

May 2, 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	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.
	Friday	St. Mary (1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
<b>Religious Education Confirmation Prep.</b>	Monday	St. Cecilia	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
		St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B**

*Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8*

Today's readings remind us two things. First, from the witness of St. Paul to the Risen Lord, we are called to conversion. Second, with the metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus affirms us to remain in him so that we may have life in abundance.

We may have known very well the story of St. Paul's conversion, especially the incident that happened to him on the road to Damascus to persecute the followers of Jesus. Like St. Paul, we sometimes betray Jesus, we crucify Jesus because of our sins, or because of our hatred or arrogance, we blaspheme God, we criticize the Church, we persecute the Church... Now is the time Jesus calls us to conversion, to look into our human weakness and change our way of life, turn away from our sinfulness and come back to God. That is Jesus' message for us in the Gospel today.

Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. When you are a part of me and I am living in you, you will do great things for God. But if you are cut off from me, you can do nothing. All those who do not stay part of me are like dried up branches that can only be gathered up and burned. But if you are a part of me and you live by my words, you may ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you. When you do good deeds, you show that you are my disciples, and you give honor and glory to God."

There is a story of a parishioner who has been very active in his parish. But for some reason, he stops going to church for a while. The parish priest then comes to visit him at home. It was a very cold evening. They sat by the fireplace for a long time without saying anything. Then the priest picked up the tongs, took a glowing coal from the fireplace, and set it separately on a place away from

the fire.

As the two watched, the coal slowly lost its glow and died. A few minutes later, the parishioner said: "Father, I understand what you want to say to me. Tomorrow, I will come back to the church."

Let us ask ourselves: "Is there anything that threatens to cut me off from Jesus and cause me to lose my glow? Is there anyone who has been cut off from Jesus that I might help, as the priest helped that parishioner?"

We do not only remain in Jesus to keep that flame burning in order to live, but we also need to be pruned in order to have abundant life.

The love of God is the tool we need in order to cut away the unhealthy branches. Pruning can be a painful process and one we would probably like to avoid. However, this process is necessary so that what is dying or has died does not smother new life. Once the withering branches are cleared away, new growth is encouraged.

We may ask ourselves: "What needs to be cut away or out of my life so that I may have an abundant life and bear more good fruits?"

Lord Jesus, help us realize how much we need you. Help us remain in you always, as the branches remain on the vine, so that our lives may be fruitful.

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**MASS INTENTIONS:** (from Sunday, May 2 to Saturday, May 8)

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Michael Murnin (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Mavis Meyer (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Kevin Kenneally (RIP)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Pray for the Unborn Babies
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Jeff & Rose Dinh (pray for peace)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM ... Christie Green (for health)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... for the fallen-away Catholics

**Last Week Collections:**

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 650.00
Maintenance	\$ 130.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> coll.	\$ 165.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,045.00</b>

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 309.00
Preservation	\$ 180.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> coll.	\$ 214.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 703.00</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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>.
- Friday, May 7: Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Mary's Church and continue with 1st Friday Adoration until noon.
- Next Sunday, May 9: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. There will be a 2nd collection for Catholic Charities – CYO Appeal



**2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:**

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Goal	\$ \$4,962.00
Received	\$ 4,359.00
Need	\$ 603.00

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Goal	\$ \$3,329.00
Received	\$ 1,216.00
Need	\$ 2,113.00