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August 8, 2021

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	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.
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." On hearing this, the people doubted. They murmured. But Jesus reassured them, saying: "I am the bread of life... the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world... whoever eats this bread will live forever."

As we recall the readings of last Sunday, how God strengthened the whole people of Israel through bread from heaven, called "manna" miracle, during their wandering in Sinai Desert. The Israelites ran away from Pharaoh and the Egyptians because of oppressions and hardships they had to endure. During the time in the desert, they were in danger of death because there was no food for their journey. They cried out and the Lord heard the cry of the afflicted. God gave them manna and quails to save their lives.

God is present with us at all times, especially in our time of needs. As told from the first reading, Prophet Elijah went hungry and thirsty in the desert. He was so exhausted. He bitterly faced the shadow of death. But the angel of the Lord appeared to him giving him "a hearth cake" and "a jug of water" that saved his life, and strengthened him to continue the journey of "forty days and forty nights" until he reached the mountain of God. What a miracle!

From the Gospel, Jesus assures us that we do not only need the food, the material bread we eat daily, but we also need God, the spiritual bread we certainly need for our life journey. This spiritual bread is Jesus himself; he is the living bread, the bread of life, the bread comes down from heaven, the bread for our journey. The reality of Christ in the Eucharist, seen through the eyes of faith, provides us with real strength. Jesus speaks of the Eucharist, when he says, "I am the bread of life." He commands us to put aside our doubt so that we are able to

recognize the reality of his presence in the Eucharist; when taking the Eucharist as the real bread of life, we are strengthened to overcome whatever hardships we face in life.

For us, the belief in the real presence grew from the very words of Jesus at the Last Supper, "This is my body," and "This is my blood." He did not say that the bread and wine were the symbols of his body and blood, but he used very clear words that they were truly his Body and Blood.

Christ gave his disciples, and still gives us today, his body to eat. The Holy Communion is "the bread of life" for us, the sort of food we need to eat often, to keep us going. Receiving the Holy Communion requires our belief in what we are receiving, and thus enables our longing to be transformed ourselves to be like the one we are receiving. That is why we respond AMEN before we receive the Holy Communion. Amen means: Yes, I believe, or may it be so.

I like the song: Amen, El Cuerpo del Christo. Amen, La Sangre del Senor... We receive the Body and Blood of Christ to become what we received; to become the Christ-like people as we are called to be. We receive the living bread to become living bread for one another. We receive Jesus, "the manna from heaven" to become plentiful manna for our brothers and sisters. In everything we do, let us "be imitators of God, as beloved children." Let us walk in the way of love, just like Christ, because we have received Him – the Bread of Life.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, August 8 to Saturday, August 14

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Msgr. John O'Connor (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Fr. Ted Shipp (birthday)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Laura Thomas (birthday Aug.10)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Jacqueline M. Torres (birthday thanksgiving)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Martha McNeil (health)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Maria Khuyen (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Alfred Lizak (health)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fundraising meeting with Elena Boylan and the Committee today: Sunday, August 8: right after 9:30 am Mass, at St. Cecilia Church. Thank you for your generous help.
- Thank you to our parishioners and friends for your generous giving to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. I am updating the latest report from the Archdiocese for your information... **Note:** including some recent gifts from St. Mary's community, and some online donations.
- 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:

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Goal	\$ 4,962.00
Received	\$ 5,144.00
THANK YOU	
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Goal	\$ 3,329.00
Received	\$ 3,016.00
Need	\$ 313.00
WE ALMOST GET THERE	

Last Week Collections:

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 394.00
Maintenance	\$.00
Total	\$ 394.00
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 240.00
Fundraising	\$ 100.00
Preservation	\$10,836.75
Total	\$11,176.75