party
- ★ Dec. 11 ... Christmas Concert
- ★ Dec. 15 ... Series on Mass (4th talk)
- ★ Dec. 25 ... CHRISTMAS

Parish Comment:

Separation of Church and State has always worked well. Now the present administration is attempting to intrude into church laws. Example, Federal Law makes discrimination a crime. The Church Law does not allow women to be priests. In the eyes of the Government, this could be seen as discrimination; therefore no Federal funds in the future might be given to the Catholic Church for charitable services unless women are equal to men and allowed to be Catholic priests. This also includes area such as employment, schools, hospitals, marriage, adoptions, etc. where discrimination becomes a part of Federal Laws, but church law differs. New tensions between Bishops and the White House.



7 Deadly Social Sins

Politics	without	Principle
Wealth	without	Work
Commerce	without	Morality
Pleasure	without	Conscience
Education	without	Character
Science	without	Humanity
Worship	without	Sacrifice
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