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January 24, 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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| <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.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

We have just begun the Ordinary Time, but it seems like the message of Lent coming early this year: “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel” (Mk 1:15).

We begin our reflection today on Prophet Jonah’s message of repentance to the people of Nineveh in the first reading. Nineveh was one of the most prominent foreign cities in the Hebrew Bible. It was the capital of the neo-Assyrian empire in the late 7th century B.C. “The great city of Nineveh” was known as Sin City for having been a great, lawless, and ruined city under the rule of evil kings, with all kinds of moral issues: violence, murders, corruption, prostitutions, demons, sinfulness, and more...

When Prophet Jonah came to “the great city of Nineveh,” announcing, “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,” the people of Nineveh believed in God. They proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth, and put ashes on their foreheads, as a sign of repentance. And “God repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out” (Jon 3:10).

During this difficult year when the whole world struggles with the deadly pandemic, we the people of America have to face with more problems regarding political issues such as the controversial election, the protests causing more death, the vandalisms and destructions of the environment... There are questions relating to the wrath of God or the warning of God to the sins of humanity: is this the sign of time or the end of the world? The answer is: nobody knows, but it could be the warning of God. If people don’t turn from their evil ways of life, then who knows

what more could happen...

Let us remember Jesus’ message in Luke’s gospel, calling us to repentance. When people told Jesus about the falling of the tower at Siloam that killed eighteen people, and they asked Jesus if those eighteen people were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem, Jesus answered them: “I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did” (Lk 13:5).

The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord’s compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we believe in the Gospel and choose the eternal kingdom of God? Or do we rely on “this world which is passing away”? (1 Cor 7:31)

As we hear from the readings today, at a moment when “time was running out” for evil Nineveh, God did something extraordinary: he raised up Jonah to preach repentance to “the great city.” More extraordinarily, God sent his only begotten Son Jesus into the world to preach the message of God’s love and compassion. God called the first disciples and then all of us to continue spreading the message of God’s love and forgiveness throughout the whole world. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and patient to wait for our repentance.

There is a reminder for us in the previous chapter of today’s second reading, saying: “Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God?” (1 Cor 6:9). In the kingdom of God, there is no room for the evildoers. God’s kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Let us pray that we may live the life of the kingdom we proclaim in Christ. May God change whatever evil way in our life, and shape in us a heart of love, that we may live in prayer and good works, in love and compassion, in truth, justice and peace today and every day of our lives!

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| <b>MASS INTENTIONS:</b> (from Sunday, January 24 to Saturday, January 30) |            |        |                                      |
| Sunday  | 9:30 a.m.  | SC ... | Agnes & Joseph Phan (repose)         |
|   | 11:15 a.m. | SM ... | ** CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN **          |
| Monday  | 8 a.m.     | SC ... | Cosmo Silvestri (repose)             |
| Tuesday   | No Mass    |        |                                      |
| Wednesday   | 8 a.m.     | SC ... | All Souls in Purgatory               |
| Thursday  | 8 a.m.     | SC ... | Richard Astin (repose)               |
| Friday  | 8 a.m.     | SC ... | for Priest Vocation & Religious Life |
| Saturday  | 8 a.m.     | SC ... | Rudolfo & Norma Magat (repose)       |



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming Respect Life Events:**

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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| <b>Last week’s Collections:</b> | <b>St. Cecilia</b> | <b>St. Mary</b>  |
| Sunday Collection               | \$ 775.00          | \$ 278.00        |
| Capital Camp./Maint.            | \$ 280.00          | \$ 630.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$1,055.00</b>  | <b>\$ 908.00</b> |