



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 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.



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✦ 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 21 : 25 - 28, 34 - 36

The purpose of Advent is to help us prepare spiritually for Christmas. It would be difficult to understand Christmas if at first we had no knowledge of the salvific stories that precede Christmas and that Christ is the one who fulfills all of the Messianic Prophecies. Advent shows in these four weeks that all of history is pointing and leading to Christ.

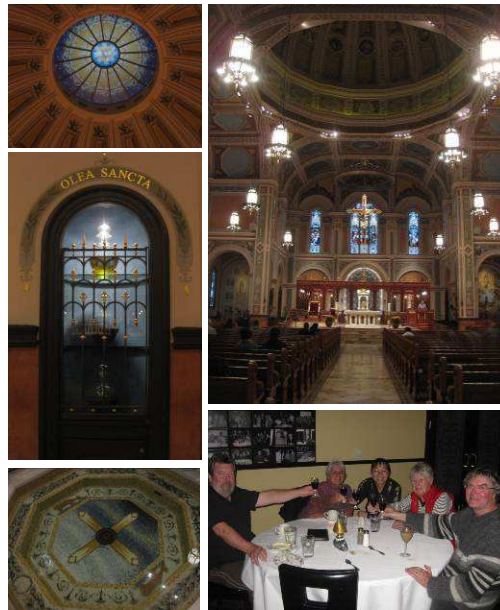


Advent

Mass Intentions: Week of December 2, 2012

Sunday	9:30	... Marie Clair Evans
Sunday	11:15	... John Lawson
Monday	8 a.m.	... Linda Caprio
Thursday	8 a.m.	... Ed Kerbs
Friday	8 a.m.	... Helen Piscevich
Saturday	10 a.m.	... SHJW

** No Mass Friday.



Parish trip 11/29 - 30. Tour of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Train Museum, Stanford Mansion, Sacramento Old Town.

From the Pew

Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, Saturday, December 8th, Mass 10 a.m. at St. Cecilia's.



St. Mary's Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 9th, 2 - 4 p.m. Wine reception immediately following at the Druids Hall. Proceed benefit St. Mary's Church. For reservation, contact Kathy Drady, phone: 662-2057.



2nd Collection next week for Archdiocese's Retirement Fund for Religious, help to defray some of the costs needed to care for retired religious.

Toys & Joys is now in the church helping to make Christmas more joyful for Valley kids. Make checks payable to "Toy & Joys. Place your donation on the **Jesse Tree** or mail to: Grace Tolson, Dickson Ranch, P. O. Box 496, Woodacre, CA 94973.

Meals for Homeless Women. Sign up to help, contact Cia Donahue.

Winter Sock Drive. Collecting now 'til December for St. Vincent de Paul's patrons. St. Mary's Catechism class students will deliver them on December 28th. Drop off: St. Mary or Rectory.



Thursday, December 13th:

- **9-Hour Adoration** at St. Cecilia's
- Part II - **Review of "Catholicism"**, 7 p.m.

Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia, Lagunitas	\$ 347.00
St. Mary, Nicasio	\$ 824.00
Total:	\$ 1,171.00



"Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car."

Upcoming Parish Events

- ✦ **St. Mary's Christmas Concert ... 12/9**
- ✦ **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ... 12/12**
- ✦ **9-hour Adoration ... 12/13**
- ✦ **Review: "Catholicism" - part 2 ... 12/13**
- ✦ **CHRISTMAS ... 12/25**

For complete event listing & updates, check website: <http://www.stcecilia-lagunitas.org>.

Universal Church

The Roman Catholic Church has permitted married men to become priests. There are 70 in the US. Mainly they are not permitted to be pastors but carry out pastoral duties. They continue to have regular jobs to support their families. They do not live in rectories. They cannot remarry. The Eastern Churches have always kept to the married priesthood. The 2nd Lateran Council 1139 the Roman Catholic Church made celibacy a requisite for Catholic priests, 972 years ago.



St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's year round fundraising option you can help. <http://www.eScrip.com> Group ID is #500025464.

Change of address, phone, e-Mail?

Drop us a note so that we can keep the parish directory current. Send updates to: stcecilia.lagunitas@yahoo.com.

