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October 24, 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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<b>MASS</b>	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 <sup>st</sup> 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.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
<b>Religious Education Confirmation Prep.</b>	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

*Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52*

In poor countries like Vietnam, we see beggar every day. When I went back Vietnam, I told the people that there are many beggars in the U.S. too, but nobody believed. In their thoughts, America is a paradise – a rich and perfect country of the world. They couldn't believe the reality that there are still many beggars on our streets.

Somehow, we all are beggars. We all lack something we need. Some might need food, clothes, or money. Others might not need material, but they lack spiritual life. What do we need? We should hunger and thirst for things above, not below.

The blind beggar Bartimaeus was sitting at the roadside asking for money. In the midst of the sizable crowd, Bartimaeus heard Jesus' calling, his encounter with Jesus totally changed his life. From looking for money, he found something far more valuable than what he thought: his eyes were opened to see Jesus: the way, the truth, and the life. He was restored not only his physical sight, but also spiritual vision – the ability to recognize Jesus – and to see that following Jesus was the best thing he could do with his life.

When Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" the blind beggar replied, "Master, I want to see," and so he was able to see. He sprang up and threw aside his cloak. This is a symbolic action representing Bartimaeus casting off his old life in order to take up a new life in Christ.

If Jesus asks you and me the same question: "what do you want me to do for you," what should be our answer? What is our need of Jesus to do for us? Can we give up bad habits or sinful ways of our life in order to be faithful to the Gospel?

There is a deep spiritual lesson for all of us in today's gospel story. Like Bartimaeus, many of us have been sitting by the roadside of our life for years, not moving a foot toward our eternal destination. We might have been blind to our true purpose of life; we might lack of our faith in God, in Jesus; we might need more pity than Bartimaeus because he knew that he was blind, but we are not aware of our blindness – spiritual blindness. We all may have experienced being lost when driving on a road we're not familiar with. When we get lost, it is important for us to know how to make a U-turn.

The blind man Bartimaeus could not physically see Jesus, but he realized Jesus through the eye of faith. In our case, however, we might have ignored the presence of Jesus in the many reminders he has sent us up to now: the Mass we did not attend; the parish activity we ignored; the illness of a near relative or the funeral of a friend we did not care. These and many other incidents are examples of the many times our loving Lord passed close to us – ready to cure our spiritual blindness, but we did not see him, we did not welcome him into our lives.

This story of the blind man could be for us today a reminder, to make us examine our relationship with God, with Jesus, with the Church and see the true state of our spiritual standing in the eyes of God.

Let us call on Jesus: "Son of David, have pity on me!" Open our eyes of faith that we may see you; that we may not have been sitting by the roadside, but keeping faithfully to the road marked out for us by our Christian faith, the road to heaven, the road to God.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Second collection today Sunday 10/24 is for World Mission Sunday/Propagation of Faith.
2. The **Annual October Count** continues today, and next Sunday 10/31.
3. Monthly Padre Pio Mass and devotion: at St. Cecilia Church. Saturday 10/30, at 8 a.m. Mass.
4. Save the date for **Christmas Party**. There is a meeting after 9:30 a.m. Mass today to discuss details of a small Christmas gathering at the Boylan's on **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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.
5. 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](mailto:racawley60@gmail.com). You can sign up at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS:** from Sunday, October 24 to Saturday, October 30

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Lucia Valentina Torres-Slavik (birthday)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Dr. Tony O. Jimenez (repose/birthday)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... for Seminarians (pray for spiritual support)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Mandy Torres-Nico Colomb (healing/strength)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Bonnie de Rutte (repose/anniversary)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... for special intentions of Slawek's family
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC	... Robert Bridwell (repose/birthday) – Padre Pio

**Last Week Collections:**

<b>St. Cecilia</b>	
Offertory	\$ 578.00
Maintenance	\$ 140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 718.00</b>
<b>St. Mary</b>	
Offertory	\$ 442.00
Preservat'n	\$ 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 642.00</b>

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