



st. cecilia church lagunitas

# † EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## March 2, 2014

### 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.
		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 6 : 24 - 34

We are God's children. This is what Christ has said, and the love God has for us is like the love a mother has for her children. Such knowledge should stop us from fretting and worrying, for God will take care of the modest needs of today when we are responsible for our lives. He never said all your dreams will be satisfied nor have everything life fulfilled, already given to us in Mother Nature.



### From the Pew:

Ash Wednesday Mass, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. followed by Soup & Bread in the parish hall, organized by SM's ladies.

Confirmation Class, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church Cleanup, Sat. Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. Bring your cleaning stuff, gloves, etc.

Palm Sunday Brunch welcomes donations for silent auction & raffle. Contact Margaret.

Congratulations to Bonnie & Peter deRutte, 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

St. Patrick's Parish Function, Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Dinner \$15 for adults, \$5 for children. 6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner, 7:45 Entertainments. An enchanting evening filled with Celtic moments.

Carmel Mission Parish Trip rescheduled to April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4/5<sup>th</sup>. Interested let Fr. O' know.



### Upcoming Parish Events

- to-be-determined ... Annual Town Hall Meeting
- March**
- 3/5 (wed) ... Ash Wednesday Soup Mass 6 p.m.
- 3/8 (sat) ... St. Patrick's Function
- 3/23 (sun) ... Lenten Parish Retreat
- 3/26 (wed) ... Homeless Women Dinner @SR
- 3/27 (thur) ... 9-hour Adoration
- April**
- 4/3-5 ... Parish Trip to Carmel Mission
- 4/13 (sun) ... St. Mary's Palm Sunday Brunch
- 4/17- 19 ... Holy Week
- 4/20 ... EASTER

Some events have been rescheduled. Check latest bulletin for updates or visit <http://www.stcecilia-lagunitas.org>.

### Universal Church

- Pope Francis remarks to Polish Bishops
1. Marriage as an arrangement for personal needs promotes a mentality of divorce as it's all about me
  2. The idea of liberty without limits ends in hostility to truths
  3. Relativism justifies meaninglessness as relevant.

Pope Francis motor bike and jacket were sold at a charity for \$404,144.

Seminarians Formation Seminary applicants today undergo psychological tests and intensely personal interviews to determine any serious mental health issues. Who is this man; is he a real person; does he interact well; anything unusual about him. You have the human, the spiritual, the mental, the psychological to assess in formation before the decision for priesthood is made. Today a psychologist is on seminary staff in all seminaries

Did you know? 128 nations participated in the Winter Sochi Olympics 2014.

Daylight Savings next Sunday.

Parish Dinner at Hanna's 2/28/2014



Ryan on the Boy Scout Trip to Grand Canyon (Photos: Margaret Farley)



### Mass Intentions: Week of March 2, 2014

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Christina Sasan
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory
Monday	8 a.m.	... John Lawson
Wednesday	6 p.m.*	... Jean Daly
Thursday	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory

\*\* Ash Wednesday Mass at 6 p.m. No Mass this Friday.

† Farewell to our dear friend Philip Shepard.

Funeral, Tuesday, March 4 2014, Service 10 a.m., Mass 11 a.m., at St. Isabella Church, Terra Linda.



### Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	....	\$ 387.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	....	\$ 474.05
Total:		<u>\$ 861.05</u>

St. Mary's Annual Town Hall Meeting  
Sunday, February 26, 2014

Meeting held at Grace Farley's house. Present were Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Alexander, Maria Barteaux, James Bitter, Craig Carlson, Sylvia Carlson, Christie Clary, Kathy Drady, Grace Farley, Margaret Farley, Bruce Hall, Ellen Hall, Mary Lafranchi, Martha McNeil, Siu-Mei Wong. Meeting started at 12:35 p.m.

**Church Cleanup:** Date to be Saturday, March 29, 2014. 10 a.m. Volunteers should bring gloves, cleaning materials to the church. Margaret will coordinate with Gary Grossi for tall ladder works. Fr. reminds everyone safety procedures need to be closely followed to avoid injuries.

**Two Organs in the choir loft:** The issue is to determine which one of the organs is worth fixing/keeping. Upstairs space needed for events such as weddings. Ellen Hall had consulted Vincent from St. Hilary last year. Fr. is going to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion before deciding the actions to take.

**Trees:** Does the tree at the right side of the Church need to be uprooted or trimmed? The decision is Grace will get workman to take care of trimming of the tree.

**Christmas Concert:** Concert in December last year, the church was not filled. Only 20% of St. Mary's parishioners paid for tickets. The Concert Committee met a few weeks ago to evaluate the event. Craig Carlson summarized and submitted the meeting notes to Fr. and Concert Committee for future reference. As regarding to ways to improve participation rate:

- Mary & Margaret suggested having the concert around Thanksgiving as Christmas is a packed season.
- Ellen: Perhaps a different price structure than the current concert \$50 and raffle \$10.
- Craig: We are reaching out to the local communities to get involved, balancing getting them to support the Capital Campaign, the Concert, or both.
- Elizabeth suggested parishioners/core members to get a batch of tickets and start selling them in October (or make donation).
- Fr.: Get the words out early; inform parishioners their obligation to support the maintenance and renovation of the church.
- Ellen suggested putting the Concert information on the reverse side of the Palm Sunday Brunch mailing to remind parishioners of these two major fund-raisers.
- Elizabeth: People could write reviews of the event and post pictures on the parish website.
- Christie suggested we all take part to be more direct and get each parishioner to realize the importance of supporting the event
- Maria proposed to send out a postcard mailing. She volunteered to do the mailing.
- Have Commitment Sheet at the back of the church?

Fr. stated that from now on, tickets are pre-bought. Designated person(s) would be in charge of sitting patrons with paid admission to the front of the church. Overall last year's concert, everything was good just need to improve the attendance. Concert Committee will be meeting in June for performer line-up.

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**Sound System:** James and Elizabeth will work together to replace the two large speakers in the sanctuary and to make recommendations for acquiring proper sound equipment for the church. Sylvia mentioned that Banana At Large, San Rafael offers consultation.

**Front Altar Design:** There are 4 options for parishioners to vote on:

- a. Keep as is
- b. Black and white theme (similar to the priest's chair)
- c. Add red trim to the outline of the cross (similar to the podium)
- d. Paint the bottom portion to be the same with the high altar

Parishioners will cast the vote and sign their name on the ballot. Voting will take place in two consecutive Sundays in March. Siu-Mei will post a visual image of the options at the church (using Photoshop to simulate the look). Margaret reminded us to keep in mind the historic feature of the church. Bruce's suggestion of changing the high altar instead of the front altar will be defer to next meeting for consideration as the two altars are different areas of focus.

**Capital Campaign:** St. Mary Church will be celebrating 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October 2017. For preparation, the church needs to be painted, the tower needs repair works (re: Archdiocese's property inspection report), dry rot, and renovations. All works to be completed before the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Martha, Craig and Fr. met last week, forming the Capital Campaign Committee with Craig as Chair. Campaign will be in motion in July 2014. The cost for the scope of work is to-be-determined. Currently a bid received is \$50,000. We will be getting more bids. Fund raising from the Capital Campaign will be designated strictly to be used for the specified purposes. Siu-Mei explained the setup between general fund and preservation fund. First collections go into the general fund; any specified collections go to the purpose of the collection.

**Palm Sunday:** Margaret will be getting her crew ready. Date is April 13<sup>th</sup> this year. Siu-Mei requested a breakdown of income from door/raffle, silent auction so as to gauge the result of each category.

Meeting concluded at 1:55 p.m.

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Additional Notes:

- For Front Altar Design visual image, Siu-Mei needs more time to work on it and to confirm the image with the proposal (Voting might be postponed to a later date).
- Sue & Dan Curran proposed to upgrade the sanctuary lighting (Siu-Mei forgot to bring that up at the meeting).