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October 17, 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.
		** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month	
	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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

Today's readings, especially the gospel, help us to recognize that, to be disciples of Jesus, we must accept a call to serve others as Jesus served. At the time, the disciples misunderstood the meaning of following him. While Jesus was preaching a gospel of suffering, death and service, the disciples were looking for power, fame and glory.

The word service has many meanings and it is used quite often in our daily life. Going to have dinner at a restaurant, we need good service. We sometimes need customer service when we go shopping. At home, we need service and care for one another: from husband, wife, and children. The work performed by military personnel is known as service to their country. What we do in church now is a holy sacrifice of the Mass, also known as a service. Healing service is done for anointing of the sick; or penance service for the sacrament of reconciliation...

Service to others is an essential component of Christianity. Our faith in God is seen through our spiritual activities, such as attending Mass, participating in prayer, reading the Bible... but the true mark of our faith is how we treat others, or how we serve others.

In the first reading, Isaiah writes of a "Suffering Servant" who wins forgiveness and healing for the world. This "Suffering Servant" is also referred to Jesus in the Letter to the Hebrews we hear from the second reading. Jesus is the ultimate high priest, the "Suffering Servant" of the Lord, who teaches his disciples and all of us, not only by word, but by living example. He loved us, he served us. He suffered and died for us.

"The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." These words of Jesus give the disciples, and all of us, a practical view of what it means to be a follower of Christ; what it means to be a Christian; particularly what it means to be a great leader in God's eyes.

James and John asked to be seated on the right and the left of the throne. But Jesus wanted those who follow him to understand and be ready to accept this: "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant," not only a regular servant but "the slave of all," or a "suffering servant."

We are Jesus' followers, called to share in his self-sacrifice, to serve others, to give our lives day by day for others. To be disciples of Jesus is indeed difficult, challenging, even painful, but it is also a joy and, ultimately, our glory.

Those who want to become great must serve the rest, for true holiness is found in serving one another and by giving ourselves as Jesus did. Jesus explained that his followers must be people who decline places of worldly honor. Christ has come not to be served but to serve, and to give everything he has. His disciples are asked to do the same. We are called to follow Jesus' example and live lives of service. As many in our society strive for success, fame and wealth, followers of Christ are challenged to look for opportunities to serve others.

As we come to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, may the Lord help us to realize that it is our call to follow Christ to serve. It is our mission to bring others to Christ. It is our vocation to make ourselves instruments of Christ' peace, touching even the ends of today's broken world. It is our calling to show Jesus to the world – and invite them to live in faith – the faith that brings us here to the Eucharist today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The **Annual October Count** continues today, Sunday 10/10, and throughout this month.
2. Second collection next Sunday 10/24 is for World Mission Sunday/Propagation of Faith.
3. Save the date for **Christmas Party**. There will be a meeting next Sunday, 10/24 to discuss details of a small Christmas gathering at the Boylan's on **December 11th**. Tickets will be limited to 50 people and they must be vaccinated. Details to follow after our meeting. Cost will be \$100.00 per adult. If interested in attending please contact Ginny Kerbs at 415-588-9694.
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 17 to Saturday, October 23

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Marie Foge (repose/birthday)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Grace Farley (birthday thanksgiving-10/13)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Ronald Treleven (birthday thanksgiving-10/17)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Seminarian Mikhael Michie (special intention)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Lien Pham (thanksgiving)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Bill White (birthday thanksgiving)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Seminarian Scott Borba (special intention)

Last Week Collections:

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 903.00
Maintenance	\$ 390.00
Total	\$ 1,293.00
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 572.00
Memorials	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 872.00

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