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October 3, 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
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
		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 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.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

After being ordained a priest, it was the first time after 18 years since I left Vietnam, I was able to go back home to visit my family. I was also happy to see my classmates again for a reunion. Most of them came with their spouses, and children. We exchanged nice words of congratulations to one another for being somewhat successful in life. One of my classmates who was my best friend, together with his wife and their beautiful daughter, said to me: “My friend, congratulations! You are a priest now. You are so lucky. You have made a right choice.”

We laughed. I asked him: “What do you mean that I am so lucky and make a right choice.” Everyone has a vocation. I am a priest. You are a lucky man. You are a lucky husband and father. You have your beautiful wife and beautiful daughter. You have a helper who cooks for you, who helps you anytime, and takes good care of you. And look, as for me, I have to take care of myself. You know how I feel whenever I get sick: I miss my mom...”

My friend laughed, saying: “My friend, you are wrong. You are lucky to take care of yourself only. As for me, since I got married, I had to do double housework. And since we had our daughter, I had to do triple housework.”

My friend and I shared a good laugh. It could be a joke. It could be a true story of life. It could be a sensitive matter, so I should not discuss the details. However, it left me a double question: do people really find happiness in married life, or do people really find happiness in religious life? Yes or No? I cannot answer this question. You and I may answer this question for ourselves depend on the circumstances of our lives, or our vocation.

But today, we reflect on the sacredness of marriage and family life. The book of Genesis tells us that the Lord God saw: “it is not good that the man should be alone” (Gn 2:18). So, God made a woman – a most suitable helper – for the man. So, they were no longer two, but one flesh” (Gen 2:24).

From the beginning, God made a bond of love between man and woman. Now, Jesus reaffirms the indissolubility and the unity of marriage as we hear in the Gospel reading: “What God has united, man must not divide” (Mk 10:9). This statement of Jesus has become the backbone of marriage; we hear these words said by the priest in wedding Mass after the couple has declared their consent before God and the Church. Marriage is a holy mystery and a symbol of Christ’s love for the Church. Marriage is a gift of God, so the human family may enjoy the intimacy, trust, and necessary to extend God’s love and life in creation. Through family, God gives us many consolations and moments of deep happiness and contentment as well.

How beautiful to hear, and so to live, the promise that the husband and wife share at their marriage: they promise to take each other as husband and wife “for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health until death.”

We pray for us all, especially for married couples that they may realize the sacredness of their marriage; that they may courageously confront the difficulties and be more responsible in their family life.

To those who are husbands and wives I would say: continue in your fidelity. Honor the sacredness of your union and live that out in faith. Make the trials and troubles in your family life the new crosses that will raise you up and keep you nearer to God. Your spouse may not be an angel, but he or she is a saint in the making, and you are doing your part to make him or her just that. Love one another as God has loved us. “If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love” (1 Jn 4:12).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The **Annual October Count** begins, October 3 and throughout this month.
2. **Pets blessing** is being offered: Monday, October 4 – Feast Day of St. Francis Assisi, co-patron saint of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and **patron saint of animals**. Invite your neighbors to bring pets to be blessed by Fr. Phan, at 9:30 am, by the fountain at St. Cecilia’s Church.
3. Thank you for your generous giving to the 2nd collection last Sunday for St. Cecilia’s to help covering the shortage of this fiscal year. We have collected \$5,381. **THANK YOU**
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, October 3 to Saturday, October 9

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Daphne & Ken Massucco (thanksgiving)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Joseph Nguyen Tan Tai (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Juan Francisco & Family (healing)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Lucia Tu (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Brother Agapetos (special intention)
Friday	No Mass	→ Fr. Phan’s away
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Hilary Stock (repose)

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia	
Offertory	\$ 704.00
Maintenance	\$ 140.00
2 nd Collect’n	\$ 5,381.00
Total	\$ 6,225.00
St. Mary	
Offertory	\$ 371.00
Preservat’n	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 471.00

**We have met the goal for 2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**