



st. cecilia church  
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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## February 14, 2016

### 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	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 4 : 1 - 13

Jesus begins his ministry by walking into the desert. The desert is a place of aloneness, solitude. There is nowhere to hide. And Jesus comes face to face with himself. Does he have the courage to the world he would announce to the Jewish people in time. Can he stand up in courage to those words.



Confirmation Class students



Special treats at Barney & Barbara's after the finance meeting

### Mass Intentions: Week of February 14, 2016

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	...	Michael Dolittle
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	...	Ramon & Laura Ramirez
Monday	8 a.m.	...	SDM
Thursday	8 a.m.	...	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8 a.m.	...	Souls in Purgatory

### Why I come to Eucharist

Sunday Mass is a more formal presence with Jesus along with my great church community, praying together. I come to terms with my life and focus on eternal life, the great mystery of who Christ is.  
... Aidan O'Sullivan

### From the Pew

Congratulations to **Ginny & George Kerbs** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Friday.



Today is **Ramon & Laura Ramirez'** 24<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

**Parish Directory Update.** Notebook at St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's to collect parishioners' name, address, phone, email.

**Movie "Risen"**, Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Parish group going to an afternoon show. Dinner to follow. Anyone interested to join let Fr. O' know.

**St. Pat's Party** is Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Mission Santa Clara** overnight trip, March 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Touring the mission Wed. Sign up w/ Fr. O'.

2016 Archdiocesan Appeal assessment: St. Cecilia is \$5,317, St. Mary is \$4,797. Brochure will be mailed out to parishioners in March. Parish will complete this fund drive by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Committee report last quarter major expenditures paid: Property Insurance \$11,134; Marin Property Tax (1<sup>st</sup> Install) \$1,691; Tree Trimming \$1,500; BPM \$2,500 (audit fee bal.)

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Thank you Margaret & the St. Mary's ladies for organizing the Soup Meal after Ash Wednesday's Mass.



### Upcoming Parish Events

#### February

♦ 2/26 ... Movie 'Risen'

#### March

♦ 3/5 (Sat) ... St. Pat's Party

♦ 3/8-3/9 ... Overnight trip to Mission Santa Clara

♦ 3/20 ... Palm Sunday Brunch – HOLY WEEK

♦ 3/23 (Wed) ... Meal for Homeless Women

♦ 3/27 (Sun) ... EASTER

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### Corporal Works of Mercy

#### #1 – Welcoming Stranger

Today we distrust strangers because we do not know them. Yet scripture says they do not have to be family but extend hospitality to the traveler, the poor; food, small change, clothing, water, shoes, gloves, hats, walking sticks, scarves, pizza, sunglasses, blankets, caps etc. They need never to enter our homes.

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### 10 Top Nations where Christians are most persecuted

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| 1. North Korea (70,000 Christians in labor camp) | 6. Pakistan |
| 2. Iraq  | 7. Somalia  |
| 3. Eritrea (Sahara Desert)                       | 8. Sudan    |
| 4. Afghanistan                                   | 9. Iran     |
| 5. Syria   | 10. Libya   |

This is most silenced story within the media today, where murder, detention, exile, property destruction and terror are state sponsored; yet many of these nations we call Friends.

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**Did you know** 1.8 million swimming pools in California. 15,000 gallons of water in a swimming pool is the average.

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### By the percents

When it is OK to use a cell phone?

In Public	75%	Meetings	5%
Restaurant	38%	Theatres	5%
Family Dinner	12%	At Church	4%

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"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others." John Chrysostom