



st. cecilia church
lagunitas



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 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

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.



Matthew 1 : 18 - 24

The process to marriage in Jesus's time was a little different from our time. Today couples get engaged, then get married. Very simple. Christ's time you got betrothed so you are now married but you will not live together for at least a year because the dowry has to be worked out.



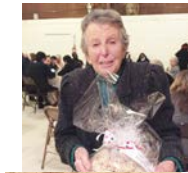
St. Mary's Christmas Concert

Understanding

Advent

Advent really is about making room for God in our lives as we prepare to celebrate his entrance into our world at Christmas. But how do we make room for God:


1. Sacraments
2. Service
3. Prayer
4. Catechesis
5. Thankful for Blessings
6. Spiritual Reading
7. Mass



Mass Intentions: Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Beverly Ward
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Gary Giacomini
Monday	8 a.m.	... DVM
Thursday	8 a.m.	... Bobby Husky
Friday	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory

From the Pew



Christmas Mass Schedule:

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

St. Mary's **Christmas Concert** was a success, great time enjoyed by all. Thanks Antonia Van Becker & her concert committee, emcee & performers; raffle prizes, food & wine donations, & everybody who came & supported the fund raiser.

Tis the Season – Both St. Cecilia & St. Mary are decorated for Christmas. Many thanks to **Gary MacGabhan** and **Margaret Farley** for their works.

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

Mike & Francine Cunnie are doing the **Meals for Homeless Women** this month. If you are interested to help out, let them know.

Pray for the Sick of our parish.

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

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

Carmelite Sisters' Jams are in the Rectory. Fr. O' will be filling the orders this week.

Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 646.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 468.00
Total:		<u>\$ 1,114.00</u>



“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by moments that take our breath away.”

Upcoming Parish Events

December

- ♦ 12/24 (Sat.) ... Christmas Eve 5:30 pm @SM
 - ♦ 12/25 (Sun.) ... Christmas Day 9:30 am @SC
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For updates visit <http://www.stcecilia-lagunitas.org>.

Pope Francis

At the end of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis visited 7 Italian priests who left the priesthood to marry. It was his way of telling them you are not out of the church and you remain family to us.

By the percents

How Catholics voted

53% ... Trump

45% ... Clinton

3% ... Other

Evangelicals 81% backed Trump

Mormons 46% backed Trump

Jews 71% backed Trump

Abortion and Supreme Court Judges remained strong incentive for voting Trump, as well as immigration concerns and jobs staying in the U.S.



Did you know?

The earliest known

Christmas tree

decorations were apples.

