

April 25, 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	9:30 a.m.
		St. Mary	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.
Reconciliation	Friday	St. Mary (1 st Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
		St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
		St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders)
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter season, as we celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday, we see from the gospel reading a familiar image to us, especially to the people of Israel – it is the image of the Good Shepherd leading his flock.

However, over the time from Old Testament to New Testament, there have been good shepherds, as well as bad shepherds. There are shepherds who own the flock, and there are shepherds who are hired by a farmer to protect and care for sheep that belong to someone else. The hired shepherds run away when danger comes, while those who own their sheep fight hard to protect what is their own, sometimes getting hurt badly or even getting killed.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He said that he would be killed to protect and save us. This shows us how much he cares for us. He would fight to the bitter end for us. It also shows us how powerful he is that he can lay down his life and take it up again. Peter tells us in today's second reading that Jesus is the only one we can safely follow in order to be saved.

People who went for pilgrimage to Holy Land talk about the experience they could see in the relationship between a shepherd and the sheep. Every morning, the shepherd leads his flock to green pasture to feed them, until the sunset he leads the sheep back to their cage. The shepherd just simply walks in front of the sheep, playing his flute; the sheep hear the shepherd's voice and follow behind him. The sheep trust their shepherd; they know how much they depend on him.

This should be the relationship between us and Jesus. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He wants

us to have faith in him, trust in him and follow him. If we don't know Jesus very well, we need to spend more time with him in our prayer.

See how wonderful God's love for us is. Behold the amazing gift of love the Father has given to us. Though we are still sinful children of this world, through the Baptism we are called children of God.

We need to make our choice: to listen to the voice of Jesus our Good Shepherd talking to us through his Commandments, or to follow the voice of devil tempting us to sin and pulling us away from God's love.

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, has been designated as "World Day of Prayer for Vocation." Let us keep in our prayers for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

Let us also pray for ourselves: may God's Holy Spirit give us wisdom to make the right choice, to listen attentively to the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, and faithfully follow him all the days of our lives!

MASS INTENTIONS: (from Sunday, April 25 to Saturday, May 1)

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Jeannie Jacob (birthday)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Joachim Dinh V. Tuong (death anniversary)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Bonnie Foge (birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Kevin Kenneally (spiritual strength)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Lien Pham (thanksgiving)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Massucco Family (thanksgiving)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Bailey McGuiness (special intention)

Last Week Collections:

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 551.00
Maintenance	\$ 280.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 931.00

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 216.00
Preservation	\$ 662.00
Total	\$ 878.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Second collection today is for Black & Indian Missions/Catholic Home Missions.
2. Congratulations to the McNeil Family on the Baptism of the child Joseph Michael McNeil last Friday, April 23.
3. Saturday, May 1 at 8 a.m: Archbishop Cordileone offers Monthly Mass for Life at St. Mary's Cathedral on the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Pro-life advocates will walk to Planned Parenthood and pray at 1522 Bush Street.
4. May 4 - June 8, from 7-8:30 p.m: "A Short Course on C.S. Lewis with Dr. Peter Kreeft," an Archdiocesan Online Pastoral Ministry course. Learn more and sign up at <https://www.sfarch.org/cslewis>.

