



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

January 1, 2017

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 2 : 16 - 21

The Shepherds have a dominant place in the Christmas story. In our culture they are considered docile, passive, simple folks. But they were the bikers "Hells Angels" more than gentle people. In contract, they were rough, rugged men, living outside towns in dangerous lands, outsiders to civilized society. You would not invite them over to meet a newborn. Yet they are the first evangelists of Christianity. The first to hear the news and spread it.



Mass Intentions: Week of January 1, 2017

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Neal Osmel
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Rob Ray de Rutte
Monday	8 a.m.	... D.V.M.
Thursday	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8 a.m.	... Stromberg Family

Wishing all
our Parishioners and Friends a
Healthy and Peaceful 2017

From the Pew



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar - Parish events in 2017:

- 3/1 (Wed.) ... Ash Wednesday Soup Mass (Lenten)
- 3/4* (Sat.) ... St. Patrick's Party
- 4/9 (Sun.) ... St. Mary's Palm Sunday Brunch
- 4/10-4/15 ... Holy Week (Holy Thur, Good Fri, Easter Vigil)
- 4/16 (Sun) ... EASTER
- 5/12 (Fri.) ... St. Cecilia's Golf Tournament
- 5/21 - 6/4 ... Parish Cruise to Baltic
- 6/4 - 6/13 ... Parish Trip to Ireland
- 6/25 (Sun.) ... St. Mary's Family Picnic (STP)
- Summer * ... Parish Summer Picnics
- 8/15 (Tue.) ... Assumption (Holy Day)
- Oct. ... St. Mary's 150th Anniversary
- Oct. ... Archbishop Cordileone Parish Visit & Confirmation
- 10/21-22* ... St. Cecilia's Rummage Sale
- 11/1 (Wed.) ... All Saints (Holy Day)
- November ... Month of All Souls
- 11/19 (Sun.) ... Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- 12/3 (Sun.) ... St. Mary's Christmas Concert
- 12/8 (Fri.) ... Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
- 12/12 (Tue.) ... Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day
- 12/16* (Sat.) ... Parish Christmas Party
- 12/24 (Sun.) 12/25 (Mon.) ... CHRISTMAS

*Note: Dates with an asterisk * are tentative dates (placeholder)*

Christmas Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 2,202.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 1,386.50
Total:		<u>\$ 3,588.50</u>



"The Joy of the Gospel practicing Justice and Mercy, no society contradicts." ... Pope Francis

Upcoming Parish Events

January

- ◆ 1/1 (Sun.) ... Feast Day of Mary, Mother of God

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

Reform of the annulment process

as a part of the Year of Mercy

1. Fees waived if a hardship to a petitioner
2. The process is to be shortened by several months.

The process as Tribunal is to be balanced with pastoral intentions, to reach out to suffering broken marriages.

Homelessness in the U.S. has risen at an alarming note. Los Angeles has 90,000 people in the city homeless. New York South has 62,000 people homeless. ABC7 survey shows San Francisco ranks second in the nation in homelessness. The usual cause for homelessness is poverty, the loss of a home, high rents, loss of a job, or a spouse, or addictions can lead to homelessness. ¼% of children are affected in general homeless stats.

Reformation (Part 1 of 3) 500 years later. Was it a much needed struggle to root out Catholic failings or a counter offensive against Protestantism. It was both. Indulgences, pilgrimages, corrupt clergy, religious orders, bishops not living in their dioceses. St. Ignatius 1534 formed the Society of Jesus, + 6 companions, 4th vow obedience to the Pope to root out the abuses.
