



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 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

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



st. mary church
nicasio

From the Pew

St. Cecilia/St. Mary Christmas Party, Fri., December 16th, at the parish hall. Starts at 6:30 p.m., cocktails, dinner, entertainments. Bring a side dish to add to the main meals. Share your talents, jokes and entertainments at this year-end celebration. Confirmation class will be helping out. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome. Contact Ginny to help out/questions.

Pray for the Sick of our parish.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day, Monday, December 12th (not a Holy Day). Mass 5 p.m. at the Lafranchi Ranch, Nicasio.

St. Mary's **Capital Campaign** Benefit Dinner hosted by Diana Dougherty & Tora Isi will be Saturday, December 17th at Tora's. [Sold-Out]

St. Mary **CCD** collecting winter socks & gloves for St. Vincent de Paul, San Rafael. Contact Margaret Farley for info.

Next Sunday, 2nd collection is for the Archdiocese's **Retired Religious** – this retirement fund for religious helps religious communities care for senior members.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

- ★ December 24th – **Christmas Eve**, Mass 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Bring a bell for the Gloria.
- ★ December 25th – **Christmas Day**, Mass 9:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia's. (No Mass at St. Mary's).

Jesse Tree – collecting donations for the children from the needy families in the Valley. Make checks payable to "Valley Toys & Joys".

Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$	495.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$	463.00
Total:		\$	<u>956.00</u>

Upcoming Parish Events

December

- ★ 12/11 (Sun.) ... St. Mary Christmas Concert 2 pm
- ★ 12/16 (Fri.) ... Parish Christmas Party
- ★ 12/17 (Sat.) ... Capital Campaign Dinner @ Tora's
- ★ 12/24 (Sat.) ... Christmas Eve 5:30 pm @SM
- ★ 12/25 (Sun.) ... Christmas Day 9:30 am @SC

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

Saint Francis

We live in a society that is morally bleeding because of the lack of faith in today's world.

Universities:

Liberal Arts has always had a strong role in the education of young adults. In the last 30 years more and more universities have opted out of these courses as history, languages, literature, philosophy, theology, metaphysic, logic, moral philosophy, rhetoric music, Art. All of these lead us to think about truths that elevate our humanity, wisdom and understandings of life and the freedom of the human mind. Many universities today have become solely concerned with careers, science, technology, Math, engineering, physics, medicine, law, politics, commerce, astronomy, geology etc. But is this enough to develop the whole person and leaders who understand the human condition.

By the percents

How Americans read today

Read a printed book	... 65%
Read a eBook	... 28%
Listen to an audio book	... 14%

Luke 3 : 10 - 18

The challenge for Christians is a simple service to support the poor, especially when they are at our front doors. Food and clothing which tell us how impoverished the state of a human being is on. This small works of mercy will not place us in any poverty at all.

St. Mary's Annual Christmas Concert

TODAY, December 11th, 2 p.m.
at St. Mary's, Nicasio.



Featured Artists:

Mike Duke
 Ted Anderson
 Zav de la Prade
 Tessa Rubin
 John Paddock
 Greg Lee
 Antonia Van Becker
 Nicasio Creek Carolers
 Renee de la Prade
 ... and more

Food & wine reception follows at the Druid's Hall. Fabulous raffles prizes.

Mass Intentions: Week of December 11, 2016

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Kevin Kenneally
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Don McCarthy
Monday	8 a.m.	... Bonnie de Rutte
Tuesday *	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory



"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood."