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February 28, 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 <i>** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month</i>	9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
<i>Note: This section contains schedules that are on hold due to the pandemic. See latest Mass schedule posted each week.</i>	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 Confirmation Prep.	Monday Wednesday	St. Cecilia St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders) 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

Gn 22:1-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

The first reading today tells us that God has put Abraham to a test. Once God asked Abraham to leave his fatherland behind and go to a new land that he had never known.

Now, God asked Abraham to take his only son Isaac up on the mountaintop to sacrifice him “as a holocaust” and offer to God.

There was hesitation or confusion here. However, with a strong faith in God, Abraham obeyed God’s command with no question.

What would you do if God asked you to “take your only child whom you so love, and offer as a burnt sacrifice to God?” You probably say, “Oh, no! That’s awful! How can a loving God do that to me?” and probably you say: “Good-bye, God!” and walk away. In order to follow Jesus, we have to give up what is so dear to us. This is easy to say, but not easy to do.

As we follow Jesus on the journey of faith, we have to go through many challenging tests. If there is the test, then there must be the result. It is another way of saying: “there is a light at the end of every tunnel.” The tests – the ups and downs of life help us to see how mature our faith is, and how firm do we put our trust in God’s love and care.

In the gospel reading, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on the mountain and let them see the glory of God through his transfiguration. The highlight of the transfiguration is the voice of God coming from the cloud, identifying Jesus as “my beloved Son,” and then giving the mandate, “Listen to him.” The disciples came to firmly believe in Jesus – the Son of God.

God called Abraham to obey his will. God urged the disciples to listen to his holy Son Jesus. God also calls us to listen to him, so he can change us, he can make our lives better, especially

through this Lenten season.

What does transfiguration mean for us? It is a transformation of our lives. It is a call to conversion. Abraham was called to obey God’s command, so he was not only the father of his son Isaac, but he became our father of faith. “God blessed Abraham abundantly and made his descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sand of the seashore.”

Faith helps us to see more deeply. The story of the transfiguration of Jesus has one primary purpose – to reveal the true divine identity of Jesus. Not only he was a Galilean carpenter, but he was, he is, and he will be forever the Son of the living God.

We all must be transfigured. As Christians, we are members of Christ’s own body. Just as Jesus was far more than just a man, he calls us to be far more than mere humans; we are to be sons and daughters of the Living God; to become better and more authentic Christians.

Faith tells us of the true nature of life. Living out our Christian faith enables us to see beyond the ordinary appearance of things, through faith, to the truth. For example, the Eucharist offers us a glimpse of Jesus in the appearance of bread and wine. And faith helps us to see through to the deeper reality. As we receive the Eucharist, we move beyond appearance to a deeper truth and a more profound understanding of who God is and who we are as Christians.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are inspired by the transfiguration of Jesus to make any change in our lives that we need to do, so we will be ready to meet our God in eternal glory. We are encouraged to open our ears to listen to Jesus and open our arms to embrace the mystery of the cross, so that we are able to share in Christ’s transfigured glory.

MASS INTENTIONS: (from Sunday, February 28 to Saturday, March 6)

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Peter & Bonnie DeRutte (wedding anniversary)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Martha V. Phan (RIP)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Nathan Andrues (healing)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Bonnie DeRutte (repose-anniversary)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Maria Phuong Nguyen (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM ... Mariam Watanabe (RIP)-grieving of Forbes Family
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Sasan Family (thanksgiving)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- From now on, **we resume our regular Mass schedule.** Please see the bulletin for Mass schedule: date, time, and location...
- Thursday, March 4:** Mass at St. Mary Church at 8 a.m.
- Friday, March 5:** First Friday Mass at St. Mary Church at 8 a.m. Adoration and Devotion for Lent follows right after the Mass until noon... Please plan to come for this spiritual renewal.
- Saturday, March 6:** Mass at St. Mary Church at 8 a.m.

<u>Last week:</u>	<u>St. Cecilia</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 447.00	\$ 225.57
Maint./Preservation	\$ 130.00	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 577.00	\$ 325.57