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January 10, 2021

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.
		** 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.) St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows 8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Sat.) St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion 8 a.m.
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia St. Mary (except last Sat.)	4 to 4:30 p.m. 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.

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR B

Readings: Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

The celebration of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus today causes a challenging question: Why Jesus needs to be baptized if he has no sin? Even John the Baptist had difficult time to understand why Jesus came to him for baptism, as he said about Jesus: "I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals..." Indeed, Jesus humbles himself to receive John's baptism of repentance not to be purified himself but to give us the assurance that baptism is necessary for us to be purified.

The baptism of Jesus is a mystery worthy of our contemplation. Pope John Paul II considered it as something worth meditating on when he made it one of the mysteries in the new set of mysteries he created for the rosary: the luminous mysteries or the mysteries of light.

There is so much that could be said about baptism. We probably understand that the baptism of Jesus by John was totally different from our sacrament of baptism.

We may ask: what does baptism do for Jesus? From all eternity, Jesus is God's beloved Son. He has all blessings. He is spotless lamb. Because Jesus has no sin, he has no need of baptism in any form. In this respect Jesus' baptism by John made no change in him as the sacrament of baptism did for us. However, Jesus' baptism by John provides an occasion for us to reflect on our own baptism and the grace that it brought us.

As we believe, Baptism takes away our original sin. Baptism grants us the blessings of God's life, to become children of God. Baptism fills us with the blessings of the Holy Spirit, the

blessing of belonging to the family of God, the blessing and hope of sharing in eternal happiness with God.

There is similarity between Jesus' baptism by John and the sacrament of baptism we receive; similar in the way that they are both a commitment. John's baptism was a public commitment people made to live holy lives and to prepare for the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus, in being baptized, was publicly committing himself to do God's will and to preach and build the kingdom of God. Baptism is that for us too.

Through baptism, we are committed in a public event to belong to God, to be God's obedient children, God's holy people. It is something like declaring one's candidacy, not for public office, but for the office of Christian in the world. Most likely, someone – probably our parents – made that commitment for us. They made that commitment for us with the intention of directing us in God's ways. Eventually, we have to make that commitment by the way we live our Christian life.

On this feast of the baptism of the Lord Jesus we have an opportunity to recommit ourselves to Jesus. Because of Jesus' baptism, we can be confident that at our own baptism the Lord pours his abundant blessings upon us, and purifies us and free us of our sins and protects us from evil. We give thanks and praise to the Lord on this feast for having made us his beloved sons and daughters, well-pleasing to him.

MASS INTENTIONS:		<i>(from Sunday, January 10 to Saturday, January 16)</i>	
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	Connie Robles (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	Robert Bridwell (repose/anniversary)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Matthew Lines (thanksgiving for sacraments received)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Andrues Family (thanksgiving for blessings)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Joseph Pham Ngoc Tri (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Steve & Cecilia Miskics Family (special intentions)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Fr. Antony Tran Dinh Phuc (repose)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Respect Life Events:

Jan. 9, 2021 St. Mary's Cathedral Monthly Mass at 8 AM & Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood follows.

Jan. 22, 2021 St. Mary's Cathedral Mass with Archbishop at Noon, and Webinar Arch. Cordileone with National leaders at 1:30 PM. Sign up at sfarch.org/legal-protection-unborn.

Jan. 27, 2021 Human Trafficking Series: Jan. 27, Feb. 8 & 25, Mar. 9 (Zoom) at 6:30 PM. Sign up at sfarch.org/seminars.

For more information, please contact:

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Sunday Collections:	<u>Christmas</u>	<u>Sun. 1/3</u>
St. Cecilia, Lagunitas	\$3,543.00	\$395.00
St. Mary, Nicasio	\$2,450.00	\$186.00
Total	\$5,993.00	\$581.00