



✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 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. cecilia church
lagunitas

+ St. Joseph Church, Magdalena, Colombia (sister parish) +



st. mary church
nicasio

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 1 : 18 - 24

A part of the Christmas story is the birth of Christ by a virgin. Many new books questions this today with adding little data for their suppositions. Joseph is probably the best argument that Mary is a virgin.

- As a devout Jew, law abiding Hebrew, he would never marry a woman with child out of wedlock.
- From his dream, he recognizes Mary had no relations with man. So he is now legally under the Mosaic Law free to marry Mary, and so he does.



From the Pew:

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of **Our Lady of Fatima** will be at St. Mary Church, Nicasio on Friday, January 10, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The statue will be at 21 sites (churches and monasteries) while visiting our Archdiocese during the month of January. Also known as the "Weeping Madonna", the statue was sculpted in 1947 based on description of Sr. Lucia, has travelled the world for over 65 years and visited over 100 countries.

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

Bring a **Bell** to Christmas Eve Mass @SM.

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.

Archdiocese announced a new educational initiative for 2014 based on the teachings and spirituality of Pope Francis, the **Forward In Faith** program consists of 5 consecutive weekly live lectures. In Marin County, the location is St. Hilary, Tiburon, Wed, 7 pm – 8:45, starting Jan. 15, 2014. All are encouraged to go.

Our dear friend **Art Garcia** is settling down in Prescott, Arizona. His letter thanks all the well wishes from everybody.

St. Mary Christmas Concert – Many thanks to all the musicians donated their time, concert supporters, volunteers, local community, and sponsors. Special thanks to the Concert Committee: Antonia Van Becker, Craig Carlson, Jane Mothersill, Kathy Drady & Fr. O'Sullivan.

Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 358.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 566.00
Total:		\$ 924.00



The very first text message ever was, "Merry Christmas" and it was sent on December 3, 1992

Upcoming Parish Events

December - Advent

- 12/24, Tue. ... Christmas Eve 5:30p Mass @SM
- 12/25, Wed ... Christmas Day 9:30a 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>.

Universal Church Scotland will have a referendum 9/18/2014 whether to become an independent nation from England. Scotland's unemployment rate is 7.5% and Scotland is 8.3% of England's population. England does not wish Scotland to break the union of four centuries. If Scotland decides for independence, it will have North Sea Oil & Gas at its disposal. As of now Scotland wishes to remain in the union if polled today.

- Episcopalians 42% of citizens favor Independence
- Presbyterians 29% favor No
- Catholics 16% favor No

Catholics and Presbyterians fear a secular state that has no respect for family values or religious values. The majority of Catholics live in the highlands. They fear a new state of religious intolerance, whereas England holds a religious tolerance.



St. Cecilia's CCD Christmas Party (photo by Denise Bohman)



Mass Intentions: Week of December 22, 2013

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Walsh Family
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Violet Walters
Monday	8 a.m.	... Carol Mori-Prange
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	... Parishioners Intentions
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	... Parishioners Intentions

*** No Mass this Thursday & Friday.