



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

† THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 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) +



st. mary church
nicasio



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.

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist is a cousin to Jesus Christ because Elizabeth his mother is called a kinswoman, Luke 1:36. He is born six months prior to Jesus' birth. He is considered the last of the Old Testament prophets and one of the most charismatic figures within scripture. He was beholder to God's work from birth and lived most of his life in the wilderness in Southern Judea near the Jordan River. He was executed by Herod in the Machaerus Fortress near the Dead Sea. Many of his followers became disciples of Jesus Christ including Andrew and John the Apostles.



Mass Intentions: Week of December 11, 2011

Sunday 9:30 a.m.	...	George & Ginny Kerbs Intention
Sunday 11:15 a.m.	...	
Monday 8:00 a.m.	...	Seat of Divine Wisdom
Monday 5:00 p.m.	...	Friends of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, SF
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	...	Peace in Middle East
Friday 8:00 a.m.	...	

** No Mass Wednesday this week.



St. Cecilia's Christmas Valley expanding each year. Thanks to the creativity of Father & Art. This year, great help from Rob.

From the Pew

St. Mary's Christmas Concert, today 2 p.m. at the church. Refreshment and Hors d'oeuvres at the Druid's Hall after the concert.

Monday, December 12th, 5 p.m. Mass at the Lafranchi Ranch, to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patron Saint of Americas.

Thursday, December 15th, 7:15 p.m. **Fourth Presentation on the Mass**, at the Parish Hall.

Second Collection this week is for the Archdiocese's **Retirement for Religious**.

Thanks to Rob Hoge and Aidan O'Sullivan for setting up **Christmas lights** on the church. We are looking good.

Everyone had a good time at the Oakland Cathedral Tour. Joyce forgot to get up, Kitty behaved herself and Carol would only have Guido drive her to Oakland. Without questions, Catholicism builds great houses of worship.

Jesse Tree. Donations to benefit the Valley Toys & Joys which fulfills Holiday Wishes for children in the San Geronimo & Nicasio Valleys. Make check payable to Valley Toys & Joys.

Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas....	\$	926.10
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$	381.00
Total:	\$	1,307.10



"In order to change, we must be sick and tired of being sick and tired.

Upcoming Parish Events:

- ✦ 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



Shoe Drive for the Homeless

A shoe collection bin is placed at St. Cecilia's. Donate any old shoes, in good condition. Goal: 200 pair of shoes. Drive from December 11th to January 10th. Donations will be given to Bay Area Rescue Mission, Richmond, CA. This project is organized by Molly Rebscher, a senior at Sir Francis Drake High School. Her team is working on a population activism project, focus on homelessness.

Single Parents: Parishes have programs for young adults, widows - widowers, teen groups but few both at the diocesan and parish level have single parents. 13.7 million single parents in the United States. 21.8 million children raised by single parents. 40% of single parents is daunting and they will look to their parishes in the future for more support.

Which member of our parish community was a circus performer, a trapeze, in youthful days?

