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March 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	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.

**PALM SUNDAY
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

The ending scenario of today's Gospel is the death of Jesus, God's only beloved Son. He endured sufferings. He was nailed on the cross and died. He was taken down from the cross and buried in the tomb.

Throughout the Holy Week, we will hold onto this mystery of Jesus' death, until the next Sunday, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus our Lord – his triumph over the power of death – with hope that we may have some answers to the question: why Jesus dies for us?

He died for us, because God is love. He loves us even when we are still sinners; even when we, like Judas, betray him, and like Peter, deny him.

It is hard for us to understand the fact that a holy God died for sinful humans. However, we are sure that love can do everything, even craziest things. Because God loves us, as Saint Paul said, "what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom." There is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends. Jesus did so: he died for us. He laid down his life for us, because he loved us.

He died for us. Many of us have heard this phrase so many times that we seem to take it for granted, without showing any gratitude or emotion, or without knowing any meaning about why Jesus died for us.

There is a story about a man who bravely died for the misdeeds of his brother. The two orphan brothers have struggled to survive since their parents passed away. The elder brother was a good man. The younger was a dishonest and substance-abusing rogue. Many a night the younger man came home late, drunk... bringing with him a lot of cash. The elder brother tried to tell him to mend his way and live a decent life, but he did not listen; he never changed at all.

One night the younger ran into the house with smoking gun and blood-stained clothes, being out of breath, telling his brother: "I have killed a man." In a few minutes the house was surrounded by police, and the two brothers knew there was no escape. The younger brother was so nervous, stammering: "What can I do now? I don't want to die. I did not mean to kill that man." And he cried... Now the police kept knocking at

the door. The elder brother had an idea: asking the younger to take off his clothes. Then, he exchanged his clothes with the blood-stained clothes of his killer brother. By the time, the police broke the door, entered the apartment, and arrested the elder brother and took him away... Eventually, he was tried and condemned to death for murder. He was executed. He died for his younger brother to live.

We can see that this story of crime and death is basically a story of love. This story may help us think deeply about the power of love. Love empowers us to do anything – even extraordinary thing, or even craziest thing.

We would expect the younger to show repentance with all gratitude to his elder brother, and so amend his life. Gratitude to his generous brother should make him turn away from his past, and never go back to a life of crime. Gratitude should make him keep the memory of his brother alive. No day should pass that he would not remember his brother who died for him.

Similarly, the story of the suffering and death of Jesus, which we heard in the Passion, is basically a story of God's love for us. How do we respond to God's love?

In the same way, what God expects from us today is gratitude, repentance, and conversion – gratitude strong enough to make us hate our sins; strong enough to change our old way of life, and to enable us to love as God has loved us.

MASS INTENTIONS: (Palm Sunday, March 28 to Easter Vigil, April 3)			
Palm Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	Fr. Denis McManus (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	Joseph Dinh (RIP)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Fr. Bill McCain (for healing)
Tuesday	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	for the sick (esp. in our community)
Holy Thursday	7:15 p.m.	SC ...	pray for Vocations
Good Friday	3 p.m.	SM ...	Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday	7:15 p.m.	SC ...	for the Newly Baptized

Last Week Collections:	
St. Cecilia	
Offertory.	\$ 676.00
AAA	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 1,276.00
St. Mary	
Offertory.	\$ 257.00
AAA	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 557.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m... Chrism Mass @ Saint Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco
- Good Friday, April 2: collection for Holy Land
- Getting a bid for carpeting replacement and refurbishing the St. Mary sign:
 - St. Mary Interior Refresh:** We are continuing to gather information on the potential costs of refresh work on the interior of St. Mary. One major item is the possible replacement of the carpeting. If anyone has any good working relationships with a local flooring company, please give the contact information to Fr. Phan and/or Craig Carlson.
 - St. Mary Sign Refurbishment:** You may have noted that the church sign out in front of St. Mary is in dire need of refurbishment. The work will include both woodworking and painting. A donor has been identified who will cover some or all the cost. We need to get estimates of what the total cost might be. If anyone knows of a craftsman or company who might do such work and would be willing to give us an estimate, please give the contact information to Fr. Phan and/or Craig Carlson.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

- Palm Sunday, 3/28** ... Mass schedule 9:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia, 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary's
- Holy Thursday: 4/1** ... **no morning Mass**... but **the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:15 p.m. at St. Cecilia** – NO WASHING OF FEET... The Eucharistic Adoration will continue right after the Mass until 11 p.m.
- Good Friday: 4/2** ... **The Good Friday Liturgy starts at 3 p.m. at St. Mary** (the hour Jesus died). Including 3 parts: the Liturgy of the Word; the Adoration of the Holy Cross (only genuflect or profound bow... NO TOUCHING/NO KISSING THE CROSS); and Holy Communion... continued with walking the Stations of the Cross... and private prayers...
- Easter Vigil: 4/3** ... **Mass starts at 7:15 p.m. at St. Cecilia.**
- Easter Sunday: 4/4** ... Mass schedule is as usual: **9:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia, 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary.**