



st. cecilia church lagunitas

THE HOLY FAMILY December 31, 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 : 22 - 40

The family is the major institution and most important of all institutions. It is where unconditional love is given to us. Right and wrong is taught to us. Responsibility and spirituality is practiced within the home and lessons for life lovingly guide us to adulthood. If the family breaks down, so does everything else.



Merry Christmas at St. Cecilia & St. Mary

Merry Christmas



John Althuisen celebrates his 93rd birthday. His tee-shirt reads: "It took me 93 years to look this good."

From the Pew

Pray for the Sick of our parish. This year we had high number of foot injuries, broken femur, hip replacement, surgeries: Craig Carlson, David Paganini, Fr. O', Ginny Kerbs, Diana Dougherty, Kathy Drady, Mary McCaffrey, Marco Torres. Accidents tripping over grandkids, dogs, falling - so easily for such serious damage. Pray for all for a speedy recovery.

Monday, **January 1st** 2018, though not a Holy Day of Obligation (when the solemnity falls on a Saturday or a Monday according to USCCB 1992 general decree), faithful are encouraged to attend Mass. The day is designated as a "Day of Prayer for World Peace".

"Old St. Mary's 150th Anniversary 1867-2017" booklet published. Editing team Martha, Craig, Fr. O', smw; materials from Nicasio Historical Society, parishioners & parish archive. For copies, contact Fr.

Archdiocese's 3-year **Finance Audit** is upon us again. BPM accounting firm will start the review process in January and target to conclude by June 30th 2018. Cost of the audit is \$5,000 shared by SC & SM.

2017 **donation acknowledgement letters** for tax sending out in January. Let Fr. know if you need one.

Archdiocese's Annual **Wedding Anniversary Mass**, February 3rd, 10 a.m. SF Cathedral. For info, visit www.anniversarymass.net

Candlelight Latin Mass at St. Sebastian, Thur. January 4th, 5 p.m. to conclude Christmas season with Gregorian Chants. Celebrant Fr. Joseph Previtali. Hot chocolates & cookies served after.

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

Christmas Collections:

St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	....	\$ 2,237.00
St. Mary's, Nicasio	....	\$ 2,105.00
Total:		<u>\$ 4,342.00</u>



"Principles are strength, without doubt."

Mark your Calendar

- Jan 1... Mary Mother of God, Day of Prayer World Peace
- Jan 7 ... Epiphany
- Feb 14 ... Ash Wednesday

Visit <http://www.stcecilia-lagunitas.org>.

Pope Francis In Christmas message, Pope Francis calls for peace. Jesus' "message of peace" is destined for "all peoples," he said, and "especially those scarred by war and harsh conflicts that seem stronger than the yearning for peace." Peace to all "men and women of goodwill, who work quietly and patiently each day, in their families and in society, to build a more humane and just world, sustained by the conviction that only with peace is there the possibility of a more prosperous future for all."

Catholic School (part 4 of 5)

Be involved. It tells the child how important school education is. My parents are invested in this. Parents should look for opportunities to volunteer, and be involved in homework from the school. Have grandparents included. Catholic schools are a big part of being family and religious.

By the percent

Vocations, religion important to parents:

Mother & Father	.....	43%
Mother only	.....	21%
Father only	.....	7%
Neither parent	.....	29%

Did you know

The first text message celebrates 25 Years. The first text message was transmitted Dec. 3, 1992. Engineer Neil Papworth typed "merry Christmas" on a computer and sent the first SMS message to the cellphone of Vodafone director Richard Jarvis.