



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF December 20, 2015

# Advent

## 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.

Luke 1 : 39 - 45

There is something unusual about this story. Why is Mary travelling to the house of Zechariah to support Elizabeth in her pregnancy. She must have had plenty of relatives in Judah. Why is Mary who also is pregnant supporting Elizabeth. The only answer I can think of is of all the relatives who could help Elizabeth, Mary was asked will you help us and Mary accepted.



**Jesse Tree** collecting donations for the families in need. Make checks payable to Valley's Toys & Joys Program.

**Winter Sock Drive**, St. Mary's CCD Class is collecting warm socks for men, women, and children. They will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul, San Rafael at Christmas.

### Christmas Mass Schedule:

- ★ Christmas Eve Mass  
5:30 p.m. at St. Mary.  
Bring a bell - Gloria.
- ★ Christmas Day Mass  
9:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia



**Year of Mercy.** Tell us your stories of mercy this 2016 at Mass or stories of mercy you witnessed.

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### Last Week's Collection:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	....	\$ 644.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	....	\$ 571.00
Total:		<u>\$ 1,215.00</u>



"If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right." ... Henry Ford

### Upcoming Parish Events



#### December

- ★ 12/24, Thu ... Christmas Eve, 5:30pm Mass @SM
- ★ 12/25, Fri ... Christmas Day, 9:30am Mass @SC

#### January

- ★ 1/1, Fri ... Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)

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

**Year of Mercy** (Part 1 of 3) For the first time in 15 years, the holy doors in cathedrals will be opened again. At times we are called to practices of Mercy so as to be effective witness of Christ's love.

\* Practical Suggestions for the Year of Mercy:  
**Confession** is a Sacrament of Mercy. There is no charge or fees. All God asks is show up. Pope Francis has given to all priests forgiveness of sins once reserved to bishops. Confession is for everyone who has broken faith with God and wished to re-enter to His Life again.

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Did you know It takes  
47 muscles to frown  
17 muscles to smile

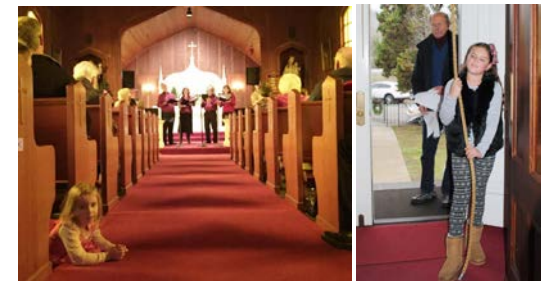


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By the percents How prepared are American households for natural disasters.

- 82% ... has nonperishable food for 3 days
- 54% ... have 3 gallons of water per person
- 18% ... have a generator
- 33% ... have a backup plan to communicate
- 94% ... not prepared for a 5-day emergency**

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St. Mary Christmas Concert

Thanks all the musicians who donated their time, all the businesses donated wine & food for the reception.

### Mass Intentions: Week of December 20, 2015

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Noah
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Larry McNeil
Monday	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	... Parishioner Intentions
Friday	9:30 a.m.	... Parishioner Intentions



Very special thank you to everyone who came and support this fund raiser.