



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

† SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 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) +



st. mary church
nicasio

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

Mark 1: 40 - 45

The healing of a leper is a life death situation so this is more than having to live with an illness, this disease takes your life. This miracle then is giving life back to the leper. People were terrified of leprosy for fear of contagion, yet Jesus was not. He touched the leper which no other human beings would do. Whatever our illnesses may be, Jesus reaches out to us as to the the leper.



Mass Intentions: Week of February 12, 2012

- Sunday 9:30 a.m. ... Pamela Lomlie
- Sunday 11:15 a.m. ... Will Lafranchi (10th Anniversary)
- Monday 8 a.m. ... Padre Pio Group
- Friday 8 a.m. ... Walter & Sophie Wiltanger

** No Mass this Wednesday.

From the Pew



St. Mary's Annual Parish Meeting, today February 12th, 12:30 p.m. at Grace Farley's. If you want to have a voice regarding decisions to be made for St. Mary's community, come to the meeting.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

See attached **Archbishop George Niederauer's** letter written earlier this week regarding to the recent ruling from U.S Department of Health & Human Services,

Ken Massucco, Marin County Fire Chief, is retiring after 37-year career in the fire service. Check out February 2nd article in Marin IJ. Congratulations! Ken.

Parish Trip to **Trappist monastery**, Vina, 3/14 - 3/16. Interested, let Fr. O' know.

Forward in Faith, the faith formation program started in January by the Archdiocese of San Francisco has 1,400 enrolled throughout the diocese. The courses, presented in collaboration with Boston College, is designed to deepen the knowledge of our Catholic faith. St. Cecilia & St. Mary's have a number of parishioners attending the course.

Universal Church

American Bishops making their 5 years visit to Pope Benedict XVI were told to stand up for the great moral issues of our time. Respect for life, Promotion of Human Rights and the Protection of Human Dignity.

Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 662.25
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 550.36
Total:	\$ <u>1,212.61</u>



"To be a good man is to be great at anything he does."

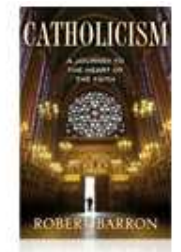
Upcoming Parish Events

- ★ Sun. 2/12 ... St. Mary's Annual Meeting, 12:30
- ★ Sun. 2/26 ... St. Cecilia/St. Mary TOWN HALL MEETING @11am
- ★ Wed. 2/22 ... Ash Wed. Soup Mass @6pm
Note: Time changed. Prev. sched. @7
- ★ Sat. 3/10 ... St. Patrick's Party
- ★ 3/14 - 16 ... Trip to Vina Monastery
- ★ Thur. 3/22 ... 24-Hour Adoration
- ★ Sat. 3/24 ... Parish Retreat
- ★ Sun. 3/25 ... Marin Hunger Walk with St. Mary Catechism Class
- ★ Thu. 3/29 ... Lenten Presentation

Have you ever wondered what lies on the desk of Pope Benedict XVI when he meets visitors: 2-foot-tall black wooden Crucifix, small white Bible, golden clock, note pad, pen holder, wooden box to hold letters.



Parish Book of the Year





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February 9, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services promulgated a new and radical interpretation of religious freedom last week when it announced new regulations regarding health insurance coverage of reproductive services which will be mandatory for employers in the United States.

For the first time in federal law, the government has determined that religious institutions such as Catholic hospitals, Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services are not truly religious employers because they do not have as their primary purpose "the inculcation of religious values" and do not primarily limit their services to those of their own faith.

In other words, the religious activities of our Catholic hospitals, our social services to the poor, and our outreach to the hurting and the marginalized in our society are not truly religious activities protected by the first amendment because they enshrine the Catholic belief -- shared by virtually every religious community in the United States -- that religious communities are called to reach out to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and heal the sick precisely as a religious activity.

The implications of this insidious new legal and policy principle, if allowed to stand, are chilling. Once it is accepted that religious institutions that serve the poor, the sick and the elderly do not enjoy the full protections of religious liberty, future administrations could compel religious hospitals and service organization to pay for insurance and other policies that mandate abortion or euthanasia. In addition, such a principle would likely create crises of conscience for religious institutions of virtually every faith, so that over time they would be forced out of the mainstream of the social fabric.

We cannot - we will not - accept this unjust redrafting of the principle of religious liberty which our Founders so rightly saw as an inalienable gift of God. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. And faith based service to those in need in our society cannot be classified as non-religious by our national government. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of many other faiths as well as others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Indeed, many journalists across the political spectrum, both supporters and opponents of the present administration, have called for a reversal of this policy.

Therefore, I ask for your help. Please email or write the White House and your representative in congress to call for a reversal of this new regulation. The addresses are listed on the attached sheet. Finally, please join me in prayer for our Church and for the wider religious community engaged in this struggle.

May God bless you and your family, and keep you always in His loving care.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Niederauer
Archbishop of San Francisco

Enclosure

MESSAGE: Please reverse the HHS Regulation on "Preventive Service: Health Plan Coverage Guidelines" because it violates Religious Freedom.

President Barack Obama

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