



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas

# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 22, 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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<b>MASS</b>	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 <sup>st</sup> Fri.) St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows 8 a.m.	
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Cecilia St. Mary (except 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat.)	4 to 4:30 p.m. 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.	
	<b>Religious Education Confirmation Prep.</b>	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
		Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## EMMANUEL – GOD IS WITH US

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name is **Emmanuel – God is with us.**

As we believe, God is always present with us. Yet, we keep waiting and longing for the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ to fill up the missing parts in our life, and to free us from the darkness of sin, of sadness, loneliness, selfishness, hatred. Now the Lord is near. God is with us; but we sometimes hardly recognize him.

To think that the great, almighty, holy, transcendent God would come down here and make our earth his home, and stay with us and become part of our human family, is almost too

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### Mass Intentions:

Week of December 22, 2019

Sunday	SC	9:30 a.m.	...	Massucco Family (for thanksgiving)
Sunday	SM	11:15 a.m.	...	Andruess Family (for thanksgiving)
Monday	SC	8 a.m.	...	Bennetts Family (for thanksgiving)
Tuesday	SM	5:30 p.m.*	...	Thanksgiving for our Parishioners (Christmas Eve)
Wednesday	SC	9:30 a.m.*	...	Thanksgiving for our Parishioners (Christmas Day)
Thursday	SM	8 a.m.	...	Dallara Family (for thanksgiving)
Friday	SC	8 a.m.	...	Marie Foge (repose)
Saturday	SC	10 a.m.*	...	Padre Pio Mass (honor Padre Pio)



good to be true.

God comes to us in different ways. He comes to us, again and again, in the normal events of everyday life, in people we know and love. God continues to come and knock on the door of our hearts and souls. He waits for us to open the door for him.

Opening the door for God is to let him enter our lives. Opening the door for God is to say YES to his calling to love and share our gifts with those in need.

We are approaching the Birthday of Jesus our Lord. Let us open our hearts and souls to welcome him in to dwell. **He is Emmanuel – God is with us.**

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### ANNOUNCEMENT:

★ **Children Liturgy**, last Sunday of the month: on the Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>.



Please mark your calendar and bring children to participate.

★ **Baptism**: Welcome **Colette Freitas** to our Faith Family, baptized at the 11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Church today.



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🎄 **Christmas Eve**, Tuesday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary. Bring a bell for the Gloria.

🎄 **Christmas Day**, Wednesday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia.

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**Padre Pio** Mass, this Saturday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. at St. Cecilia. Rosary & prayer devotion follow. All are welcome.

### Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia, Lagunitas	....	\$ 998.04
St. Mary, Nicasio	....	\$ 347.11
Total:		\$ 1,345.15

### Mark your Calendar

- Dec 24 ... Christmas Eve (SM) 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 25 ... Christmas Day (SC) 9:30 a.m.
- Dec 29 ... Children Liturgy (last Sunday)
- Dec 30 – Jan 23 ... Fr. Phan vacation. No daily Mass.
- Jan 1 ... Feast Day of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation
- Jan 25 ... Walk for Life (San Francisco)

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

### From the Pew

Remember in our Daily Prayers the departed and the sick.

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Christmas Party, a fun evening – Thanks Carol & her team!



Photos: Carol, Great Job! > Santa Paul >> Talents: Fröhliche Weihnachten! Songs, jokes, gymnastics, broom dancing... > Selling rosaries benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

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

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

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