



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

† SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 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. mary church
nicasio

+ 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 3 : 1 - 6

Luke for the first time in his Gospel introduces the Messiah, the insistent voice of John the Baptist urging us to prepare a way for the Lord. This opening a path to the Lord is still as valid today as it was in the past for those who wish to know him. This is how it all begins, how much of my mind and soul am I willing to open so as to meet the Lord.



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.

Mass Intentions:

Week of December 9, 2012

Sunday	9:30	... Elsie Kerbs
Sunday	11:15	... Parishioners intentions
Monday	8 a.m.	...
Friday	8 a.m.	... (Fri. Mass at St. Mary)

** No Mass Wed. & Thur.

From the Pew



St. Mary's Christmas Concert, today, 2 – 4 p.m. at Nicasio. Wine reception immediately following at the Druids Hall. This is one of the major fund-raiser events for St. Mary's to raise funds for the upkeep and operating cost of the parish. Performers this year featuring master reed organist Michael Hendron, Virginia Stewart, Mike Duke, Renee de la Prade, Celtic Christmas music, ... and many many wonderful performers in the program. A great way to start Christmas Season, and to support St. Mary's Church.

9-hour Adoration has been changed from 12/13/2012 to 12/20/2012, due to a deanery meeting in San Francisco, Fr. O' has to attend.

Thur., Dec 13th, the 2nd half review of the book "**Catholicism**", 7:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's. Bring some finger food or drinks. Join in the chats; or sit back and enjoy the discussion. All are welcome.

2nd Collection today is for the 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.*

Winter Sock Drive. Collecting now 'til December for St. Vincent de Paul's patrons. Drop off: St. Mary or Rectory.

Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia, Lagunitas	\$ 467.00
St. Mary, Nicasio	\$ 285.00
Total:	\$ 752.00



"Only those who risk going far can really know how far you can go."

Upcoming Parish Events

- + St. Mary's Christmas Concert ... 12/9
- + Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ... 12/12
- + Review: "Catholicism" – part 2 ... 12/13
- + 9-hour Adoration ... 12/20
- + CHRISTMS ... 12/25

Catechetics

Do penitents at Confession have to receive a penance for sins? The priest is required to give a penance to penitents as a part of the sacrament. If the penitent thinks the penance is too harsh, he can ask the priest if he would lessen it. If the penitent refuses penance then he lacks sorrow & contrition and forgiveness of the sacrament. By this unrepentant attitude he continues to live in sin. The only exception to no penance required is if the penitent is near death.

Top 5 Animals of the Bible are:

- **Sheep:** Because of the important symbol of the shepherd.
- **Lamb:** The blood of the Passover lamb saving the first born and Christ's blood saving us.
- **Donkey:** At Christ's birth and triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, the donkey is shown as willing to serve.
- **Calf:** Fattening a calf takes time and care. He was destined to be slaughtered for special meals as the Prodigal Son story.
- **Snake:** Symbol for evil, death & disobedience, as in the Garden of Eden story.