



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

† FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 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.



Luke 1: 26 - 38

When King David conquered Jerusalem, he made Jerusalem the political capital of Israel, which still is to this day. He then decided to also make it the religious capital by building a temple to Yahweh. David thought he was building a dynasty, but in the end it was Yahweh who was building a dynasty for David. It was out of the line of David will come the Messiah. This gospel reflects this promise and hope of Israel.



★ St. Mary's Christmas Concert, 12/13/2011 ★



Mass Intentions: Week of December 18, 2011

Sunday 9:30 a.m.	...	Timothy O'Sullivan
Sunday 11:15 a.m.	...	Nuala McKinley
Monday 8:00 a.m.	...	
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	...	Seat of Divine Wisdom
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	...	
Friday 8:00 a.m.	...	John Ellen Corthud
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	...	Christmas Intentions

From the Pew

St. Mary's Christmas Concert last Sunday brought in \$3,500. Thanks to Antonia Van Becker, the event organizer, with Spike & Kathy Drady, James Bitter, and all the musicians who donated their time. Special thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers who made this a festive and successful event, and to all who came and support this fund raiser. Thank you!

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.

Meals for Homeless Women, Wednesday, December 28th. St. Cecilia's/St. Mary's are committed to serve the meals the last Wednesday each month (til March). To sign up to help, contact Cia 488-0337.

Food Drive for the Food Bank for non-perishable food. **Sock Drive** at St. Mary's collecting winter socks.

Universal Church: Assisi. Speaking to 300 representatives of the world's major religions, Pope Benedict XVI stated it is with shame and regret that faith has been complicit in acts of violence. Religion as a cause of violence is disturbing and religious terrorism is profoundly disturbing to religious minds. The denial of God robs man of his core, corrupts him and lends him to violence.

Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas....	\$	641.60
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$	466.00
Total:	\$	1,107.60



"Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail."

★ Christmas Mass Schedule:

- ★ Dec. 24 ... **Christmas Eve**
Mass 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's
- ★ Dec. 25 ... **CHRISTMAS**
Mass 9:30 a.m. St. Cecilia's

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.

Europe now has the highest number of international migrants but the United States as a nation has the most immigrants. 38.5 million people born in a foreign country. How true it is the U.S. remains an immigrant nation.

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



Cia Donahue