

June 20, 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
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
		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.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

It was in the midst of a peaceful night; a man was standing on the balcony outside of his 7th floor hotel room, enjoying the beautiful view of the city by the sea. All suddenly, a tornado came. The powerful wind knocked him fallen of the balcony... All the power was shut off. It happened so fast – no electricity, no light, all dark... In this moment of death, he cried out: “Jesus, save me!” Miraculously, he got hit by a rope coming from nowhere... He grasped the rope immediately, and lucky enough, he caught a knot on the rope that helped him hanging outside of the building’s wall for a while... In fear, he kept crying out: “Jesus, help me!”

In the dark of the night, he heard the voice of Jesus speaking to him: “Do you really believe that I can save you?” He said right away: “Yes, Lord, I believe.” Jesus challenged him: “If you believe so, then let go of the rope.” He cried out loud: “No, I am scared. It is too high, and too dark. I don’t see anything down there.” Jesus said: “So, you don’t trust me. If you don’t let go of the rope, how can I catch you?”

The man had no choice but letting go of the rope, screaming in fear... Fortunately, he was not hurt because he was hanging above the ground only a few feet...

We learn a similar story from today’s gospel that the disciples faced a heavy storm from the sea when Jesus was on the boat with them. The boat was in danger of sinking. The disciples were terrified. They cried to Jesus and said: “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And Jesus rebuked the wind, and calmed the sea...

My brothers and sisters, have you ever experienced a “stormy” situation in your life, and eventually you got through it? Did you realize God’s powerful hand in those situations?

Today’s first reading is a short passage from the Book of Job. As you might have known, Job suffered considerable misfortunes in his life, but he eventually realized that everything he had in his life came from God. With that grateful attitude, he accepted all the hardships by saying: “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord” (*Job 1:21*).

The Book of Job teaches us a valuable lesson about our faith, trust, and love for God in every circumstance of our life, even when we have to endure the most critical time or death...

Perhaps, it is easy for us to say that we believe in God, we trust in God’s protection... But when we are in difficult situations, we seem not having enough faith in God, in Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

As we, the whole world, have been struck by the deadly covid-19. We hear people asking this challenging question: “Where is our God? Where is Jesus in this critical time?” Like the disciples who believe that the sleeping Jesus does not care, we with our “little faith” feel vulnerable because we are not aware of the Lord’s presence in our midst. But whenever we have to face a “stormy” situation in life, if we turn to Jesus – our stronghold, our Rock, our refuge – then we would be confident to sing this beautiful Psalm 145 to the Lord: “No storm can shake my inmost calm since to that Rock I’m clinging; since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?” (*Robert W. Lowry*).

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, June 20 to Saturday, June 26

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... for all fathers in our community
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Larry McNeil (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Ginny Kerbs (birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Rev. Joseph Duyen (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... John Thi (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Anna Maria Ly (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC ... Ken Massucco (thanksgiving for healing)

2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

St. Cecilia	
Goal	\$ 4,962.00
Received	\$ 5,144.00
<u>We’ve reached the goal</u>	
<u>THANK YOU!</u>	
St. Mary	
Goal	\$ 3,329.00
Received	\$ 1,766.00
Need	\$ 1,563.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GINNY KERBS!

- The Peter’s Pence Collection today Sunday, June 20 is to support the Holy Father for his ministries throughout the world.
- Padre Pio Mass and Devotion: 8 a.m. Saturday, June 26 at St. Cecilia Church.
- You are invited to the meeting on Sunday, June 27 right after 9:30 a.m. Mass, with Elina Boylan and Ginny Kerbs for a fund-raising plan. Thanks to the Boylans for willing to do a fund raiser for St. Cecilia’s Church.

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia	
Offertory	\$ 585.00
Maintenance	\$ 390.00
Total	\$ 975.00
St. Mary	
Offertory	\$ 228.00
Preservation	\$ 560.00
Total	\$ 788.00