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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.
		<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.) St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows 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.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A - 2020

The gospel story today is like what happens to us in our daily business. By the end of the year, people are busy with filing income tax. How much is my income this year? How much do I have to pay tax? How much do I get back from my income-tax return?

My parents used to own a small restaurant when they were young. At the end of each year – it was about the week before Lunar New Year – they took a serious look at their business affairs to see how they had been doing. They summed up the principal and interest. They studied the comments of customers, trying to improve their business. They always prepared a new plan for the year ahead.

If we know how to make our business work well, then it is far more important for us to keep our life function well before God and neighbors. The scripture readings during the end of the liturgical year remind us of the end time, or the Last Judgment, in order to help us look back on how we have lived our lives as the disciples of Jesus Christ. Indeed, Jesus, through this parable story, talks with us indirectly about what is going to happen to us on the Last Judgment.

Who is the man going on the journey? It is Jesus himself. After his death and resurrection, Jesus left this world to go to the Father in heaven. He entrusted his unfinished mission to the Apostles, and from them to all the Church, to you and me. Jesus said: "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News." Jesus has entrusted to us various gifts. He also expected us to enrich our gifts. And one day, for sure, Jesus will come back and settle accounts with us to see how responsible we have used the gifts God has given us.

The Master rewards the first two servants for doing good job of doubling the talents entrusted to them; but he harshly punishes the third servant for not doing what the master expected.

There are two types of sins: sins of commission and sins of omission. Usually, we may assume that God punishes us because of our sins, because of the bad things we do (sins of commission). But this Gospel message tells us that God also punishes us for not doing things which we ought to do (sins of omission).

In the penitential prayer we say: "I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own faults, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do..." Fail to do what we ought to do is also a sin – sin of omission. For example, if we live our lives luxuriously but we ignore our fellow people who are starving, or if we don't help those in dire need, then how can we answer to Jesus on the Day of Judgment?

Like those at the king's left hand in the parable of the sheep and goats, the third servant is rejected not for any wrong thing he did, but for what he failed to do. Jesus says: "when I was hungry you did not give me food, when I was thirsty you did not give me drink..." And he concludes: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did not do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did not do it for me."

You might know the story of a rich young man. Once, the rich young man asks Jesus, "Teacher, what shall I do in order to have eternal life?" Jesus tells him to keep the Commandments: Love the Lord your God, keep holy the Sabbath, honor your mother and father, you shall not kill, you shall not still, you shall not commit adultery, and so on. All of these, the man says, he keeps very well. And Jesus tells him: there is one thing you still lack: go and sell all you have and give to the poor and come and follow me... By that, the rich young man left him sadly, because he possesses many things. The rich young man has failed to love; he has not loved his neighbors enough. And you know what Jesus conclude said about this: "Amen, I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."

The message we must learn from our Scripture readings today is this: If Jesus summons you and me today and asks us about how we have used the gifts he has entrusted to us, how do we answer him?

Remember this: a candle loses nothing when passing its light to other candle; rather it makes the room brighter. Have we, like the first two faithful servants in the story, multiplied the gifts of time, treasure, and talent by sharing with others in order to build up and enrich God's Kingdom on earth, especially in our parish community? Or have we, just like the selfish and lazy servant, kept the gifts for ourselves and so produced no interest at all?

We should be like the two faithful servants who know how to multiply the gifts, in order to receive God's rewards of eternal happiness, as Jesus said: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Come share your master's joy!"

MASS INTENTIONS (from Sunday, 11/ 15 to Saturday, 11/ 21)			
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	John Massucco (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	Paul D. & Martha T. Phan (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Gary Frugoli (death anniversary tomorrow)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Josephine & Vito Lomele (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ...	Jean Frugoli (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Benedetto & Lina Massucco (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ...	Elizabeth de Rutte Mills & Hilary de Rutte (repose)

SAVE THE DATE
Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving
Sunday 11/22/2020, 4PM
via ZOOM. Community
Gathering of Gratitude.
Zoom link will be sent later.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Second collection today to support our Retired Archdiocesan Priests.
- Our warm welcome to Robyn Torres who is newly registered into our Parish Community. Please also extend our warm welcome to the Kozinskis Family who have recently moved in our parish area – now living at Woodacre.
- Congratulations to Scott Berlin and Aliza Pantoja on their wedding at St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m. yesterday Saturday, 11/14/20 by Fr. Phan.
- Please remember in your prayers for healings of Ann Conley (Paul's sister) who had an emergency on October 5 and had to have a pacemaker put in. And Elizabeth Ohanneson our friend & parishioner at St. Mary's Community – who has been sick for several months now.
- Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Cecilia Church: 8 a.m. Thursday, November 26, 2020. Come and give thanks to God for all Blessings we have received from Him.