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January 31, 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

I was ordained a transitional deacon by Archbishop George H. Niederauer about six months before my priesthood ordination. One of the important rites during the deaconate ordination was the giving of the Holy Bible. Each of us, the deacon candidates, knelt down before the Archbishop who handed us the Bible saying these words: “Believe what you read. Teach what you believe. Practice what you teach.”

The word of God plays an essential part in our Christian life, as said in the Books of Psalms: “God’s word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path” (Ps 119:105). Jesus reassures this in the Gospel: “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Mt 4:4).

The passage of the exorcism of the demon in today’s Gospel shows us the power and authority of Jesus through his word. And he himself is the Word of God. God’s word is heard when Jesus is teaching. God’s word takes action when Jesus commands the unclean spirits, “Quiet! Come out of the man” (Mk 1:25) and they obey him.

Moses, in the first reading today, also urges his people to let the word of God guide them always, for if they listen to the word of God and obey God’s commands, they will inherit the Promised Land; if not they shall die.

The authority of Jesus’ word is powerful, and it is complete only when we allow it to take roots in our lives and let it be affected in our actions. As told in the Gospel, the people of Capernaum began to acknowledge Jesus’ authority in their lives, “they were astonished at his

teaching, for he taught them with authority” (Mk 1:22). Jesus exercises his authority not only through word but also through his action: he destroys the demon – the unclean spirit – in the possessed man.

We are encouraged to listen to Jesus and follow him. If we choose to listen to God’s word, and to do the will of God, we will “be freed from all anxieties” of this world (1 Cor 7:32). St. Paul shows us this viewpoint through the second reading today as people question him about: whether it is better to remain single or become married. We, followers of Christ, should be free of all anxieties. Remaining single or being married should not be our anxiety; the most important thing for us is to be a true Christian. Listen to Jesus’ teaching and bring God’s word into our faith living.

Like Moses’ people, we are familiar with deceitfully attractive voices of this secular world – the world of consumerism, selfishness, hatred, sins – and so, we try to cancel out the word of God engraved in our consciences; we try to say no to the word of Jesus dwelled in our hearts, and we try to ignore the word of the Holy Spirit whispered in our ears. As implied through the healing story in the Gospel, we should be conscious of the “unclean spirit” within us: the failures, shortcomings, sins that often dominate our lives. We humbly ask the Lord for his healing power to fill us, and restore us to be true people of God.

“If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your heart.” Jesus speaks to us through the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Let us listen to Jesus’ voice and adhere to him above anything else. To effectively take the word of Jesus out from this place of worship, we need to be strengthened and nourished at the table of the Lord’s supper. Let us approach the altar to be united in Christ’s Body and Blood we share, as well as in our effort to spread the good news of God’s kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS: (from Sunday, January 31 to Saturday, February 6)

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	Phillip Joaquin Torres (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	Mr. & Mrs. John Althuisen (for health) - may be canceled
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Massucco Family (thanksgiving)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	George Kerbs (for healing)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Guido Mori-Prange (for health)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Bernice Treleven (repose/death anniversary)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Lynne, George, & Al Cuthbert (for health)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any Sunday, if rain expected, no 11:15 Mass at St. Mary. Only 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia.

1st Saturday Mass & Rosary Walk for Life – Feb. 6th, 8 am, St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco.
Info at: sfarch.org/events/monthly-prayer-for-life

St. Blaise Day (February 3), blessing on the throat – Archdiocese advises 2021 to use communal blessing option and not offer blessings individually.

Mark your calendar: Ash Wednesday is February 17th, starting the Lenten Season.

<u>Last week’s Collections:</u>	<u>St. Cecilia</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 445.00	\$ 30.00
Christmas	\$.00	\$ 100.00
Capital Camp./Maint.	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 475.00	\$ 160.00