

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



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

From today's Gospel, Jesus commanded the disciples to love one another as he had loved them. See how Jesus loved his disciples: he humbled himself to wash the disciples' feet. He laid down his life for them. He also demonstrated to them that he was serving them not as a superior serves an inferior but as an equal friend – or even as a servant.

Jesus said: people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. We, as the followers of Jesus, may ask ourselves: how can we convince the world that we are disciples of Jesus Christ?

We have to prove this, not only by words but by our actions. St. John urges us: "love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God... Whoever is without love does not know God..." In other words, because God is love, if we do not love others, God is not in our lives.

Mahatma Gandhi – one of great leaders of India – tells that when he was a young student in South Africa, he was first drawn to Jesus because of Jesus' profound teachings about love. One Sunday he went to a Christian church, but he was stopped at the entrance. He was told that this church is for white Christians only. If he desired to attend services, he was welcome to do so in a church reserved for black and native people, just one block down the street. As consequence, Gandhi never walked in any Christian church again.

Later on, he expressed his view that he believed in God; he believed in Jesus Christ, but he did not believe Christians. He went further to say: "Christians don't need to catechize or evangelize, but genuinely live out their love as Jesus Christ commanded them in the Bible, and people will see their God and come to the church."

We may ask ourselves: what is one way that my daily behavior might better reflect what I profess on Sunday that we are one family under God? Indeed, people look at us the rest of the week to see what we really meant by our worship together on Sunday.

Peter, in the first reading today, also faces a challenging question: should he, a Jewish Christian, welcome the gentile Cornelius and his household to receive baptism or should he deny them?

During the apostles' time, the Jews and the non-Jews considered each other as natural enemies. The Jews, Peter was one of them, considered themselves as God's chosen people, holy, clean, and superior to other peoples; whereas the non-Jews, like the gentiles or the uncircumcised, in the Jews' eyes, were inferior, unclean, and sinful people. Thus, the Jews looked down on them and always kept distance from them.

We heard in the reading that Peter was embarrassed to be greeted by the gentile Cornelius. But finally, God's grace enabled Peter to cross the boundary between the Jews and the gentiles. Peter learned that he must reach beyond boundaries. He took the initiative to visit the gentiles, and then baptized them in the name of Jesus. Eventually Peter took courage to affirm and announce that both Cornelius and he were human beings; they were friends in Jesus. Peter said: "in truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to God."

Brothers and sisters! Before approaching the Eucharistic table to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are challenged to practice his command: "Love one another as I have loved you... The world will know you are my disciples if you love one another." Let us "remain" in Jesus to bear fruits of our faith, hope, and charity.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

*Today we celebrate Mother's Day. A blessed wish to all the mothers and grandmothers! Here is something for Moms to laugh:*

Jennifer and her teen daughter are driving to her parents' home to celebrate Mothers' Day. On the way, Jennifer makes a comment about the teen's dress: "Honey, your skirt is a little short, isn't it? Probably it is kind of awkward to dress like that to the grandparents' home." Her daughter gave her that look: "Oh... Mom!"

When they arrive at the parents' house, after greeting each other, Jennifer's mother makes a comment about her dress: "Dear, your dress is so beautiful, but the neckline is a little low, isn't it?" Jennifer feels embarrassed, looking at the daughter then at her mother and exclaiming: "Oh... Mom!"

So, as you can see: once a Mom, always a Mom!

**MASS INTENTIONS:** (from Sunday, May 9 to Saturday, May 15)

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ...	for Mothers in our community
	11:15 a.m.	SM ...	for Mothers in our community
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Ken Massucco (for healing)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Adam S. Watchorn (repose/birthday)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ...	Fr. John Kselman (priesthood anniversary)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ...	Marie Zwiefelhofer (for peace)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ...	Carole J. Williams (repose/birthday)

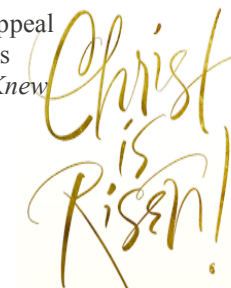
**Last Week Collections:**

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 855.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
AAA	\$ 135.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,020.00</b>

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 279.00
Preservation	\$ 330.00
AAA	\$ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 909.00</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Second collection** today is for Catholic Charities – CYO Appeal
- Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** has recently released his pastoral letter, titled: *Before I Formed You in the Womb, I Knew You*. The letter focuses on the dignity of the unborn, the reception of Holy Communion, and the responsibilities of Catholics in public life. The letter is available to read or download at [InTheWomb.org](http://InTheWomb.org)
- Next Sunday, May 16:** second collection is for Catholic Communications Campaign.



**2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:**

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Goal	\$ 4,962.00
Received	\$ 4,494.00
Need	\$ 468.00

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Goal	\$ 3,329.00
Received	\$ 1,516.00
Need	\$ 1,813.00