

April 18, 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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<b>MASS</b>	Sunday **	St. Cecilia St. Mary <i>** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month</i>	9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px; font-size: small;"> <i>Note: This section contains schedules that are on hold due to the pandemic. See latest Mass schedule posted each week.</i> </div>	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 <sup>st</sup> 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.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Cecilia St. Mary (except last Sat.)	4 to 4:30 p.m. 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
<b>Religious Education Confirmation Prep.</b>	Monday Wednesday	St. Cecilia St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders) 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B**

Today, we gather again in this community to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. What does the Resurrection mean to us? How does the belief in the Resurrection personally affect our lives? St. John suggests that: the way we may be sure that we know Jesus, and believe in his resurrection, is “to keep his commandments,” to show love to the community, to share bread with others.

In the breaking of the bread, the disciples recognized the real presence of Christ in their midst. Only when they gave him some food – some fish – to eat, they recognized the Risen Lord, a real person standing before them.

How many times have you heard this phrase: the breaking of the bread? How many times have you realized that you were doing this action? Indeed, we do this every day by sharing the meal with our family, by giving food to the poor, by comforting the sorrowful, by touching and healing the wounds in body and soul of the sick.

Especially, the breaking of the bread in this Eucharistic meal assures us of the real presence of Christ in this community of faith. The Holy Mass brings us together. It reaches so deep into who we are as Catholics, as Christians, that the teaching of the Catholic Church places before us as a precept, as a command, that we are to gather for the breaking of the bread at least once a week, or even every day, to be united in the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Millions of Catholics around the world gather daily in their parish churches, in monastery or convent chapels, in hospitals, or even on the road, for the breaking of the bread as we are doing right here, right now.

We hear of the real presence of Jesus in today’s Gospel, when Jesus walked with two disciples to Emmaus, and they recognized him in the breaking of the bread; also, when Jesus appeared standing on the seashore and saying to the disciples: “Peace be with you!” The presence of the Lord was real – he was not a ghost as they terribly thought.

Jesus asked the disciples to look at his hands and feet, to touch him, to see his flesh and feel his bones. Touch his wounds, and then we can see who Jesus is. Jesus reminds us that every time we touch each other’s wounds, we are touching his wounds. As Jesus’ followers, we are challenged to touch the wound, and to feel the pain of others; for in each other, we touch Jesus’ broken body.

Right after inviting the disciples to touch and see him, Jesus begged them: “Have you anything here to eat?” How often do we hear people asking us this question: “Could you please give me something to eat?” I am hungry, could you please help me? I am sick, could you please comfort me? How do we respond to these questions?

By sharing the meal with the disciples, the Risen Lord shows us that though now in glory, he is as real as those sitting next to you now, or those sharing a meal with you, or those gathering to pray with you. Jesus remains as real in this world as your beloved ones: wives and husbands, parents and children. Jesus is as real in this world as the strangers on our streets. Jesus is as real in our world as any human being, who, like us, longs for food for the day and shelter for the night.

We heard in the first reading how Jesus was put to death, and we know that we can help others, or we can hurt them. We heard in the second reading that Jesus intercedes for us, and we know that we are to pray, we are to do, and we are to be: for each other.

May the breaking of the bread in this Eucharistic meal transform us to be “truly bread” for those in need!

<b>MASS INTENTIONS:</b> (from Sunday, April 18 to Saturday, April 24)			Last Week Collections:	
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Ben Sasan (for a special intention)	<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Deacon Mike Curran (RIP)	Offertory	\$ 465.00
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Micae Lenh Phan (for birthday)	Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Tuesday	No Mass		AAA	\$ 100.00
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Thomasina Wilson (repose)	Total	\$ 645.00
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Ken & Daphne Massucco (special intention)	<u>St. Mary</u>	
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Martha McNeil (for healing)	Offertory	\$ 265.00
Saturday (Padre Pio)	8 a.m.	SC ... Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan (for healing)	Preservation	\$ 30.00
			Total	\$ 295.00

- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Next Sunday, April 25: second collection for Black & Indian Missions/ Catholic Home Missions.
  - Baptism of Joseph Michael McNeil at St. Mary’s Church: Friday, April 23 2:30 pm. Congratulations to the McNeil Family.
  - Saturday, April 24: Padre Pio Mass at 8 a.m. & devotion at St. Cecilia Church.
  - We remember to pray for those in our community who are sick, especially pray for healing of Martha McNeil & Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan.

