



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## December 17, 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.

### John 1 : 6 - 8

Last week we had Luke's account of John the Baptist mission, this week we have John's account and by all purposes they are identical. John announces the Messiah has come and points him out when he comes to be baptized at the Jordan River. There is no confusion who is the Messiah. It is Jesus Christ who will baptize us into his Holy Spirit retaining the waters of the Baptist symbolism of purity.



St. Mary's Christmas Concert

### Mass Intentions: Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Maureen Healy O'Sullivan
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Sherrie Grossi Intentions
Monday	8 a.m.	... DeRutte Family
Tuesday *	8 a.m.	... Brownell Family
Wednesday *	8 a.m. (Nicasio)	... Stromberg Intentions

### From the Pew

Pray for the Sick of our parish.

Thank you to **Antonia Van Becker** and her team of musicians, performers, volunteers, donors of raffle prizes, food & drinks for a wonderful Christmas Concert last Sunday. Many thanks to all who supported this fund raiser.

No bible study Monday evening. Not enough response for the event.

**Advent 8 Hour Adoration**, Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. at St. Cecilia's.

**Advent Concert**, Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. by Doug, James & Dana Couey-Harman (Concert is free, goodwill offerings accepted, CD available). Concert is at St. Cecilia's. A reception after at the parish hall, wine & drinks are provided. Bring appetizer to share.

Today, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Archdiocese's **Retirement for Religious.**

### Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

- ✦ **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 AM**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Mass at ST. CECILIA (No 9:30 Mass)
- ✦ **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM**  
Christmas Eve Mass at ST. MARY (Bring a bell for the Gloria).
- ✦ **Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM**  
Christmas Day Mass at ST. CECILIA

**Sock Drive** - St. Mary's catechism is collecting warm socks for the homeless. Donate by December 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

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### Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	....	\$ 534.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	....	\$ 448.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 982.00</b>



"You can only be great if you live in one who is great."

### Mark your Calendar

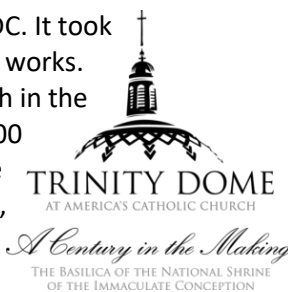
- Dec 19 ... 8 hour Advent Adoration starting 8 a.m. SC
  - Dec 19 ... Advent Concert at SC 7 p.m. (free)
  - Dec 24 ... 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass 11:15 a.m. SC
  - Dec 24 ... Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary 5:30 p.m.
  - Dec 25 ... Christmas Day Mass at St. Cecilia 9:30 a.m.
  - Dec 28 ... CCD delivers gloves/socks to St. Vincent de Paul
- Visit <http://www.stcecilia-lagunitas.org>.

### Pope Francis

Take time out to be with the Lord.

### Basilica of the Blessed Trinity and Immaculate Conception of Mary

was dedicated December 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 Washington DC. It took 100 years to complete works. Largest Catholic Church in the U.S., the dome is 20,000 square feet. The dome has 14 million mosaics, figure of Christ three million mosaics. The Basilica houses 80 chapels, a crypt, museum, library. It has an upper and lower floor plan. Upper can seat 6,000 people. To build a basilica, Vatican has to approve. Pope Pius X granted permission 1917.



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### By the percent

American youngest religious groups are all non-Christian

Muslims	.....	42%
Hindus	.....	36%
Buddhists	.....	35%
No Affiliation	.....	34%

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**Did you know** How much is San Francisco worth? \$208 billion

