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November 29, 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
		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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7... Ps 80... 1 Cor 1:3-9... Mk 13:33-37

The Lord of the House Is Coming.

Today, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent – also the first day of a New Liturgical Year B – the year of Saint Mark’s Gospel. Advent brings us the awareness of our longing or waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It might be the anniversary of his first coming as we celebrate the Christmas – Christ’s Birthday. It might be his second coming at the end of time.

The end of the world is known only to God. It is Jesus’ second coming. It is his secret. We do know that the end of this world for each one of us is at the moment when we breathe our last breath. It is the moment when we have to leave this world behind, and enter a new future world that we know exists.

For some very good reason, Jesus does not tell us when this moment will be. But he only reminds us as we learn from the Gospel reading today: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come!”

We are called to conversion, to prepare the room in our heart and soul worthily for the Lord to come. But we have a tendency of procrastination; we are not ready; we don’t prepare enough. We postpone everything until last minute: tomorrow and tomorrow. If many Christians knew the day and hour of their death, they would postpone their conversion until that last moment.

Saint Augustine said this: “It is by design that Jesus hid the last day from us – so that we’d be on the lookout for him every day of our lives.”

Through this holy season of Advent, we look for the coming of the Lord, so that – as

St. Paul says in the second reading – we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We await his coming among us when we open the scriptures and celebrate the sacraments. We look forward to the celebration of his birth in Bethlehem. Perhaps most importantly, we long and yearn for his coming again in glory at the end of time. We do not know when the Lord of the house is coming: whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. Let us ask the Lord to keep us always expectant of his coming that he might not find us unaware.

Let us be watchful, so that we are mindful of the Lord in our ways. And if the Lord suddenly comes at an unexpected time, he might meet us doing right.

May Advent be certainly for us a season in which we are reminded of our heart’s desire for Christ. May we prepare the home of our heart and soul for Christ, that when we abundantly receive Christ Jesus, we may generously share the gifts with our brothers and sisters in need!

Be watchful! Be alert!

Our prayer for this week: Lord our God, rend the heavens and come down (1). Come and save us (Ps) from our sins. Let us turn again to you (Ps) and so be found blameless (2) when you return in glory (3). Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS: (from Sunday, November 29 to Saturday, December 5)

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	Pattie Grey (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	Fr. Michele Raimondi (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Dorothy Yudice (for health)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Kevin Kenneally (for well-being)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ...	Richard Astin (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Ed & Elsie Kerbs (repose) ... All-Day Adoration
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ...	Mamita Emiliana Taaca (for healing)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Friday, December 4 is First Friday. We will have All-Day Adoration for Advent after 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. (***please note: at St. Cecilia Church**). There is a talk on the Flame of Love at 4 p.m. by Dr. Thaddeus Kozinski.
- Dr. Thaddeus Kozinski, former professor of philosophy and theology and Academic Dean of Wyoming Catholic College, moved to Woodacre this past summer. He and his family are new parishioners. He will be giving a talk on "Elizabeth Kindlemann and the Flame of Love" on Friday, December 4, at 4 p.m. here at St. Cecilia Church. There will be materials available on this most important and fully approved devotion, and if there is sufficient interest, Dr. Kozinski would like to lead a weekly Flame of Love Cenacle of Prayer and Reparation at the Parish. Please see these links for more information and we hope you will attend Dr. Kozinski’s talk.
http://www.theflameoflove.org/cenacles_steps.html
<http://www.theflameoflove.org/survey.html>
- The Archdiocese of San Francisco is offering a one-day women’s retreat for healing after abortion on December 5 at a confidential location. Led by Contemplative of St. Joseph Father Vito Perrone, with Mass, sacrament of reconciliation and therapists on location. More information is on the main Archdiocesan website. Just type /Rachel at the end of the Archdiocesan web address (sfarch.org/Rachel). Social distancing and all protocols will be observed.