



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas



# † SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 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.



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.

Matthew 3 : 1 - 12

It's hard to find a John Baptist in today's world. He doesn't live for his own comforts. He doesn't care what politicians or authorities think of him. He's not interested in compromises. He is fearless in his passion for truths and authentic moral behaviors. He understands in humbleness his place in following God's Will, and he is obedience to his conscience.



Parish Tour of Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, San Jose



### Mass Intentions: Week of December 8, 2013

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Maureen Healy
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Jake Fisher
Monday	8 a.m.	... Stanley Greer
Friday	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory

\*\*\* No Mass Wednesday & Thursday this week. Friday's Mass at St. Mary's.

### From the Pew:

This year, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the **Immaculate Conception** falls on Sunday, and the Feast Day is observed on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (not a Holy Day of Obligation on Monday.)

We bid farewell to **Edna Brennan**, 40 years a parishioner of St. Cecilia Church. Teacher by profession and a loyal member of our community and Dominican Sisters Family.



Next Sunday, 2 p.m. **St. Mary's Christmas Concert** 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 Church. For concert tickets and raffle, contact Jane Mothersill or Kathy Drady.



We welcome **Evelina Caczo** into the Faith, baptized at St. Mary's last week.

**Jesse Tree**, for Valley Toys and Joys, collecting toys and donations for children and needy families in the Valley.



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

Next week 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for the Archdiocese's Retirement for Religious.

Book review, "**What happened at Vatican II**", This Thur., December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m. at the parish hall. Fr. O' is on page 289. What page are you on?

This  
Thursday

### Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	....	\$ 614.26
St. Mary's, Nicasio	....	\$ 486.00
Total:		<u>\$1,100.26</u>



"A.B.C. stands for ArchBishop Cordileone."

### Upcoming Parish Events

#### December - Advent

- ★ 12/9, Mon. ... Immaculate Conception Feast Day
- ★ 12/12, Thu. ... Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day
- ★ 12/12, Thu. ... Book Review "Vatican II"
- ★ 12/13, Fri. ... 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>.

**Sacred Art** which is beginning to emerge again as a spiritual awakening arousing us to a sense of sacredness that can redirect our attention to transcendence. Words and lectures cannot tell us everything about God. Sometimes Art touches us in ways no words can express. Certainly the Catholic Church has always had Art as a way to inspire us to see some glimmer of God, to open us to Prayer and Meditation.

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**Divorce Stats** Does community have an impact, an influence on the success or failures of marriages. Findings were:

- 75% more likely to become divorced if friends are divorced
- 70% if attending church regularly hold onto their marriages.

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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.

