



st. cecilia church
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September 26, 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

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38...48

A priest at my former parish always began the Mass with this saying: "Life is short, death is certain, heaven and hell are forever. Think about it. In the name of the Father..."

It is so true. Life is short; death is certain. Nobody can live forever. That is not a threat, but a reality of life. How we live our life in this world can answer the question of where we will be ended when we die: heaven or hell? Today's readings, especially the Gospel, give us some good points to reflect on how we should live our life in this world.

First: don't be jealous, but be aware of our self-righteousness. As both Joshua's and Jesus' disciples learned, God uses the least likely people to be his instruments of grace. Maybe he does so to uproot in us the self-righteousness, for in the eye of God, an attitude of arrogance or selfishness is meaningless.

The first reading tells us the conflict between the so-called insiders and outsiders. Eldad and Medad were considered outsiders just because they were not in the gathering of the group of the seventy elders to be bestowed the gift of prophecy, but "they prophesied in the camp." People got jealous when seeing Eldad and Medad prophesying, so they asked Moses to stop the two men. Moses asked Joshua, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets?" God gives us all the gift of prophecy. So, don't be jealous.

In the Gospel, when the disciple John saw someone driving out demons in Jesus' name, John asked Jesus to prevent that person because he did not belong to the group of the disciples. But Jesus rebuked them: "Don't be jealous. Why do you try to prevent him? Whoever is not against us is for us. No one who performs good works in my name can at the same time speak ill of me."

We very often have the same exclusive attitude. If you don't show up for the rehearsal you should not sing in the choir. Or, this place is for high class people, if you don't have the membership, you

should not come to this club. Sadly, we sometimes hear this discrimination in our society, even in the Church...

Jesus does not teach us to discriminate people but rather he urges us to embrace all. In the Church, all are welcome. God embraces all races and colors: Black and White, European and Asian, American and Latino, women and men, good and bad, rich and poor alike... So, we need to be more open-minded to welcome those whom we consider different from us.

Second: we must learn to tolerate the shortcomings of others and must not tolerate our own sinful habit. Do not let our habitual sinfulness bring us down the netherworld when we die.

Jesus said: "If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off... If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out." It is better for one to be handicapped but able to enter heavenly kingdom, than the whole perfect body to be thrown into hell.

Over time, the sins that we consciously choose to commit become habit. Sinful actions may become habitual, and we may no longer be conscious that our actions are wrong. By telling us to cut the hand, the foot, or pluck the eye, Jesus wants to remind us that if we are serious about being his followers, our commitment must be total. We must be willing to sacrifice even things as dear to us as hands, feet, and eyes.

Turning from sin can be as difficult as it would be to cut of one's hand or to pluck out one's eye. If we are to grow in love, we must begin the hard task of examining our actions.

We may ask ourselves: if I died today, would I be confident to enter God's heavenly kingdom, or my soul must suffer punishment for paying back the sins I have committed repeatedly in my lifetime? "Life is short. Death is certain. Heaven and hell are forever. Think about it and make your own choice."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Annual October Count begins next Sunday, October 3.
2. First Friday (10/01): Mass at St. Mary Church 8 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon.
3. 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. Fulfill Archdiocese requirement to be certified every three years for these ministries. The cost will be paid by your parish: \$20.00 per person paid in advance or \$25.00 same-day. Please register to participate in these ministries. For more information, contact Robyn Torres at wakerobyn425@gmail.com or 415-663-9320.
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.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, September 26 to Saturday, October 2

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Mariam Mansourian (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Ray Perkins (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... a special intention (for health)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Nick Massucco (birthday thanksgiving)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Kirsten Elkins (birthday)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM	... George Kerbs (surgery-healing)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Ana Hinh (repose)

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 477.00
Maintenance \$ 140.00
2nd Collect'n \$ 290.00
Total \$ 907.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 341.00
Preservat'n \$ 200.00
2nd Collect'n \$ 138.00
Total \$ 679.00