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October 31, 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
		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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18 Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

I remember the most difficult thing in my college years was the five-minute quiz at the beginning of each class hour. Usually, the teacher asked us to summarize the chapter or the article of our reading homework in one sentence, or one phrase, or even in one or two words. Most of the students were so nervous. It was easier to retell the story in a paragraph or a few sentences than to summarize it in one or two words.

Now we hear from the gospel reading the same thing the scribe, or the teacher of the laws, tries to test Jesus by asking him: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" We may assume that Jesus knows all the laws and commandments by heart. Do you know how many regulations there are in the Jewish laws? We learn that there are 613 regulations. Indeed, the Ten Commandments came from these 613 regulations.

The scribe could not believe that Jesus was so smart that he answered this tough question right away, without hesitation: "The first commandment is this: Love the Lord your God with all your heart." And Jesus extended his answer by reminding the scribe the second most important commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these two: Love God and love neighbor.

I remember in a catechism class when I was a kid, the nun taught us to recite the Ten Commandments together: 1. you shall love the Lord your God, and worship him alone; 2. don't take God's name in vain; 3. keep holy the Sabbath; 4. honor your father and mother; 5. you shall not kill; 6. you shall not commit adultery; 7. you shall not steal; 8. you shall not falsely accuse your neighbor; 9. you shall not covet your neighbor's wife; 10. you shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Anyway, the nun then taught us how to remember the Ten Commandments by categorizing them into groups: three yes(s) and seven no(s); or three do(s) and seven don't(s)...

The laws are many (613 regulations or Ten Commandments), but they are summarized in one word: LOVE – which is love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus is not saying the others do not count or are unimportant. He is saying that love is the spirit or foundation of all other laws. If we follow the command of love, we will keep the other command. St. Paul said: if we keep the other laws without love we are nothing but legalists.

Jesus is asked for one commandment, but he gives us two, to show that the two are inseparable, because if we say that we love God who is invisible, but we don't love our brothers and sisters who are visible, then we are liars.

Jesus in the gospel today leads the scribes to a right understanding of love as he reaffirms that: "God is One and there is no other than he. And to love God with all our hearts... and to love our neighbor as ourselves is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

We cannot say "we love God" on our lips alone, but we are invited to show this love through our practice by attending Mass regularly and being faithful in our daily prayers and worship. In the same way, we cannot say "we love our neighbor" on our lips alone, but we are challenged to give generously to the poor, to reach out and help those who are in need, for love without sacrifice is not a true love. Jesus said: "there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" and he set this example by dying on the cross for he so loved us.

We come together to offer God our worship and our love. May the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross help us to understand the true meaning of love, so we can practice it in our daily life: what it really means for you and for me "to love God with all our hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Annual October Count:** today is the last count.
2. Reminder: **Davlight Saving Time** ends next Sunday.
3. **All Saints:** Monday 11/1, and **All Souls' Day:** Tuesday 11/2. Mass at 8 am, St. Cecilia Church.
4. November is when we pray particularly for the souls of all the faithful departed, and ask the intercession of All Saints. Please bring in photos of your loved ones who have died to be placed on the shrine, and give their names to Fr. Phan to be updated on the list for remembrance.
5. **First Friday** 11/5, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary Church, from 8 am until 12 noon.
6. **St. Cecilia's Christmas party fundraiser** Saturday 12/11, from 4-9 pm, at the Boylans Barn. Cost: \$100/person, including heavy appetizers, beverages and live music. Prepaid would be preferred. Must be vaccinated to attend, adults only and limited to 50 people. Contact Ginny Kerbs (415) 488-9694 or georgekerbs@comcast.net to reserve and for more details. Next meeting will be on Sunday 11/14.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, October 31 to Saturday, November 6

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... George Kerbs (Happy Birthday!)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Harold "Spike" Drady (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Joseph & Agnes Phan (repose)
Tuesday	8 a.m.	SC	... for All Souls of the Faithful Departed
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Tonya Bentivegra (special intention)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Martha McNeil (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM	... Helen Piscevich (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Paul L. Tran & Maria K. Nguyen (repose)

Last Week Collections:	
<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 640.00
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
2 nd collect'n	\$ 215.00
Total	\$ 895.00
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 270.00
2 nd collect'n	\$ 140.00
Preservat'n	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 560.00