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January 17, 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.
<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px; font-size: small;"> <i>Note: This section contains schedules that are on hold due to the pandemic. See latest Mass schedule posted each week.</i> </div>	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.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Our reflection on today's readings is about God's invitation and our response: it is the power of God's call for us and how well we answer. Through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. How attentive do we listen to his voice? How generous do we respond to his call? How willing are we to do his will?

From the first reading, we see how God called Samuel. Prophet Samuel lived about 1000 years before Christ. There are two books in the Old Testament named Samuel. Book I has 31 chapters and Book II has 24 chapters. However, only the first 15 chapters in Book I actually deal with Samuel. The rest of Book I and all of Book II deal with King David.

Samuel was an important person of Israel in the Old Testament. He was a great prophet who anointed King Saul to be Israel's first king; and later he anointed David of the house of Jesse to be king. Samuel had a great influence over both religious and political aspect of his day in Israel.

Samuel's mother, Hannah, was unable to have children and she suffered bitterly over the fact that she was barren. She promised God if she had a son, she would dedicate him to God, which was what she did. When Samuel was still a young child, Hannah brought him to the priest Eli who attended to the Ark of the Covenant in Shiloh, so that under Eli, Samuel would be raised and educated for God's service. This is the background to our first reading telling us how God called Samuel. Samuel eventually recognized God's voice and generously answered: "Here I am... speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

The Gospel tells us about Jesus' call for the first disciples: Andrew and Simon Peter, (and James and John – the sons of Zebedee). Like his brother Simon Peter, Andrew was a fisherman. He became a disciple of John the Baptist, but when John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Andrew understood that Jesus was greater. At once he left John the Baptist to follow Jesus – the Divine Master.

Jesus knew that Andrew was walking behind him, and turning back, he asked, "What do you seek?" When Andrew answered that he would like to know where Jesus lived, the Lord replied, "Come and see." Andrew realized the truly Messiah.

From then on, he chose to follow Jesus. Andrew was thus the first disciple of Christ. Then, Andrew brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. At first the two brothers continued to carry on their fishing trade and family affairs, but later, the Lord called them to be with him all the time. He promised to make them fishers of men, and so they left everything behind: their nets, their boat, their business, and even their family, in order to follow Jesus.

Have you ever heard the voice of God calling you? I think we all, one way or another, have experienced that call. Usually, God speaks to us through others, through a religious person like John the Baptist or even through a relative or friend. God does speak to us and call us in different ways, different ministries. The call could be an inner voice that God speaks to us through an event in our daily life. How do we listen to the call? We hear God's call through the Scriptures. We hear God's call in the sacraments. How do we respond to the call? It doesn't have to be some big thing like going into religious life, to become a priest or a nun, but the call could affect us and make change in our lives if we open our hearts, minds and souls to let the Spirit of the Lord enter.

As we come together for the Eucharist, Christ is with us in each other as Saint Paul reminds us of this in the second reading: "our bodies are members of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit." Christ is also with us in our prayers and songs, in the Scriptures and in Holy Communion. His eternal call for us is to achieve holiness: "to be holy as God the Father is holy." Let us be more attentive to Jesus' call, and more generous to respond to the service of God and his people through the Church.

O holy Jesus, help us listen to you more attentively! Help us know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS: (from Sunday, January 17 to Saturday, January 23)			
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	Enos Foster (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	Mark Anh-Dzung Tran (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Dallara Family (thanksgiving)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Pat White (for healing)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Daphne & Ken Massucco's Family (thanksgiving)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Bob Farley (for healing)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Mamita Emiliana Taaca (for health)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Respect Life Events:

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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Last week's Collections:	St. Cecilia	St. Mary
Sunday Collection	\$ 560.00	\$ 275.00
Christmas	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
Capital Campaign/Maint.	\$ 30.00	\$ 130.00
Total	\$ 590.00	\$ 705.00