



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 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. (M-W-F)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Th.)
Confessions	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

Mark 13 : 33 - 37

If a person doesn't prepare for what need to be done then the odds are it will not get done because of lack of will, effort, time and necessary labor. Advent is no different. It is four weeks where we prepare ourselves to be able to celebrate Christmas. A savior born unto us.



Carmelite Sisters Jams
Check with Fr. O' your order

10th Annual Christmas Concert
Historic St. Mary's Catholic Church
Nicasio Town Square - December 10, 2017 - 2 p.m.

Featured Artists:
Mike Duke
Ted Anderson
Xavier de la Prade
John Paddock
Tessa Rubin
Couey Harmon Trio
Greg Lee
Antonia Van Becker
Nicole Caserattelli

Join us for
Handel's Hallelujah Chorus
community sing along finale!

Following the concert, please join us for a food and wine reception at Druid's Hall.

Cost is \$50 per person and \$10 for children 12 years and under. A limited number of tickets are available, so reserve early!

Reservations can be made by mail, making a check payable to St. Mary's. Send check to Dan & Sue Curran - 345 Ironstone Ct. - San Rafael, CA 94903. Should you need more information, please call Dan & Sue at 415-491-4420.

All proceeds go towards the operation and preservation of this historic church which has been in use since 1867.

Mass Intentions: Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Stromberg Intentions
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Don McCarthy
Monday	8 a.m.	... Jimenez Intentions
Friday	8 a.m.	... Stromberg Intentions

From the Pew

Pray for the Sick of our parish.

Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, December 7th, 7 p.m. in the Rectory.

Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, Friday, December 8th, 8 a.m. at St. Cecilia's.

St. Mary's Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 10th, 2 PM. Support this major fundraiser. Ticket: \$50 (\$10 child 12 or under). Make check payable to St. Mary's, mail to *Dan & Sue Curran, 345 Ironstone Ct. San Rafael, CA 94903, 415-491-4420.*

Today rehearsal community sing-along - Handel's Messiah Hallelujah Chorus, after 11:15 Mass at St. Mary's.

Next Sunday, 2nd collection is the Archdiocese's **Retirement for Religious.**

Advent 8 hour Adoration, Tuesday, December 19th, at St. Cecilia's.

Tis the Season



Meals for Homeless Women on Nov. 29th, Mike Cunnie cooked a beef stew, John Beckerley made a big salad, and the Dallara family made dessert. Cory, Haley, and Anna joined the crew to serve the ladies.

Sock Drive St. Mary's catechism is collecting warm socks for the homeless. Donate by December 25th.

Jesse Tree - collecting donations for the Valley's Toys and Joys program. Make check payable to "Toys and Joys".

Catholic Charities suggests ways to volunteer/donate. Christmas brochure at <https://CatholicCharitiesSF.org/all-opportunities>.

Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 507.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 340.00
Total:		<u>\$ 847.00</u>



"Ability without hard work is not likely to win."

Mark your Calendar

- Dec 8 ... Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec 10 ... Annual St. Mary's Christmas Concert
- Dec 19 ... 8 hour Advent Adoration
- Dec 19 ... Advent Concert at SC 7 p.m. (free)
- Dec 24 ... Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary
- Dec 25 ... Christmas Day Mass at St. Cecilia
- Dec 28 ... CCD delivers gloves/socks to St. Vincent de Paul

Pope Francis

Take time out to be with the Lord.

Catholic Questions Protecting the confessional seal. Some countries are looking to make laws to arrest priests who have not reported serious crimes in the confessional. The secular mind sees sacramental confession as madness, non-sense and a loophole from the law protecting criminals. The Church's view is different.

1. It is a sacred trust between the penitent and God, meaning no one else involved
2. No one would receive sacramental divine healing if they knew their confidentiality can be broken
3. Christ forgave sins without proclaiming it to the world. He simply said, "Sin no more"
4. Separation of church and state. The sacramental seal is inviolable from the beginning, therefore how could changes be made to the sacrament
5. The sacrament is about forgiveness of true repentance of sinners whose lives have already turned to the good. Why otherwise would they be in confession.

By the percent

America's youngest religious groups are all non-Christian.

Muslims	42%
Hindu	36%
Buddhist	35%
No affiliation	34%
