



st. cecilia church lagunitas



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2015

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.



Mark 1 : 7 – 11

Mark's main concern is the identity of who Jesus is. The heavenly voice "You are my Beloved Son" coronates him as royal, Divine Son of God, therefore the Messiah. The words "I am well pleased" echo the prophet Isaiah 42:1 pointing to Jesus as a servant, a suffering servant who is to bear the infirmities of many.



- + Mary Lafranchi welcomes new great-grand children: twin boy and girl from her granddaughter
- + Three ladies bring up gifts, one has back problem, one has leg problem, one has hip problem. Fr. asks the ushers to spare the disables
- + Peter cannot remember all the names in the family. So Bonnie suggests using numbers.
- + Congratulations to Alejandra, Megan, Angelina and Nicole receiving Confirmation
- + St. Mary's community enjoys Rolino Joseph's visit from Haiti – 6 mos. internship studying agriculture
- + Parishioners on "What does Eucharist mean to me" are presented at the Marin Deanery Meeting

2014 – THE YEAR THAT WAS

- + Our Lady of Fatima statue at St. Mary's Nicasio in January (Schedule of the day all on track – a miracle)
- + Parish Book of the Year, "Earth Habitat"
- + Bonnie is organizing her 7th cruises. Fr. O' says he would name her the Patron Saint of Cruises
- + Confirmation class asks Fr. about the big box sitting in the rectory. Fr. jokes: "Oh, I have a funeral on Sat.; I haven't had time to deal with the body yet."
- + "Would science wipe out Christianity?" Fr. O' replies: Not when human still have the soul.
- + Ryan's back from 4-day Boy Scout trip hiking of Grand Canyon, when asked most memorable, he says: "Margaret." (Ryan's backpack is as big as himself.)
- + Daniel refuses to take a bath for the Ash Wednesday cross on the forehead
- + Hilary: "It is hard being old. Your back to two feet."
- + Grace asks Fr.: "Are you saying Mass on Thursday?" Fr. O': "I am if you allow me into your home."
- + Pat Donahue: "It's a Mortal sin if you missed Mother's Day; it is only a venial sin if you missed Father's Day."
- + John & Shannon welcome their new born son Benedict
- + Parish trip to Carmel Mission, Carol Mori-Prange: "Hope you enjoy yourselves." Fr. O': "Hope we stay sober." Carol: "Work on it."

- + Fr. tells Chris Mothersill not to worry about the letter he is going to write. Chris says: "It is your humor I am worrying."
- + Ryan is an excellent aide in the Catechism class
- + Parishioners share many insightful parables they created

- + Archdiocese Legal Audit: Our parish is above standard, almost flawless. All thanks go to Margaret.
- + Fr. O's quest for the perfect Irish Coffee
- + Diana and Fr. bet on whether California Chrome the winner of Triple Crown. Fr. wins.
- + Fr. O' visiting Mary Anne Kolanoski at ICU Kaiser. Nurse asks: "Are you her husband?" A controlled smile returns "No". "Then you must be her son." Another smile returns "No". "Who are you in relation to Mary Anne Kolanoski?" "I am her Father."
- + St. Pat's parish party, Mike Cunnie cooking corned beef and cabbage all day before rushing to Walnut Creek to welcome his new born granddaughter.
- + Chris Carlson asks Fr. why he misses the Druid's dinner, "Corned Beef and Cabbage on Ash Wed.?"
- + "Lenten Reflections from the Heart" parish retreat at St. Cecilia's. Many thanks to all the presenters for sharing their personal experience and insights
- + Lenten, Fr. selects six Catholic Symbols in homily
- + New Paschal Candles at St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's.
- + At St. Cecilia, ladder is standing alongside with the Paschal Candle. Parishioner: "This is interesting Sermon from the stairway of Heaven."
- + Thanks Barbara for the beautiful Celtic altar cloth for Easter. Fr. believes it is the one and only
- + At John Coleman's funeral, Martha, wife of 65 years, says fondly: "I would never in my dreams divorce this man, but there were many times I could have murdered him."
- + Carol Mori-Prange: "Good! Summer is coming. Now I can read mindless trash."
- + Fr. O' says to Bob Dougherty: "Mary Anne Kolanoski is back in ICU." Bob asks: "Did you say Mary Anne is having a Colonoscopy?"
- + Fr. gets a water bucket "challenge" from Ginny
- + The Beckerleys & the Currans travel to Africa
- + Megan's prize winning rabbits go to national contests
- + Martha and the McNeil ladies go on a Garden Tour in Ireland
- + Christie welcomes grandson, Everett
- + Siu-Mei to George Kerbs: "You are my favorite Catholic."



Upcoming Parish Events

January

- + ... St. Cecilia's Town Hall Meeting
- + ... Book review, "Earth Habitat".

February

- + 2/8 (Sun).. St. Mary's Annual Meeting @Grace
- + 2/25 (Wed) ... Meal for Homeless Women

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

- + Fr. O' celebrates his 60th birthday watching World Cup
- + Margaret & Ray celebrating 30th Wedding Anniv. Ray: "30 years and not a single day off for good behavior."
- + "Who is the 1st Pope?" Bonnie replies: "Well, my husband's name is Peter, so I know it is Peter."
- + Diana Dougherty: "Doctor should do the blood pressure test before measuring weight."
- + Another quote from Diana on Christmas presents: "Don't give me anything that I cannot eat or drink."
- + A new chausable, in memory of Edward Lafranchi
- + St. Mary's starts the Capital Campaign in preparation of the 150th celebration in 2017
- + Farewell to our dear friend Mary Anne Kolanoski
- + Renee de la Prade is moving to Germany. May God's Blessings keep her well in her journey of life
- + "Where Love started" - Parishioners memories: "Love at first chat" ... James & Elizabeth
- + "Love at first blurred" ... Gary & Sherrie
- + "Love at quick stop" ... Bob & Diana
- + "Love at first audition" ... Margaret & Ray
- + "Love at first short lived" ... Christie



Advent

- + Christmas Eve Mass, many parishioners are turned away at a road block at midway Lucas Valley Road because of tree down by strong wind.
- + Ginny Kerbs puts together a cookbook with 78 family recipes for her daughters and grand-daughters. They receive this special Christmas gift in joy and tears.
- + Year-end quiz from Fr. pertaining to his homilies during the year: St. Cecilia and St. Mary are about even. But James Slattery is standing out as winner for having the most correct answers.
- + Liam and Haley bring in their own little animals to add to the Christmas village at St. Cecilia's. This year, the village extends from Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, to Jerusalem. Stay tuned for next year's additions.



Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 452.35
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 477.00
Total:		\$ 929.35



"Every moment, every glance, every thought, every word can be infused with love."