



† **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
December 4, 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) +

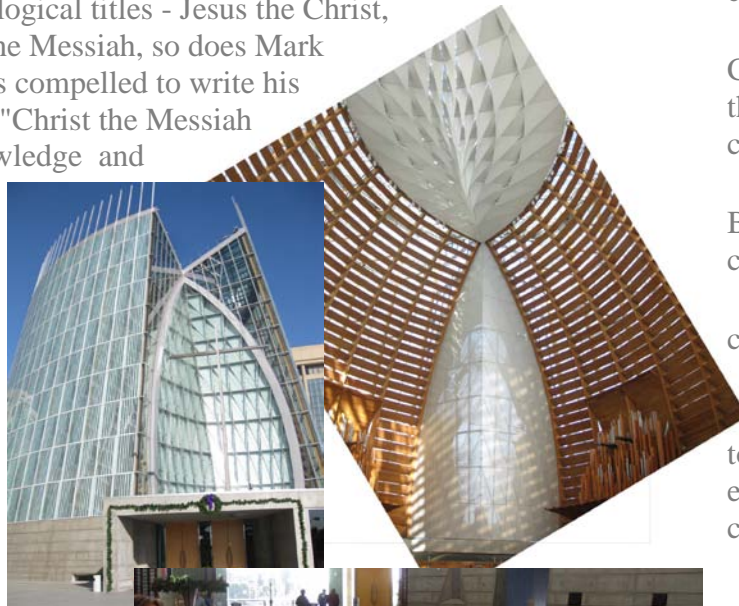


Mass	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (Mon. Wed. Fri.)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Thur.)
Confessions	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.



Mark 1: 1-8

Mark begins his Gospel with two christological titles - Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. As John the Baptist announces the Messiah, so does Mark announce the coming of the Redeemer. Mark was compelled to write his Gospel to inform his community on two themes. "Christ the Messiah and He rose from the dead". If his readers acknowledge and accept this, Mark's work is complete, as was John the Baptist's life's work.



Visit to Oakland's Cathedral of Christ the Light
Friday, December 2nd

Mass Intentions: Week of December 4, 2011

- Sunday 9:30 a.m. ... Peter O'Connor
- Sunday 11:15 a.m. ... All the DeRuttess
- Monday 8:00 a.m. ... Seat of Divine Wisdom
- Thursday 8:00 a.m. ... George & Ginny Kerbs
- Friday 8:00 a.m. ... Seat of Divine Wisdom
- * Saturday 10:00 a.m. ... Walt Wiltanger

* Padre Pio Mass Saturday. No Mass Wednesday

From the Pew

Feast of Immaculate Conception, Thursday, December 8th, 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.

Christmas Party, Friday, December 9th; at the Parish Hall. 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 7:45 p.m. entertainment. Christmas Party is a parish event. Don't disappoint parishioners by staying home.

St. Mary's Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 11th, 2p.m. at the church. This is an annual fund raiser for St. Mary's. Bring a friend. Welcoming in the Christmas Season. RSVP e-mail kadrady@aol.com or call the Kathy & Spike Drady at 662-2057.

Jesse Tree in the sanctuary at St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's. Donations to benefit the Valley's Toys & Joys Program. Make checks payable to Valley's Toys & Joys.

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.

Homeless Women Meals. St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's are committed to bringing meals on the last Wednesday of each month through March. Sign up to help, contact Cia Donahue, 488-0337.

Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas....	\$ 793.11
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 385.00
Total:	<u>\$1,178.11</u>



"Notice: There will be no ministries offered at this church, at anytime, to anyone, seated on a horse." Downieville, California 1849

Upcoming Parish Events:

- ★ Dec. 8 ... 8 Hrs. Adoration
- ★ Dec. 9 ... Christmas Party
- ★ Dec. 11 ... St. Mary Christmas Concert
- ★ Dec. 15 ... Series on Mass (4th talk)
- ★ Dec. 24 ... Christmas Eve, Mass 5:30p
- ★ Dec. 25 ... CHRISTMAS, Mass 9:30a



Universal Church

After 10 years of U.S. presence in Afghanistan and \$440 billion, there is not a single public Christian church in Afghanistan, according to the U.S. State Department. What chance is there for religious freedom once the U.S. leaves. The last public church was razed, March 2010.

Vatican Trivia

Was there ever a Pope bed-ridden? Pope Clement XII, 1730-1740, was blind-ed. He spent much of his ten years in bed. He was also unlucky with a severe case of Gout, disabling him.

1st Round grading of Introduction to New Translation:



St. Mary's 7 out of 10
St. Cecilia's 2 out of 10