



st. cecilia church lagunitas

August 15, 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) +



st. mary church nicasio

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Day, Location, and Time. Rows include MASS (Sunday-Friday), Reconciliation (Saturday), and Religious Education Confirmation Prep (Monday-Wednesday).

2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

Summary table for 2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal showing Goal, Received, and Need for St. Cecilia and St. Mary.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rev. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In fact, the Scripture does not tell us when, where, or how Mary died. Nor does it tell us anything about her assumption.

As told in today's gospel, Mary traveled to a hill country to visit Elizabeth, her relative, but previously, Mary was visited by an angel, announcing that she would bear in her womb and give birth to the Son of God.

We can see how unique was the relationship between Mother Mary and her Son Jesus. Her sinless flesh was Jesus' flesh and her blood was his blood. The Lord's body, which would be given up for us and which we receive in the Eucharist at Mass, had been given to him by Mother Mary.

Grace of God continued to expand and flower within Mary, giving her strength to follow her Son in every step of his life, to walk with Jesus on the way of the Cross, and finally to stand by Jesus till his last moment on the Cross.

Through her sorrows, Mother Mary shared most intimately in the sufferings of her Son; she shared the pain of his passion and death on the Cross. Therefore, God granted her this honor: she was

preserved from the corruption of the tomb and her body and soul was taken up into heaven, to fully share in the triumph and glory of the Resurrection of her Son.

In the mystery of the Church, Jesus is the Head, we are his Body – the Church. Our Lady Mary is the mother of the Head, and therefore she is the mother of the Church, that is the whole Body of Christ.

Today's feast honors Mary, for God himself has honored her. In her openness to God and her willingness to always do whatever God wanted, God rewarded her in a unique way. But today's feast also is a source of hope for all of us. Her glorification, body and soul, shows us the goal of our own spiritual journey.

Our Lady carries within herself He who is the true Bread from heaven, the Bread of Life (John 6: 41). As we learn from life events of our Blessed Mother and her connection with Jesus her Son, we may have a deeper understanding in the Holy Eucharist – the "source and summit" of the Church's life of faith and mission.

May Our Mother help us with a deeper faith in the Holy Eucharist we receive every time at Mass. May she enable us to frequently receive the sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare ourselves, with reverence and love, to receive Jesus worthily into our hearts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. SF Archdiocese Liturgical Ministers Initial Training and Re-certification Workshops for new and experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as well as for Readers – at St. Sebastian's Church, Greenbrae – Sat. Oct. 16, 2021, 9am-3pm and Sat. Oct. 23, 2021, 10am-12pm.
2. Funeral Services for Martha McNeil: *Sun. Aug. 15 @ 7pm, Vigil at St. Mary's Church, Nicasio. *Mon. Aug. 16 @ noon, Funeral Mass at St. Mary's Nicasio, followed by the Burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in San Rafael.
3. Randy Lafranchi will be hosting and cooking the Annual Chicken BBQ on Sun. Sep. 5, 2021 at the Lafranchi Deer Camp.
4. Baptism for children: Joseph Meyer & Lucia Escobar... Sun. Aug. 22 at St. Mary's 11:15 am Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, August 15 to Saturday, August 21

Table of Mass Intentions for Sunday through Saturday, listing times and intentions for St. Cecilia (SC) and St. Mary (SM).

Last Week Collections:

Summary table of Last Week Collections for St. Cecilia and St. Mary, showing Offertory, Maintenance, Preservation, and Total amounts.