



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## December 25, 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.

Luke 2 : 1 - 14

Luke describes the utter supernatural happenings surrounding the birth of Christ. A momentous event must be filled with heavenly happenings, far beyond earthly possibilities. So look at the sequence of Christmas events, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Angels, Shepherds, Stars, Virgin Birth, Escape from Herod's evil will, extraordinary by any moments in history.



# Merry Christmas



Christmas Village at St. Cecilia's - Imagine the little town in Bethlehem ...



### Mass Intentions: Week of December 25, 2017

Sunday	11:15 a.m. at St. Cecilia	... Ray Petrie
Sunday	5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at St. Mary	... Paul Sloan
Monday	9:30 a.m. Christmas Day at St. Cecilia	... Sromberg Intentions

\* No daily Mass this week.

### From the Pew

**Pray for the Sick** of our parish.

Monday, **January 1<sup>st</sup>** 2018 is not a Holy Day of Obligation (when the solemnity falls on a Saturday or a Monday according to USCCB 1992 general decree). The day is designated as a "Day of Prayer for World Peace".

### 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

**Christmas Carol sing-along** before Mass, tonight, starting 5 PM at St. Mary's.

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

### "Old St. Mary's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1867-2017"

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Priests of the Archdiocese vs. St. Patrick's Seminarians **Basketball game**, Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, 1055 Ellis St. SF. Tickets \$7pp, call 415-614-5517 or visit <http://sfarch.org/basketball>.

Archdiocese's Annual **Wedding Anniversary Mass**, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 AM SF Cathedral. For info, visit [www.anniversarymass.net](http://www.anniversarymass.net)

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### Last Week's Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	....	\$ 576.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	....	\$ 295.00
Total:		<u>\$ 871.00</u>



"The universe is centered on neither the earth nor the sun. It is centered on God."

### Mark your Calendar

- 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** If the poor have little value in the world, nevertheless, they are our passport to Heaven.

Next August, 2018, Pope Francis will go to Dublin Ireland for the World meeting of families. Catholics around the world will attend the event.

A Parish Christmas Story The young lad was no longer sure of Santa Claus, nevertheless at Christmas Eve he was told to go to bed so Santa can get to work. The next morning he looked at the Christmas tree filled with gifts. Then he saw chimney sod, dust footprints from the chimney to the free. "Oh Mommy Daddy, Santa Claus was in our house last night!"

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Climate Change The effect of climate change on the habitats of animals is undeniable and man's destructive disregard for the environment. 1,000's of species are being lost each decade. God must feel sorrow for the loss of what He created. When we lose species, what no regard for what we are doing, in the end it is we who lose.

### By the percent

American concerns regarding climate change

Major threat	.....	15%
Minor threat	.....	24%
Not a threat	.....	59%

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### Did you know

Busy travelling Christmas Season

Travel in cars	.....	97 million
By planes	.....	6.7 million
By trains & boats	.....	3 million

