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April 11, 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>** 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.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 2: 19-31

“Unless I see him, unless I touch his nail marks, I will not believe.” Thomas said this because he did not believe the resurrection of the Lord. Nevertheless, when encountering the Risen Lord, Thomas was changed from doubt to a profound belief as he uttered the most theological statement: “My Lord and my God.”

It is challenging for us to believe what we have never seen. How do we accept the story that Jesus suddenly came and stood in the midst of his disciples while all the doors were locked?

Living in a so-called realistic world, people tend to examine and verify anything before believing it. However, resurrection still remains a mystery of our faith. No question, but believe. Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe.”

Faith is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We have come to believe in God, through Jesus Christ, thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit. We find it more meaningful since the Resurrection of Christ is the centrality of our Christian faith. Faith should be understood in a more profound level than what we can touch and see.

The victory that conquers the world is our faith. We have had many philosophers and many scientists questioning after the meaning and purpose of rational life on earth. They have tried to explain everything, but they have failed. They could never explain the matter of faith.

In his encyclical “Deus Caritas Est” (God Is Love), Pope Benedict XVI said: “We have come to believe in God’s love – a fundamental decision of a Christian’s life... Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a

new horizon and a decisive direction.” The fundamental decision of a Christian’s life brings us to encounter the person of Jesus, who is God’s love dwelling among us. This love manifested itself in the cross and resurrection of Jesus, which we have just celebrated on the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday.

Resurrected Christ is centrality of our faith, reason for our hope, and dynamic of our charity. The resurrection of Jesus gave the first Jerusalem Christians a new hope. They were so filled with the love of God and neighbor that everyone shared with his or her fellow-Christians all that he or she had. The Risen Lord inspired the Christians to give their possessions gladly for distribution to those in need, as told in the second reading today.

Encountering the person of Jesus, and the event of the cross and resurrection, invites us to give gladly and voluntarily. How does the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ affect our lives as Christians? Do we still doubt? Or do we really believe? How do we live our lives that can tell others what we believe?

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, also Divine Mercy Sunday, which reminds us to acknowledge God’s mercy and love. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”

St. Faustina, through a vision, gives us a powerful message of the Divine Mercy. By his sorrowful passion, death, and resurrection, Jesus offered his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity to the Eternal Father, in atonement for the sins of the world.

We pray for the grace of this week to replace all doubt with the certainty of the Gospel. May our faith, hope, and love be firmly rooted in our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Like Thomas, we profess: “Jesus, you are my Lord and my God,” and like St. Faustina we confidently pray: “Jesus, I trust in you!” Jesus, we believe in you, our Lord and our God.

MASS INTENTIONS: (from Sunday, April 11 to Saturday, April 17)

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | SC ... | Georgianna Roberts (repose) |
| | 11:15 a.m. | SM ... | Deacon Leryn Prudenciado (repose) |
| Monday | 8 a.m. | SC ... | Deacon Nicholas Case (special intention) |
| Tuesday | No Mass | | |
| Wednesday | 8 a.m. | SC ... | Jimmy Bowman (repose) |
| Thursday | 8 a.m. | SM ... | Deacon Cameron Pollett (special intention) |
| Friday | 8 a.m. | SC ... | Debbie Lovelace (repose) |
| Saturday | 8 a.m. | SM ... | Maria Phuong Nguyen (repose) |

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| Last Week Collections: | |
| <u>St. Cecilia</u> | |
| Easter | \$ 2,401.00 |
| Maint. | \$ 50.00 |
| AAA | \$ 500.00 |
| Total | <u>\$ 2,951.00</u> |
| <u>St. Mary</u> | |
| Easter | <u>\$ 1,528.00</u> |
| <u>2nd Collection</u> | |
| Holy Land | <u>\$ 281.00</u> |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catechism classes are resumed this coming Wednesday, April 14, in the Parish Hall, at 7 p.m. Please contact Fr. Phan (415) 488-9799, or Teresa Dallara, or Carol Bennetts (415) 459-4099 for more information.

