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October 18, 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.
		** 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.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
		St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	10 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
Religious Education	Monday	St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
		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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 2020

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96; I Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21

In Palestine in Jesus' day, Jewish people never accepted the Romans who ruled their country. The Pharisees claimed that the Roman government was unlawful and should not be obeyed at all. They hated to pay annual head tax imposed by the Roman government – the foreigners.

The Pharisees also hated Jesus since he often condemned them as hypocrites. Now they took advantage of the conflicts between the Jews and the Romans, and tried to put Jesus in the between. By asking Jesus his opinion about paying tax, they tried to “entrap Jesus in his answer.” Jesus' answers yes or no would fall in the trap. If he said: “yes, it is lawful to pay the Roman tax,” the Pharisees would condemn him as betrayal to his Jewish people. If he said: “No, the tax is unlawful and should not be paid,” he could be reported to the authorities for stimulating people to break the law.

Jesus did not give either of the answers. Instead, he asked the Pharisees to show him a Roman coin in their own pockets. By this, Jesus meant to tell them the reality that they kept the Romans' money; it meant they accepted the rule of the Romans, too.

Jesus' words “repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar” rejected the position of the Pharisees. All the emphasis, however, was on the second part of Jesus' answer which Jesus demanded the Jews and all of us today, too: “Repay to God what belongs to God.”

Jesus spoke not of paying but of repaying. Jesus demands us not only to pay, but to repay to God what belongs to God. We have received gifts from God. Now we are obliged to pay back. And what does belong to God? Our very lives. We hear from the first reading, the Lord said to us: “I have called you by name... though you knew me not.” We belong to the Lord, our God... Everything we have in our life is from God.

From God we received all that we have. God has given us the gift of life. God has given us our time, our talents. God has given us our possessions and our money. Perhaps you might say: wait a minute, I've worked for what I have. But how long would you retain your possessions, and earning power, if you lost your health, or if you lost your life? In fact, everything we have is gift from God the Giver of all.

“Repay to God what belongs to God” means putting God first in our lives. We may ask ourselves: do I put God first in my life? Or do I only give God the leftovers, or some of my spare time? Or do I only give God the gifts and talents which are left over when I have finished doing the things I want to do? Or do I only give God the loose change that remains after I have satisfied all my needs and as many luxuries as I think I can afford?

God wants the first fruits of our hands with genuine love from us, as he received the first fruits of Abel. You and I are also invited to give the first fruits, not just to fulfill our obligation, but to show our gratitude to God, the Source of our life. Let us never forget “giving God what belongs to God,” and as we pray in the Psalm today: “Give the Lord glory and honor.”

MASS INTENTIONS

(from Sunday, October 18 to Saturday, October 24)

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	Laura Loeffler (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	Tran Thi Thanh Van (thanksgiving for healing)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Susanne & Rich O'Toole (thanksgiving/birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Crissa Volhontseff (for well-being)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ...	Paul Quy Phan (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Guido Mori-Prange (for health)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ...	Fr. Lou Robello (repose)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2nd collection today is for the **World Mission Sunday**.
- **Thank you** again for your generous contributions to the renovation of St. Mary's Church. We had a beautiful refreshment after the Mass last Sunday. Especially thanks to those who made arrangement, donated the food, helped setting up tables and chairs, helped cleaning up... Please enter the following link for a brief report about the renovation project: <https://youtu.be/rprLtbkUrac>
- Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Parish **Finance Report** attached.
- 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.

ST. CECILIA FINANCIAL STATEMENTYEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020INCOME

Sunday Collections	\$20,234
Christmas	1,245
Easter	1,410
Sacraments	
Fund Raisers (less expenses)	25,572
Interest	106

\$48,567	Total Income
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EXPENSES

Father Phan	\$19,504
Substitute Priest	225
Health Insurance & Pension	7,390
Living Expense	2,400
Property Taxes	3,343
Maintenance & Repairs	5,448
Utilities	8,709
Office Expense	143
Liability Insurance	7,997
Worship Supplies	1,139
Liturgy/Appreciation	2,458

\$58,756	Total Expenses
<u>(\$10,189)</u>	Net decrease

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2020ASSETS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Checking	\$93,201	\$104,447	
Renovations	63,440	62,540	
CYO Savings	5,230	5,230	
CYO Checking	6,973	6,921	
Chancery Acct.	5,333	5,228	
Total Funds	<u>\$174,177</u>	<u>\$184,366</u>	<u>(\$10,189)</u> Net decrease

LIABILITY

\$0	\$0
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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)	\$4,688	\$5,569
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ST. MARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTYEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020INCOME

Sunday Collections	\$13,736
Christmas	1,700
Easter	1,335
Sacraments	2,050
Fund Raisers (less expenses)	12,766
Interest	1,345
Donor Restricted Fund	17,968
Annual Appeal Deficit	<u>(645)</u>

\$50,255	Total Income
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EXPENSES

Father Phan	\$19,503
Substitute Priest	225
Health Insurance & Pension	7,390
Living Expense	2,400
Property Taxes	496
Maintenance & Repairs	5,088
Utilities	4,780
Office Expense	220
Liability Insurance	4,259
Worship Supplies	992
Liturgy/Appreciation	358

\$45,711	Total Expenses
<u>\$4,544</u>	Net increase

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2020ASSETS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Checking	<u>(\$5,608)</u>	\$6,107	
Scholarship	11,377	11,377	
Preservation	18,516	196,046	
Chancery Acct.	196,003	2,214	
Total Funds	<u>\$220,288</u>	<u>\$215,744</u>	<u>\$4,544</u> Net increase

LIABILITY

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)	\$4,304	\$4,578
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