



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas



# † FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 1, 2013

## 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.

Matthew 24 : 37 - 44

Today we begin a new liturgical year and the Gospel of Matthew, and the Season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. The Gospel conveys a sense of urgency. Time to Wake Up, Be Real, Be Prepared, Stay Awake, Be Ready. This season is not a time to be seen as doing nothing.



Rabbi Elisheva Salamo, Fr. O'Sullivan, Rev. Kate Clayton

Mass Intentions: Week of December 1, 2013

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	...	Ann Conley
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	...	Elvira Pinzon
Monday	8 a.m.	...	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	...	Stanley Greer

\*\*\* No Mass Thursday & Friday this week.



### From the Pew:

**Tour of St. Joseph's Cathedral, San Jose,** this Wednesday & Thursday. This is an overnight outing. Tour is Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 a.m. We are staying at San Jose Airport Garden Hotel. Book your own lodging (\$135 per room via expedia.com). Call Fr. O' for information.

No **Confirmation Class** this Thursday.

**Christmas Party,** this Sat., at the Parish Hall. Cocktail 6 p.m., Dinner 7, Entertainments 7:45. Here St. Cecilia & St. Mary. we celebrate Christmas because it is worth celebrating the Feast of the Incarnation. Mark your dates.

**St. Mary's Christmas Concert,** Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m., features a selection of sacred & secular music. Reception of food and drink in the Druids Hall follows. Proceeds from this fundraiser for the maintenance and preservation of our historic St. Mary's Church. For concert tickets and raffle, contact Jane Mothersill or Kathy Drady.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today is Special Collection for **Philippine Typhoon.** Catholic Relief Service is already in the work and the collection is to reinforce the continuing effort.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next week, at St. Cecilia is for the Christmas crib extension; at St. Mary is for maintenance.

San Geronimo Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Thanks to the Kerbs, the Donahues; our Choir, and all the volunteers. Special thanks to your donations for the needy families.

Book review, "What happened at Vatican II", Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m. at the parish hall. Fr. O' is on page 199. What page are you on?

### Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	....	\$ 474.11
St. Mary's, Nicasio	....	\$ 616.00
Total:		<u>\$1,090.11</u>



"Truth Has a Power of its Own."

### Upcoming Parish Events

#### December - Advent

- ★ 12/4-12/5 ... Tour of San Jose Cathedral
- ★ 12/7, Sat. ... Christmas Party
- ★ 12/8, Sun. ... Immaculate Conception Feast Day
- ★ 12/12, Thu. ... Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day
- ★ 12/12, Thu. ... Book Review "Vatican II"
- ★ 12/14, Sat. ... 9 Hours Adoration
- ★ 12/15, Sun. ... St. Mary's Christmas Concert
- ★ 12/24, Tue. ... Christmas Eve at St. Mary
- ★ 12/25, Wed ... Christmas Day Mass at St. Cecilia

#### January

- ★ 1/10, Fri. ... Statue of Our Lady of Fatima @SM
- ★ 1/26, Sun. ... Annual Town Hall Meeting

For events & updates, visit <http://www.stcecilia-lagunitas.org>.

### Satan. Is he still relevant in religious beliefs?

Catholics in the US, 70% believe in hell, 69% believe in the devil. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "If he does exist then he has done well helping to circulate the news of his own death. God is 'I am who am', the devil is 'I am who am not'. (The Great Pretender). God works for good, the devil works for evil. The catechism teaches, Satan is a fallen angel who once was a good angel, created naturally to be good but became a fallen angel. He is only a creature, a pure spirit who possesses some power, but he is not infinite, or equal to God.

Scripture passages on Satan: 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicle 21:1, Job 2:2, Isaiah 14:12, Zechariah 3:1-2, Genesis 1:26-27, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:4, Revelation 12:7-9, Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13, Luke 22:21.

Satan tempts us to sin, but he cannot make us sin.

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St. Mary's Catechism Class is collecting warm coats and socks to distribute to the needy at St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room, San Rafael in Christmas. Drop off your donations at St. Mary's or at the Rectory.

