

July 18, 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 (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
		St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders)
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Monday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Jer. 23:1-6; Eph. 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

In the Scriptures, those who were leaders of God's people, such as kings, priests, teachers, and other spiritual leaders, were often compared to shepherds. The image of shepherds is mentioned in all the readings today.

There are good shepherds and also bad shepherds in every time: Old Testament, New Testament, and also in our time.

The good shepherds care about their sheep, protect their sheep, and gather them into one flock; they are even ready to die for their sheep.

The bad shepherds, on the other hand, would leave the sheep and run away when confronting difficulties; they are more interested in serving themselves than providing good leadership for God's people.

Here is some biblical background for our first reading today. King David ruled the house of Israel about the year 1000 B.C. After his death, his son Solomon succeeded him to lead the people of Israel. The First Temple of Jerusalem was built by King Solomon in 957 B.C. This was the most blessing and prosperous time of the house of Israel.

After King Solomon died, Israel began to decline because of corruptions under the rule of Rehoboam, David's grandson, and other descendants of David. Their corruption, irresponsibility, and wickedness were the cause of the destruction of the house of Israel that brought the people to the exile in Babylon, as we hear from the first reading today. God warned them through Prophet Jeremiah: "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture." Jeremiah blamed these corrupted and irresponsible kings and shepherds, and their leadership for the destruction that came upon God's people.

God said he would take over shepherding his people; he would bring them back from exile; he would appoint leaders over them who would serve them well and lead them to peace and security. That

leader who the people had long waited was Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the King of kings, and the Good Shepherd of the house of Israel.

If you recall the gospel of last Sunday: Jesus sent his apostles out to heal the sick, to preach the good news, and to call people to repentance of sins. Now, in today's gospel, the disciples returned from their successful ministries; a great crowd followed them.

In so many ways we are like sheep who need a shepherd. We need a true leader who leads us in a right direction. So, to whom should we come for this help? Let us come to Jesus our Good Shepherd, as we have just prayed in the responsorial psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Jesus' heart was moved with deep sympathy for people when he saw them as sheep without a shepherd: as people without leadership. He commanded his apostles, all the shepherds of the Church, and all of us today too, to follow his example, to be good shepherds – the shepherds who must show compassion, their hearts must be moved with pity when seeing "the sheep without a shepherd."

We come to recognize that we are like sheep in need of a shepherd who will lead us to God's kingdom. So, Jesus the Good Shepherd makes himself available to those who come to him. In this Eucharist, let us commemorate the sacrifice of Christ Our Lord and open our heart to his Spirit and say to him: Jesus, we love you and we need you. You are our Good Shepherd, and we are one flock you shepherd.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, July 18 to Saturday, July 24

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Christopher Gregorio (birthday)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Grandma Anna (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Peter De Rutte (birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Kitty Fortner (birthday thanksgiving)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Kathy Drady (birthday)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Guido Mori-Prange (birthday)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Stephen Tung (repose)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. You are invited to the meeting next Sunday, July 25 right after 11:15 a.m. Mass, at St. Mary Church, with Craig Carlson, Fr. Phan, and Finance Committee to discuss finance/fund-raising plan for St. Mary Church. Thank you all for your generosity and willingness to help the parish.
2. We welcome Enzo F. Jubb into our faith family through the Baptism today: Sunday, July 18, at 11:15 Mass, by Fr. Phan. Congratulations to Enzo and the Jubbs.
3. There is also a Baptism for Loretta K. Reece on Saturday, July 24 at St. Mary Church by Fr. John Griffin. Congratulations to the Reeces
4. We remember in our prayers for those who are sick.

2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Goal	\$ 4,962.00
Received	\$ 5,144.00
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Goal	\$ 3,329.00
Received	\$ 2,166.00
Need	\$ 1,163.00

Last Week Collections:

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 695.00
Maintenance	\$ 430.00
Total	\$ 1,125.00
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 373.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
Preservation	\$ 380.00
Total	\$ 853.00