



st. cecilia church lagunitas



† THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 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. Joseph Church, Magdalena, Colombia (sister parish) +



st. mary church nicasio

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

Matthew 11 : 2 - 11

Today's Gospel enables us to see Jesus at work, or the works of Jesus. Enabling the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, lepers healed and the poor receive care. This Jesus did countless of times. It is an open display of the deep compassion Jesus had for human suffering.

Thank you to Chris Mothersill and his team, and all the volunteers for organizing this year's Christmas Party.



Mass Intentions: Week of 12/15/2013

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Sophia Gregoria
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Parishioners Intentions
Monday	8 a.m.	... Gayle de Rutte
Thursday	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8 a.m.	... Dino Ratto

*** No Mass this Wednesday.



From the Pew:

St. Mary's, 2 p.m. TODAY, 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 raffle or tickets, contact Jane Mothersill or Kathy Drady.



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

Christmas lights, many thanks to Gary MacGabhann & Corey Dallara at St. Cecilia's; Peter Casartelli, Gary & Sherrie Grossi at St. Mary's. Also thanks Denise Bohman & students decorated the Christmas Tree.

2nd Collection is for the Archdiocese's Retirement for Religious.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visits our Archdiocese, and will be at St. Mary's Nicasio on Fri, January 10, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The statue, also known as the "Weeping Madonna", sculpted in 1947 based on description of Sr. Lucia, has travelled the world for over 65 years and visited over 100 countries.

Bring a Bell to Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Catechism Class is collecting warm coats and socks to distribute to the needy at St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room in Christmas.

Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 627.10
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 384.50
Total:		<u>\$1,011.60</u>



"Injustice anywhere is an injustice everywhere." ... Nelson Mandela

(Nelson Mandela received 1,340 awards in his lifetime.)

Upcoming Parish Events

December - Advent

- 12/15, Sun. ... St. Mary's Christmas Concert
- 12/24, Tue. ... Christmas Eve 5:30 Mass @SM
- 12/25, Wed ... Christmas Day 9:30 Mass @SC

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>

Pope Francis Many journalists on the run are reporting what Pope Francis has said, some having taken no notes or recording of interviews and then an unedited version of the Pope's actual words. Sometimes a journalist will craft meaning, elaborate beyond what is conveyed, giving themselves a license that is not true journalism. So be cautious what we read. What did the Pope really say? That's what is important.

French Church France, known as the Mother Church of Catholicism, has over the last 20 years become rapidly secular. Catholics are 80% of the population, Muslims are 10%. Secular morality is the course of the socialist government banning overly religious symbols in public places and schools. France has 36,000 parishes with a severe shortage of priests. Many parishes have no resident priests. French Catholics have demonstrated in the masses, a jolt to government smugness. Catholics have been revitalized. They are beginning to say to those who ignore God in politics that we are coming in to speak on religious values from our society through your front door, the government.



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