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December 6, 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.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

There is a story of a woman who married four times: first, to a millionaire, he died; then to an actor, he also died; next to a minister, he died too; and lastly to an undertaker, he also died. At the funeral of her fourth husband, she gave a very personal reflection about her married life, and then she concluded: "One for money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!" That's true. She's married to the millionaire for money, to the Hollywood actor for show, to the minister for getting ready, and to the undertaker to go.

If you and I are called by God in this time of Advent Season, for what reason, or what purpose, do you think God would expect from us? Hopefully it is not for the money, not for the show, but for being ready to go and prepare the way for the Lord.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" is the theme for our reflection during this second week of Advent as we hear repeated in the readings today. Especially in the Gospel, Jesus describes his cousin John the Baptist, not as one who was dressed in fine clothing (like a millionaire), nor as a reed swaying in the wind (like an actor for show), but John is a humble man being clothed in camel's hair and simply fed on locusts and wild honey. Nevertheless, John carries a great mission. He is the forerunner of the Lord, a prophet, a great voice crying out in the desert to urge people to get ready the way for the Lord to come.

How do we prepare the way for the Lord? We are called to reform. Reform your life! Reform your way of life! Reform means to change our lives to please God – the one who loves us into happiness. Let us fill the valley of our sins. Make low the hill of our anger and hatred. Make the rugged land of our soul a plain of peace. Make the rough country of our heart a broad valley of love.

Create in our home, in our community, a world of love and peace for God's kingdom to come – a

world where God feeds us "like a shepherd feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care."

Let us reform and be ready for the Lord and "conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion," as Saint Peter (2 Peter 3:3-18) reminds us to be aware of the day that the Lord will suddenly come to us.

Let us turn to Jesus and ask him: "Lord, what is it you want me to change in my life?" Maybe it is time to quit smoking, or cut down on drinking, or get rid of bad habits. It might be the time to create a peaceful world in our home, in our community; to welcome and to speak nicely with one another. Perhaps, it is the time for us to be more attentive in loving God and neighbors by spending more time in daily prayer, and giving generously to the poor through our gift offerings at Mass.

Advent is the season of waiting and getting ready for the Lord of love and peace to come again in our lives at Christmas. For us, hopefully, preparing for Christmas is not only on the level of material and trimmings, not only for shopping, gifts, party, vacation, or the money and the show, but this should be the time for us to care more about our spiritual life; to get ready in our heart and soul, in our home and community, to welcome the Lord into our life.

Just a moment every day with the Lord, especially this week, we might say this prayer: "Dear Lord Jesus, beyond the money and the show, help me to get ready my heart for you, because anytime, suddenly anytime, you may call, and I may go."



MASS INTENTIONS:		<i>(from Sunday, December 6 to Saturday, December 12)</i>	
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	Dave Mariani (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	Kathy Drady & Family (thanksgiving)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Nancy Dinh Do (healing)
Tuesday	8 a.m.	SM ...	Parishioners (thanksgiving) ... Immaculate Conception
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Tran D. Loc & Ng. Th. Khang (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Cecilia Hong Pham (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Don Kerbs (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC ...	for Vocations to Priesthood ... Our Lady of Guadalupe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday 12/08: Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation), Mass @ 8 a.m. St. Mary church (indoor)
- **Toys & Joys**: once again it's time to support our local charity that provides Christmas gifts for children of San Geronimo and Nicasio Valleys. It is such an important part of our outreach to the community. Checks should be made out to "Toys & Joys". You can donate at church or send a check to Toys & Joys, P.O. Box 496, Woodacre, CA 94973. (Be sure to mention that you are a parishioner of St. Cecilia/St. Mary Church).
- Next weekend the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken. Your gift will help our elderly men and women religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.
- I am very sorry to learn that **Marin County has announced a lockdown order again, effective Tuesday 12/08/20 at noon**. Visit coronavirus.marinhhs.org for more details. Religious services are only allowed outdoor. No indoor.
- Here are some changes on Mass schedule and location effective from Tuesday noon 12/08/20, we only have one Mass everyday, including Sunday, at St. Cecilia Church (all are outdoor) until further notice.
Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m at St. Cecilia Church
Weekday Mass: 8 a.m. at St. Cecilia only (all are outdoor).