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September 19, 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
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Monday	St. Cecilia	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders)
		St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

St. Cecilia
Goal \$ 4,962.00
Received \$ 5,144.00
THANK YOU

St. Mary
Goal \$ 3,329.00
Received \$ 3,329.00

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16–4:3; Mk 9:30-37

In a village in Vietnam there was a rich and powerful man. Unfortunately, by the end of his life, he struggled with a chronic illness. While he was lying on the sick bed counting the days to live, his sons were fighting against one another about the properties he would leave behind.

The old man was too sick to talk. He had to write down a request asking the sons to bring him two bundles of bamboo chopsticks. He opened the first bundle, giving each son only one chopstick and asking them to break it. Everyone broke the chopstick easily. Then the father passed the second chopstick bundle to the sons asking them, one by one, to break the whole bundle together. Nobody was able to break it. Finally, the old man also tried to break the whole chopstick bundle. He tried very hard, but he failed. He could not breathe any more. He died before the sons' eyes.

When the father had died, the sons unsealed the will from which they read this message: "My sons! Love one another! Remain in love and solidarity with one another, and you will be able to live your life in happiness. I entrust all the property to the eldest brother of yours, that he can make decision to share it among you."

This story is somehow similar to the conversation of Jesus and his disciples in today's gospel. On the way going to Jerusalem, Jesus revealed that he was going to be handed over to men and they would kill him... But the disciples did not pay any attention to what their Lord concerned; they argued among themselves: "who was the greatest?" Their behavior illustrates

what St. Mark has already told us in last Sunday's Gospel: that these closest friends of Jesus "did not understand" what he was facing.

Jesus knew where the conflicts among the disciples came from. It was from "jealousy and selfish ambition." On knowing that the disciples were arguing about "who was the greatest," Jesus told them: "If anyone wishes to be first, he will be last." To be leader is to be a servant of all. That is what the father in the above story wants to teach his children when he asks his eldest son to be the leader to make decision, to share, and to serve his brothers.

To be a leader is to be the servant of all. To be the greatest is to be servant, and to be servant is to be ready to give his life for others. To be the greatest is to be ready to die for the love of others, as Jesus in the gospel tells his disciples about what he is about to endure: "the Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him."

To be the greatest is to be humble with simple mind and heart like a child. Jesus encourages us to be humble like a child – not seeking power or prestige, and not lording it over someone. Placing a small child in the midst of the disciples, Jesus said: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me..."

Jesus embraces a little child to show us that he calls us to be simple, humble, gentle, peaceable, and full of mercy. If you want to encounter Jesus, look for him in those whom everyone else ignores. Let us learn from Jesus, for he is gentle and humble of heart, and we will find our Lord Jesus Christ in our love and service to others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 2nd collection today is for Priests' Retirement Fund.
2. We have met the goal for the 2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. **THANK YOU!**
3. Padre Pio Mass and Devotion: Saturday, September 25... St. Cecilia Church... at 8 a.m.
4. You are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life from 09/22 to 10/31. For more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Ruth Ann Cawley at racawley60@gmail.com. You can sign up at 40daysforlife.com.
5. Update from the BBQ fundraising for St. Mary's Church: we have received some more generous donations from our friends. We have made the total of \$4,210. Thank you again to our parishioners and friends for all your works and generous supports to our parish community.
6. Funeral Mass for Melvin Lafranchi: Thur. Sep. 23, 2021 - St. Vincent Church, Petaluma – 11 am. Presided by Fr. Phan. We keep Melvin and Family in our prayers. May he rest in peace!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, September 19 to Saturday, September 25

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Lori Schimm (for health)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Msgr. Loi Vergara (birthday & Ordination)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Janis O'Connell (70 th birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Don Sinclair (repose/anniversary)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Ann Gregory (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Fr. Peter Thiet (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC	... Members of Padre Pio Society (thanksgiving)

Last Week Collections:

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 422.00
Maintenance	\$ 390.00
Total	\$ 812.00
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 518.00
AAA	\$ 313.00
BBQ	\$ 3,510.00
Preservat'n	\$ 1,700.00
Total	\$ 6,041.00