



st. cecilia church
lagunitas



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 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. 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.

John 1 : 6 – 28

John's life was to be a testament, a witness to what Scripture had foretold, the coming of the anointed one - Messiah. John the Baptist was not just to speak words on this but his life witnesses to it. Likewise our life is to witness the faith.



Parish Christmas Party

Advent

Mass Intentions: Week of December 14, 2014

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	...	Helen Felling
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	...	Bob Farley
Monday	8 a.m.	...	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8 a.m.	...	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8 a.m.	...	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	10 a.m.	...	Padre Pio devoties



From the Pew

The **crib** at St. Cecilia's is gradually expanding each week: From Bethlehem, to Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, ... Children bringing in their own little flocks of animals and placing them at the village. Come and check out Haley's cattle and Liam's 40 little pigs.

Due to the heavy rain storm last Thursday, the book review of "Earth Habitat" was postponed to a later date.

7th Annual St. Mary's Christmas Concert TODAY, 2 p.m.

Featured Artists: Mike Duke, Nicasio Creek Singers, Antonia Van Becker, Greg Lee, Zav de la Prade, Renee de la Prade, Jamie Kuhn, Mark Boylan, Fr. O', and more! Following the concert, food & wine reception at the Druid's Hall, plus raffles. All proceeds go toward the operation and maintenance of historic St. Mary's Church which has been in use since 1867. For donations, raffles, concert tickets, contact Kathy, 415-662-2057.



Padre Pio Mass, Saturday, December 20th, 10 a.m. at St. Cecilia's.

Jesse Tree to raise money for the children's toy drive in our Valley. Envelopes by the sanctuary. Make check payable to "Valley Toys and Joys".

West Marin Senior Services need help delivering meals to home-bound seniors on Mondays & Fridays. If you can do it once a month or more, contact Chloe Cook, 415-640-7442.

St. Mary Capital Campaign. Info at parish website. Thanks for the pledges and the donations.

Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 538.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 399.00
Total:		\$ 937.00



"Delay is the deadliest form of denial."

Upcoming Parish Events



December

- 12/22 (Sun) ... St. Mary's Christmas Concert
- 12/24 (Wed) ... Christmas Eve (Bring a bell)*
- 12/25 (Thur) ... Christmas, Holy Day
- 12/30 (Tue) ... Visit St. Vincent de Paul, S.R.

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

Environmental Stats (Part 1 of 3) Biologists say we are living in the 6th period of mass extinction in the 4.5 billion year history of our planet and the first created by humans, greenhouse gases is creating climate change, carbon dioxide has increased to levels unseen in the last 800,000 years. Some 87% of the world's oceanic fisheries are fished beyond their normal capacity to rejuvenate. Oceans are 26% more acidic than before the industrial revolution, faster than any time in the past 50 million years. Sea level rising will displace 100's of millions of people this century. Agricultural products will be affected by climate change. All of us need to be reminded this planet is the only home we have.

Did you know There are 221,000 parishes in the U.S.

By the Percent Adults raised in each religious group versus those who currently identify with each group.

Catholics	Protestants
Raised 84%	Raised 9%
Current 69%	Current 19%



SOCK DRIVE

St. Mary's Catechism Students are collecting new men's heavy socks for winter season. Drop your donations in baskets at St. Mary's; or give socks to Father. Students' trip to St. Vincent de Paul, San Rafael will be Tuesday, Dec 30th.