



st. cecilia church lagunitas

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 25, 2019

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	Sunday	St. Cecilia	9:30 a.m.
		St. Mary	11:15 a.m.
	Monday	St. Cecilia	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	8 a.m.
	Thursday	St. Mary	8 a.m.
	Friday	St. Mary (1 st Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (4 th Sat.)	10 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
		St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except 4 th Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

* No Mass Tuesday

STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE

Discipline is an important part of Vietnamese culture. I still remember I was whipped by my parents couple times because I was an annoying kid. If this happened here in the U.S., it could be reported to police, and my parents could have been in jail. But I understand that my parents punished me because they loved me. Good parents impose discipline not in anger, to pay their children back for being bad; but out of love and concern, to help the children to be good.

People in our society today may not agree with this kind of discipline, but we even hear it already said from the biblical time: “do not disdain the discipline of the Lord... for those whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.”

This discipline is the **narrow gate** in today’s Gospel. Jesus encourage us: “strive to enter through the narrow gate” with patient endurance, to overcome difficult things that life sets

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Mass Intentions: Week of August 25 – August 31

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	...	David O’Connor (healing)
	11:15 a.m.	...	Paul Tran Dinh Loc (death anniversary)
Monday	8 a.m. SC	...	Joyce Vagasy (80 th Birthday)
Wednesday	8 a.m. SC	...	Fr. Mark Taheny (special intention)
Thursday	8 a.m. SM	...	Tony Starelli (RIP)
Friday	8 a.m. SC	...	Sue Mattson (healing)
Saturday	8 a.m. SM	...	Agnes Nguyen Thi Men (death anniversary)

before us. See life’s trials and troubles as opportunities to grow. Our trials and sufferings are the homework we are assigned in the school of life.

When Jesus was “making his way to Jerusalem,” he already knew in advance what would happen in Jerusalem. For Jesus, walking up Jerusalem means passing through his own "narrow gate” – that is the way of the cross. Jesus set the example for us. He did not promise that God would take away from us all trials and sufferings. Rather he promised that God will be with us in trials and sufferings.

Jesus invites us to walk the same road he walked. Here in the Eucharist, where he gives us his Body and Blood, he provides us with the food we need for our journey. He invites us to make our way to Jerusalem, to go through our narrow gate to Calvary – but beyond Calvary, to share with Jesus the resurrection and the fullness of eternal life.

From the Pew

Remember in our **daily prayers** the sick and the departed. Get well for Ann Gregory, Kay Winchester, Joyce Vagasy.

Fr. Ngoan V. Phan’s Installation Mass, Sunday, September 22nd. Bishop Bill Justice will officiate the occasion. One Mass 9:30 a.m. (combining St. Cecilia & St. Mary that day.) Reception follows. To help, contact John Beckerley & Carol Mori-Prange.

Congratulations to **Niall Patrick Dolan & Sarah Maria Schneider**, married at St. Cecilia last Saturday. May they have a long and happy life together.

Welcome **Maxwell Austin Deterding** to our Faith Family. He will be baptized at St. Mary this Sunday.

St. Mary Painting project will have bids by mid-September.

Today, **monthly maintenance** 2nd coll. Roof leak in the Rectory and St. Cecilia Church.

Last Sunday’s Collections:

St. Cecilia, Lagunitas	\$ 511.00
St. Mary, Nicasio	\$ 214.00
Total:		<u>\$ 725.00</u>

Mark your Calendar

- Sep 22 ... Fr. Phan’s Installation Mass
- Sep 30 – Oct 3 ... Priests’ Convocation
- October Count ... Sunday Masses
- Oct. 19 – 20 ... St. Cecilia’s Rummage Sale
- Nov. 24 ... Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving (host)
- Dec. 8 ... St. Mary Christmas Concert

Upcoming Events

What good can Discipline do?

- No pain, no gain.
- There is no rose without thorns.
- Before the resurrection of Jesus Christ was his passion and death.

Rummage Sale in October. Check out your closet/storage. (Please - No clothes or broken items or large furniture.)

Fr. Phan will be attending the **Priests Convocation**. Mandatory for all priests in our diocese. No weekday Mass, 9/30 – 10/3.

New comers to our church or neighborhood? Welcome and email us at stcecilia.lagunitas@yahoo.com.

40 Days for Life Prayer Event & Talks, 9/25 – 11/3. For information, visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/san-rafael/>, or contact Ruth Ann Cawley (racawley60@gmail.com)

2019 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal (AAA)

	Goal	Raised	NEED
St. Cecilia	\$5,569	\$4,669	\$900
St. Mary	\$4,578	\$2,203	\$2,375