

July 25, 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. |
| | | ** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month | |
| | 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 |
| Reconciliation | Saturday | St. Cecilia | 4 to 4:30 p.m. |
| | | St. Mary (except last Sat.) | 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. |
| | | St. Cecilia (last Sat.) | 8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion |
| 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. |

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Sharing a reflection on her life and work, Mother Teresa said that in Calcutta alone, she and the sisters fed about ten thousand people every day. If one day they did not cook, ten thousand people would not eat.

One early morning, the sister in charge came to tell her that they ran out of food. Nothing's left in the storage. She felt numb, for it was the first time that such a thing had happened.

When the sister had left, she closed the door crying to Jesus: "Lord, these poor people are yours. The sisters and I are merely instruments in your hands. We can cook, but we cannot multiply the food. You are the one who feed them. Don't let them go hungry. Don't let them die. I beg you, Lord."

Around 9 o'clock that morning a truck loaded with bread arrived and donated all the food to Mother Teresa's Charity Center. What a wonderful miracle!

Every day the government gave the poor children a slice of bread and a glass of milk. But for some unknown reason, the city schools were closed that day. Thus, all the bread and milk ended up at the Charity Center.

She said: "God had closed the schools for some unknown reasons, giving students a break, so now many thousand people were fed. He could not allow our people to go hungry..."

Mother Teresa's story is similar to the miracles we hear from the readings today.

From the first reading, God sent Elisha to feed the people who were suffering from a famine. Elisha's servant found it impossible to feed a crowd of hundreds of people with only twenty barley loaves they had: "how can we feed them, hundreds of people?"

Nevertheless, Elisha insistently told his servant that God would provide; the loaves should be given to people to eat. By the time the loaves were shared and given to people, miracle happened. The people were all well fed, and there were even some leftovers. Such was God's bountiful love and providence available to people of faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus also challenged his disciples in the same way: "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" At first, the disciple doubtfully thought: "Lord, you must be kidding. We are on the mountain, a deserted place. Even if we had enough money, how could we buy food for this crowd of over five thousand people?" The disciples forgot that they were with the Lord, and "with the Lord, nothing is impossible."

When the disciples brought to Jesus the five barley loaves and two fish given from a little boy, they felt hesitant. The gift was too little. But with those simple gifts and with the help of the disciples, Jesus multiplied the bread and fish to feed the crowd of more than five thousand people. They all had their fill, and there were still twelve baskets of the fragments left over.

Now, we may ask: can Jesus perform the miracle without the five loaves and two fish? Can he feed the crowd without the help of the disciples? Yes, of course, he can, because Jesus is the Son of the Almighty God. He is God. He can do anything. Nothing is impossible with God.

However, Jesus took this opportunity to challenge the disciples and all of us today as well, to be generous in giving to the poor, the hungry, the needy... Don't ignore the hungry. Share with them what you have. Then Jesus will multiply your gift. A practical example and perfect implication of the miraculous multiplication of bread and fish for us was our generous gift last Sunday for Covid-relief in Vietnam. We collected **\$1,052** to help the people affected by covid. Thank you for your generosity.

The starting point of the bread-and-fish miracle is God's love for his people. By nature, God is love. He cannot ignore his people to be hungry. In the Our Father, we ask God to "give us this day our daily bread." Here in the Eucharist, we are the hungry and weary people of God, and Jesus feeds us with that "daily bread" – the Eucharist – to nourish us our body and soul, to support and strengthen us as we continue to walk on the journey to our heavenly homeland.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, July 25 to Saturday, July 31

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | SC ... Robert Bridwell (repose) |
| | 11:15 a.m. | SM ... Sharon Cuthbert (repose) |
| Monday | 8 a.m. | SC ... Lilly Zwiefelhofer (birthday) |
| Tuesday | No Mass | |
| Wednesday | 8 a.m. | SC ... Ray Lemis (repose) |
| Thursday | 8 a.m. | SM ... Martha McNeil (for health) |
| Friday | 8 a.m. | SC ... Tina Tran (healing after surgery) |
| Saturday | 8 a.m. | SC ... Fr. Peter Thien (repose) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Come join us for the meeting today, Sunday, July 25 after 11:15 a.m. Mass, at St. Mary's 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.
- Padre Pio Mass at 8 am, Saturday, July 31, at St. Cecilia Church.
- Scripture Series with Fr. William C. Nicholas, on the Gospel of John. The class will be presented via ZOOM, at 7 pm on Thursdays from September 9 thru May 26. Class information can be found at www.frbillnicholas.com under "Zoom Presentations" ... For everyone interested in Bible Studies.
- We remember in our prayers for those who are sick, especially pray for Martha McNeil.

2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

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| St. Cecilia | |
| Goal | \$ 4,962.00 |
| Received | \$ 5,144.00 |
| St. Mary | |
| Goal | \$ 3,329.00 |
| Received | \$ 2,236.00 |
| Need | \$ 1,093.00 |

Last Week Collections:

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| St. Cecilia | |
| Offertory | \$ 530.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 280.00 |
| Total | \$ 810.00 |
| St. Mary | |
| Offertory | \$ 592.00 |
| AAA | \$ 70.00 |
| Baptism | \$ 200.00 |
| Preservation | \$ 160.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,022.00 |