



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 15, 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) +



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MASS	Sunday **	St. Cecilia St. Mary	9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
	** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month		
	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.) St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows 8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (4 th Sat.) St. Mary (other Sat.)	10 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion 8 a.m.
	Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia St. Mary (except 4 th Sat.)
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders)
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

GAUDETE SUNDAY – REJOICE

Is. 35:1-6a, 10; Ps. 146:6-10; Jas. 5:7-10; Mt. 11:2-11

“Rejoice in the Lord always... Indeed, the Lord is near” (Philippians 4:4-5).

We have been through half way of Advent Season – waiting and getting ready for the Lord to come again in our lives. The third Sunday of Advent is called **Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice!** We rejoice, for “God himself will come to save us” (Isaiah 35:6). We rejoice, for “the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:8), as we are approaching Christmas, the Birthday of the Prince of Peace.

Today’s Gospel reminds us again to get ready. Just as John the Baptist was sent by God to “prepare the way” for the Lord, we are called to become “*the greater*” in the kingdom of heaven, by responding to Jesus’ invitation to prepare the way for the Lord here and now. How do we

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Mass Intentions: Week of December 15, 2019

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	...	Bobby Greer (repose)
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	SM	...	Grandma Ana Nguyen (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	...	Gail de Rutte (repose)
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	...	Carol Mori-Prange (birthday)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	...	Mamita Emiliana Taaca (healing)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	...	Sue Mattson (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	...	Grandparents Peter & Maria(repose)

Happy Birthday to Carol



prepare the way for the Lord? It is to follow Jesus’ example, through our service, *to give sight to the blind, to help the lame walk, to make the lepers clean, to open the ears for the deaf, and to proclaim the good news of the Lord to the poor.* We are called to reach out to our God, to share our gifts and blessings with the poor, the needy, and the unfortunate.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, hopefully, this is not merely on the level of material and trimmings or decoration, not only for shopping, party, gift, or vacation, but may this be the time for us to get ready in our heart and soul, in our home and community, to welcome the Lord Jesus into our lives once again.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

- **All-day Adoration for Advent:** Monday, December 16, at St. Cecilia Church, right after 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. Please come to worship and pray.
- **Children Liturgy,** last Sunday of the month: on the Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, December 29th. Please mark your calendar and bring children to participate.
- **Infant Baptism:** There will be a baptism for Colette Freitas by Fr. Phan at 11:15 a.m. Mass, Sunday, December 22nd at St. Mary Church.

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec 24th, 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary. Caroling before Mass. Bring a bell for the Gloria.

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec 25th, 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia.

St. Mary CCD collecting **cotton socks** and **gloves.** Donated items will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul, San R after Christmas. Bring your donations to church or contact Margaret Farley.

Last Sunday’s Collections:

St. Cecilia, Lagunitas	\$	750.00
St. Mary, Nicasio	\$	246.00
Total:		\$	996.00

Mark your Calendar

- Dec 16 ... All Day Adoration (SC) – after 8 a.m. Mass
- Dec 24 ... Christmas Eve (SM) 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 25 ... Christmas Day (SC) 9:30 a.m.
- Dec 29 ... Children Liturgy (last Sunday)
- Jan 1 ... Feast Day of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

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

From the Pew

Remember in our Daily Prayers the departed and the sick.

Jesse Tree – donations for Valley Toys & Joy Program supporting local children during the holidays. Check payable to “Valley Toys & Joys”. Cia will collect the red envelopes you put on the tree on Christmas Day.



St. Mary Christmas Concert last Sunday.

Thank you to Antonia and her team, all the performers and volunteers and everybody who supported the fund raisers.

2019 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal (AAA)

	Goal	Raised	NEED
St. Cecilia	\$5,569	\$5,969	completed
St. Mary	\$4,578	\$3,213	\$1,365