† SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2012

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.

Luke 2: 16 - 21

Mary began her family life under severe + Year of Evangelization; circumstances, threat to her son's life and forced to immigrate. Some might say not fair by God the Father that His Son's life began under cruel + circumstances and the end of his life even more cruelty again. Some people more than others have + a right to complain how life has treated them, no

luck, tragedies, etc. But Mary never once complained. Her trust always was in God's Providence.

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Week of January 1, 2012 Mass Intentions:

Sun. 9:30 a.m. ... Jackie Kerbs

Sun. 11:15 a.m. ... Annie Napier & Family

Mon. 8 a.m. ... Helen Piscevich (Birthday)

... Zavier Payan Fri. 8 a.m.

** No Mass on Wed. & Thur. this week.

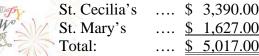
2011 - THE YEAR THAT WAS

- Celebrating the forming of our Sister Parish, St. Joseph's, Magdalena, Colombia;
- Plaque in appreciation for all who contributed to the Restoration & Remodel of St. Cecilia's, 98-99
- Congrats to Cia Donahue, recipient of the 2011 Edie Robinson Community Service Award;
- Spike on his 71st birthday says, "I don't know whether I should be happy or I should mourn."
- Death Valley Trip in February. Grace: "I've lived a long life but I've never been photographed as much as on the DVD."
- Aidan O'Sullivan is willing to teach Irish dancing if → anyone can keep up with his steps and movements.
- Kathleen Mullen, Death Valley Trip, "Lord! We are not staying in this dump, are we, Fr. O'?" "We are, Kathleen. Register."
- Melissa to Omar, her husband: "Omar, I have astonishing news. I'm pregnant again." Omar stonewalls, finding difficulty to gather himself. Melissa says "April Fool Day!"
- Ray Laing to Omar, "Two (kids) is not enough, but three is too much."
- → Rob Hoge as Saint Francis, introduction of our Catholic tradition to the Interfaith Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year; cont. ⇒

- Welcome & thank Bishop Justice, Fr. Richard, Fr. Rosevear, O.P. and Fr. Glogowski for celebrating Masses with us; a reception for Fr. John celebrating his retirement this year;
- → Fiona O'Sullivan, named the top women's player in Ireland by the Football Association of Ireland;
- Kitty Forstner, completed the Half Marathon for the cause of Leukemia Research:
- Bonnie de Rutte, the only person at Monday morning Mass, says "I hope I know what to do."
- Pat Donahue, parish retreat at beautiful Dominican sisters residence in Bolinas, "Why was I not born a Dominican?"
- Ryan, late one hour to Mass, forgetting time change, comforted by Ian, his fellow altar server, "That's okay, I knew someone would make that mistake."
- Congratulations to Bishop Tom Daly, our former pastor, first Auxiliary Bishop of San Jose
- → A phone call to the rectory, "This is Fr. O', may I speak to James? ... (pause) ... Oh sorry! This is ★ James, may I speak to Fr. O'?"
- St. Anthony answers Aidan's call when Aidan loses his cell phone somewhere in the dusty attic of the rectory;
- → Guido, a long-time 49er fan, dodges all the sport conversations when he misses a game until he catches up the result on tape;
- Ryan, "I wish they'd pay me to go to school. Then I'd be rich."
- Sophia Grace Silva Baptism, 4th generation Farleys at St. Mary's;
- Mary Lafranchi to Fr. O', after Fr. O's joke, "You are in trouble. You just lost your Christmas present."
- → Ellen Hall's parents, "We love you and we won't give you up, but don't make it hard!"
- → Tom & Patti Egan initiates the Vocation Cross Family Prayer Project at St. Mary's
- → Adapting to the new Roman Missal translations are getting better each Sunday;
- → FaFa & Savannah going to college;
- → SC Architect of the Year Joyce Vagasy;

- Property inspection by the Archdiocese considers St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's in very good shape. Parish will be making necessary repairs and maintenance according to the priority of works outlined;
- Safety Committee established, both parishes
- St. Mary's Children Choir's delivers an adorable performance at the Christmas concert;
- First time hosting the Marin Priests Dinner. Serving Filet Mignon to our guests but we were not prepared when a special request came in for a cheese burger;
- Fife's wrote to Santa, "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth."
- Extension of outdoor lights and Christmas village at St. Cecilia's celebrates the joy of the Season;
- "Silent Night", sung in German, English and Chinese by George Gregory at St. Mary's Christmas Eve Mass;
- Parish improvement this year: tree trimming, hall ceiling, kitchen and rectory facility repair and maintenance at St. Cecilia's; hand rails replacement, kneeler repair, walkway re-pavement at St. Mary's;
- Parish Trips: Death Valley, Retreat Dominican House, Bolinas; St. Dominic's SF, Yosemite, Wine Train, Oakland Cathedral;
- THANK YOU to all who organized, volunteered, and supported the fund raising events of the year: Golf Tournament, Palm Sunday Brunch, McNeil Vineyard Luncheon, Rummage Sale, Christmas Concert;
- Congratulations to Fr. O', appointed Dean by Archbishop George Niederauer.

Christmas' Collections:





The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul. " ... gkc