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October 4, 2020

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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 2020

My friends, Peter and Susan, once shared with me their family life's story. They raised four children. But now they are alone. They did everything for their children. They worked very hard, without vacations, to make sure the children growing up without lacking food or anything else in life.

Peter and Susan sent the children to good schools; providing them money for computers, good clothes, entertainments... They taught their children good values, raised them in the church, and tried to set good examples for them.

When the children have grown up, what happened in the family?

Their eldest son quitted school and started his own business. He becomes a rich man, but money has become his god; no more going to church; having no time to visit the parents either. The second, a daughter, is married to a successful businessman, but doesn't believe in having children as it would keep them from traveling; and they don't even have time to see the parents. The third was married with two children, but suddenly left his wife and children and went off with a younger woman. He never shows up to visit the parents. The four is touring the world like a hippie. He does not believe in working of settling down. None of them go to church any more. And the parents sadly wonder "what more could they have done?" The parents are sad for themselves, but even sadder for their children.

Do you find anything from the above story similar with your own life? With your children? With your family?

Today's readings seem to suggest that even God sometimes feels like this. We can feel the tone of God's words from the first reading: "What more could I have done?" In spite of all the love God showed his people, what he got in return was ingratitude. God is disappointed because the people have squandered the blessings he wanted them to enjoy. Sadly, as we heard from the readings, the vineyard is destined to become a wasteland.

Because of love, God reveals himself to us in many times, and many ways: through creation, nature, universe; God speaks to us through the prophets and ultimately through the Son, Jesus Christ: "for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..." (John 3:16) We can summarize the parable story in the Gospel with this verse from the Letter to Hebrews: "In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days he spoke to us through the Son." (*Hebrews 1:1-2*)

What did God want for his people? God wanted justice, and instead got corruption exploitation of the poor and weak. God wanted goodness, and instead got evil. God wanted compassion and share, and instead got greed to acquire. God wanted community, and instead got exclusiveness and division. God wanted humility, and instead got pride...

This is the story in today's readings, and it is our story, too. Today, we may reflect on some suggested questions: 1/ God has given us many gifts in our life, have we received those gifts with gratitude or ingratitude? 2/ Have we cultivated God's gifts or have we failed to respond to those gifts? 3/ Have we acknowledged the gifts we received and shared those gifts with our brothers and sisters who are in need?

MASS INTENTIONS: (from Sunday, October 4 to Saturday, October 10)

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Pete Martin (for healing)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Paul Kortenkamp (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Bill White (for belated birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Jerry Burns (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Richard Astin (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Guido Mori-Prange (for health)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Kathy Drady & Family (thanksgiving)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mark your calendar: Receptions Sunday, October 11, 2020, around 12:15 p.m. (right after 11:15 a.m. Mass) at St. Mary's Church.** You are invited to celebrate with us the reopening of the church after the Covid-19 and especially after the completion of the renovation..
- Please join with others across the nation for the **40 Days for Life Fall Campaign**—40 days of peaceful prayer and vigil (Sept. 23 – Nov. 1, 2020), with masks and social distancing, on the public sidewalk outside the Planned Parenthood abortion business at 4th & H St. in San Rafael. Further information and participant sign-up calendar are available at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/san-rafael/>, or contact Ruth Ann Cawley, phone 415-383-6681, email racawley60@gmail.com.