

May 16, 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.
	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.
Reconciliation	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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

For the last three years of his time on earth, Jesus had revealed his mission to the disciples by: teaching in the synagogues, performing many miracles, feeding the hungry, healing the sick, raising the dead, and showing them the very miracle of his own by which he had suffered, died, and risen again. The disciples were surrounded by so many wonders and awes. They kept asking themselves the questions: "Isn't this Jesus the son of Joseph the carpenter? Is he really the Son of God?" It was beyond their understanding of what they had really experienced with their own eyes.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us, the disciples were in awe looking intently at the sky as Jesus was ascending into heaven. Suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" The Risen Lord is ascending into heaven. Now, you have to wake up from your dream world. Do not only stand idly there and look at the sky... Return to your real life and do what Jesus has commanded you: "go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all people" that the deaf will hear, the blind will see, the lame will walk, the sick will be healed, the oppressed will be freed, and justice will be restored. Telling the good news not only by words but by your good works, by becoming Jesus' instruments of love.

There's a woman who saw a little girl in the street playing with filthy trash. The child was poorly dressed and ill-nourished. The woman became angry and said to God, "Why do you let things like that happen in the world you created? Why don't you do something about it?" God replied, "I did do something about it; I created you. Why do you stand there and keep

complaining instead of doing something for your fellow people?" That story invites us to ask ourselves: How seriously do I take Jesus' command to transform this world into the kind of place God created it to be?

The Ascension of Jesus reaffirms us of his constant presence everywhere on earth to protect us, to strengthen us, and to give us his many gifts: "he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ... the Church."

Each and every one of us is given certain gifts by God. Do you realize your gifts? How do you use these gifts? We are invited by Jesus to use the gifts that God has given to us in order to make our world a better place.

We are truly followers of Christ Jesus as we authentically live out the spirit of Ascension and proclaim Christ's message, to do what Jesus has commanded us to do: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, May 16 to Saturday, May 22

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Bonnie de Rutte (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Alfred C. Cuthbert (89 th birthday)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Carol & Guido Mori-Prange (wedding anniversary)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Matt Foge (birthday)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... for departed clergy (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Kevin Kenneally (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Dc. Dave Previtali (special intention)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Second collection today is for Catholic Communications Campaign.
2. Congratulations to Carol & Guido on their 56th Wedding Anniversary!
3. We remember in our prayers for our friends who are sick; for Hilary, Martha McNeil, Fr. O' and for healing of Ken Massucco...
4. As you have known, when we finished the renovation work at St. Mary Church, the cross atop tower at St. Mary Church was not sitting properly. We have been waiting so long for the crews to come and fix it. I am sorry for this delay... Finally, the cross-repair work is scheduled for next week, starting on Thursday, May 20. Thank you for your patience! Fr. Phan

2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:	
<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Goal	\$ \$4,962.00
Received	\$ <u>4,594.00</u>
Need	\$ <u>368.00</u>
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Goal	\$ \$3,329.00
Received	\$ <u>1,516.00</u>
Need	\$ <u>1,813.00</u>

Last Week Collections:	
<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 481.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
2 nd collect'n	\$ 192.00
Total	\$ <u>803.00</u>
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 372.00
Preservation	\$ 60.00
2 nd collect'n	\$ 122.00
Total	\$ <u>554.00</u>