



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas



### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25, 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.



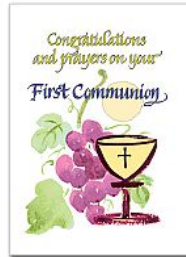
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+ St. Joseph Church, Magdalena, Colombia (sister parish) +

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

Mark 1 : 14 – 20

Jesus has already begun his preaching, obviously alone with no support. Probably very early on in his travels he quickly decides to recruit or invite men into his ministry. Today the first four are called. All of them fishermen, who dropped everything and followed him to become fishers of men.



Congratulations to Simon Straube receiving  
1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at St. Cecilia's



Home Mass at Grace's (Photos courtesy of Ginny)

#### Mass Intentions: Week of January 25, 2015

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Leo Olson
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Patrick Egan
Monday	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8 a.m.	... Michael deRutte
Friday	8 a.m.	... SDM devotees
Saturday	10 a.m.	... Padre Pio devotees

#### From the Pew

**Parish Town Hall Meeting**, Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Cecilia's, 10:15 a.m., St. Mary's 12:30 p.m.

**Padre Pio Mass**, this Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. at St. Cecilia's.

**Fun Train to Reno**, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup>. Let Fr. O' know if you are interested.

**Parish Finance Meeting**, Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Rectory.

"The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World" is the theme of the **Vatican's Synod** consultation for this October. Our parish will hold evening discussions to collect parishioners' opinions. Feedbacks to send to the Archdiocese by March.

Parish Book of the Year for 2015 is "**Goliath**" by Max Blumenthal. Parish book reviews dates to be determined.

This year, Lenten starts on February 18<sup>th</sup>. **Ash Wednesday**, Mass 6 p.m. at St. Cecilia's. Soup to serve afterward.

Our parish is committed to serve **Meals for the Homeless Women** on Wednesdays, February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and April 15<sup>th</sup>. Let Cia know if you are able to help.

**Parish 6-Mo. Calendar** for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2015 will be posted on the bulletin board.

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Pope Francis, "We no longer need walls that close the heart; we need bridges to soften the heart."

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#### Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	.... \$	693.67
St. Mary's, Nicasio	.... \$	405.00
Total:		<u>\$ 1,098.67</u>



"Imitation is the highest form of flattery."

#### Upcoming Parish Events

- ★ 2/8 (Sun) ... Parish Town Hall Meeting
  - St. Cecilia's @ 10:15 a.m.
  - St. Mary's @ 12:30 p.m.
- ★ 2/15 (Sun) ... Parish Finance Meeting
- ★ 2/18 (Wed) ... Ash Wednesday Soup Mass
- ★ 2/25 (Wed) ... Meal for Homeless Women
- ★ 2/28 (Sat) ... Celtic Dinner (from Palm Brunch)
- ★ 3/3 - 3/5 ... Fun Train to Reno
- ★ 3/7 (Sat) ... St. Patrick's Function
- ★ 3/18 (Wed) ... Meal for Homeless Women
- ★ 3/20 (Fri) ... Tour of St. Ignatius Church, SF
- ★ 3/26 (Thur) ... 9-Hour Adoration
- ★ 3/28 (Sat) ... Parish Retreat
- ★ 3/29 (Sun) ... Palm Sunday Brunch

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

Archdiocese of New York has announced the merging of 112 parishes of which 31 churches will be closed in 2015. Its reasons are nothing new.

1. Financial pressures
2. Declining Mass attendance
3. Less priests to pastor parishes
4. Demographics
  - (Catholics leaving Catholic neighborhoods)

The Archdiocese says it can no longer preserve the past but look to the future responsibly.

The response by parishioners will be, "Not my parish", "Hands Off", and a lot of anger to follow the closure of their beloved church.

The biggest problem Bishops have with closures of parishes today is many faithful Catholics distrust the real reasons behind the closures which add to their anger.

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By the Percent A pew research on Americans who participate in faith activities using online etc.:

- Online: Catholics ... 15%  
Protestants ... 27%
- TV: Catholics ... 21%  
Protestants ... 32%
- Talk Radio: Catholics ... 15%  
Protestants ... 28%

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