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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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<b>MASS</b>	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 <sup>st</sup> Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
		St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
		St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
<b>Religious Education</b>	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
<b>Confirmation Prep.</b>	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Note: This section contains schedules that are on hold due to the pandemic. See latest Mass schedule posted each week.

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – YEAR B**

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Children are blessings of God for the parents, especially in their old age. We hear the same remark in both the first, and the second reading today, that the Lord God granted a son – Isaac – to the elderly Abraham and Sarah, as a sign of reward from the Lord to them for their righteousness, for their faith and trust in the Lord.

From this offspring, Abraham's descendants will be "as numerous as stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore." For Abraham and Sarah, for all parents, and indeed for all human-race, children are indeed the sign of joy, hope, and happiness in life.

Gentlemen! Each and every one of you has a time to be a son to your parents, and to be a father to your children. Likewise, Ladies! Each and every one of you has a time to be a daughter to your parents and to be a mother to your children.

How do you live your life, how do you live your faith, in order to be a good son or a good daughter to your parents, or to be a perfect model of a parent to your children?

We learn from Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in this Feast of the Holy Family today: Holy Family is a perfect model of love which sets an example for every family, for every one of us, to achieve the perfection of God's holiness.

Love is the starting point of family life. St. Paul once teaches us through his letter to the Colossians urging: "Wives, love your husbands and be subordinate to your husbands... Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged." In everything you do,

put on the armor of love. Jesus, like each and every one of us, learned to love in his childhood by being loved. Jesus learned about God's love from experiencing the human love of his parents Mary and Joseph. As we believe, Jesus is the Son of God, but the immediate parents who bring him up, who take care of him, who teach him how to speak, who lead him step by step, who look after him every moment, are Joseph and Mary.

Where did Jesus get his capacity to love – the outcast, lepers, beggars, and even hardened criminals – if not from Joseph and Mary? In the life of a family, the most important thing the parents can do for their children is to show their love for each other. The children can learn how to love by observing how their parents love each other, and how they are loved by their parents.

We can look at the fruits and know the tree. From human perspective, the wisdom that Jesus teaches us surely reflects the holiness of life in the family of his earthly parents Mary and Joseph. The Baby Jesus is so holy that when his parents Joseph and Mary present him to the Lord in the temple, many holy and righteous people shout for joy.

The righteous man Simeon, on seeing the Son, was filled with Holy Spirit; he praised God, saying: "Lord, now let [me] your servant go in peace, [for] your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel."

In the same way, on seeing the Child Jesus, "the holy prophetess Anna gave thanks to God, and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."

On this Feast of the Holy Family, God is asking each one of us, whom he has already made members of his family in baptism, and whom he loves totally and unconditionally, to be his agents in loving the unloved, loving the unwanted, and loving the unlovable.

As we come here at this holy table of the Eucharist, Jesus the Son of God, fills us brim full with his love – so that we can go forth from here to share that love with other people: who are our brothers and sisters in the love of Christ Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, let us learn from the Holy Family, to be holy as God the Father in heaven is holy.

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<b>MASS INTENTIONS:</b>		<i>(from Sunday, December 27 to Saturday, January 2, 2021)</i>	
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	Honor of the Holy Family
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	Richard Astin (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	pray for family life of our parish
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	for all struggling with addictions
Thursday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Ginny & George Kerbs Family (thanksgiving)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ...	John Tran Ngoc Minh (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Barbara Foster (repose)



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Friday, January 1, 2021: **Happy New Year & Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.** Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Cecilia Church, followed by the First Friday Adoration until noon.
- If no rain, we continue the Sunday Mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary's (outdoor only until further notice). We pray for good weather.