

April 4, 2021



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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>** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month</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 | 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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

From the first reading today, Peter with all confident told the people: you know what has happened ... The Lord is risen.

The Gospel tells us: in the early morning, the disciples of Jesus went to visit his tomb. They saw the tomb emptied, and they believed that the Lord has risen.

Peter also gives a powerful witness of the Lord: "He is Jesus of Nazareth. They put him to death by hanging him on the tree. And God raised him up on the third day." He is risen.

On the Good Friday, confronting the suffering and death of Jesus, all the disciples and all people felt hopeless. They got confused. They doubted if Jesus was really the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God!

But today, Jesus Christ is risen. Easter joy brings the message of hope. Jesus' resurrection assures us a heavenly life after our death.

A lady told this story after she comes back from a pilgrimage. She said: every year, thousands of people climb up a high mountain in Italy to visit a pilgrimage site. As usual, the pilgrims pass the Stations of the Cross to stand at a large wooden crucifix on the mountaintop. However, this time she noticed a little trail that led beyond the cross. She followed the unused trail, and surprisingly she discovered a shrine which symbolized the empty tomb. The shrine used to be neglected. The brush had grown up around it. Almost everyone had gone as far as the cross, but they only stopped there; they never came to this empty tomb.

The significance of the story is that: there is something beyond the cross. There is more to Christ than the cross. There is the empty tomb. This means there is always hope beyond the pain and despair of our lives. The empty tomb symbolizes that hope because it points to the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Many of us experience the cross in our lives. Many of us know despair and heartbreak in our lives.

Maybe it is the loss of a job, a trouble with family and friends, or the death of a loved one. The whole world has been going through a horrible pandemic. Whatever pain we have, life sometimes seems so overwhelming.

We may ask: where is my God now in my hour of need? It seems hard to believe that God is love when we are stuck in the midst of all the pain. It is sometimes hard to move beyond the cross. Nevertheless, there is an empty tomb beyond the cross.

Observing the life of community in our church today, I thank God for this resurrected community. More people come to church today. Thanks be to God!

As we encounter the Risen Lord through this Eucharistic meal, we obey Jesus' command to celebrate his death and resurrection. We are a resurrected community who are called to go about doing good and healing the brokenhearted. We are to be the witnesses to the Risen Lord by living a good life, preaching the good news, and testifying the love of God to people around us.

Today, let us become the Risen Christ to those who are hopeless, giving them hope beyond their cross. The Lord is risen. Alleluia!

MASS INTENTIONS: (from Easter Sunday, April 4 to Saturday, April 10)

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | SC ... | for the Newly Baptized (thanksgiving) |
| | 11:15 a.m. | SM ... | Bill Gomez (RIP) |
| Monday | | | |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| Thursday | | | |
| Friday | 8 a.m. | SC ... | Ken Massucco (birthday) |
| Saturday | 8 a.m. | SM ... | Anthony Massucco (birthday) |

Last Week Collections:

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| <u>St. Cecilia</u> | |
| Offertory | \$ 675.00 |
| Maint. | \$ 200.00 |
| AAA | \$ 100.00 |
| Total | \$ 975.00 |
| <u>St. Mary</u> | |
| Offertory | \$ 1,007.00 |
| Preservation | \$ 600.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,607.00 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for your participation in different ministries throughout the Holy Week and Easter! Thank you to those who donated the flowers and decorated the churches. Especially thank you all for your generous giving to the parish!
- Fr. Phan is away from Monday, 4/5 thru Thursday, 4/8. No Mass on those day.
- 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.



Happy Easter