



st. cecilia church
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November 7, 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) ✦



st. mary church
nicasio

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
		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. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
		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.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Fifteen years ago, on November 4, 2006, I was ordained a deacon by Archbishop Niederauer at St. Pius' Church in Redwood City. It was one of the memorable events of my life. I received lots of gifts and greeting cards from people for my ordination. After the busy day, I came back to my room at St. Patrick Seminary, taking time to open the gifts, while some of my seminarian friends were around with me. They curiously wanted to know what I got. When they saw a big gift, they shouted: WOW! If they saw a simple greeting card with nothing in it, they teased me, speaking in Spanish: "de nada" (meaning "nothing") and they laughed.

One of the most touching gifts was a simple greeting card with a \$5 bill in it. I was really moved by that meaningful gift since I knew very well the person who gave me that gift. She was a poor lady at St. Veronica's parish in South San Francisco where I did my Pastoral Year. She had to take bus from South San Francisco to Redwood City, about 20 miles away, to attend my ordination since she didn't have a car. I really appreciated her presence and thoughtfulness to me. I could imagine the value of this \$5 gift I received from this poor lady.

We may learn a charitable lesson from the widows in today's readings, and also from this poor lady friend of mine. The widow of Zarephath and her son could have had one last modest meal before they died of the famine, but her generosity made her share with the stranger Elijah what she had. Two coins to the people in the Gospel story, or \$5 to us today seem to be very small gifts – nothing... "de nada" – but in Jesus' eyes, as he said, these poor widows have given their whole livelihood (Mk 12:44).

As the followers of Jesus Christ, we should learn from the examples of these widows to be charitable toward God and our needy neighbors, not only when we have some superfluous goods which we can give away, but even when we have only the bare essentials for ourselves, we also can give.

Let us remember this saying: "Nobody is too rich to receive; and nobody is too poor to give." How much you give is not important as if you are willing to give, and give with your love. If you don't

have materials to give, can you give your time and talent to the service of God and the Church through serving the poor and the needy? If you don't have money to give, can you show your kindness by exchanging a smile or talking to a beggar, a homeless, or can you visit and comfort those who are sick or lonely?

As Christians we must learn to love as Jesus loves: "to lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). Our Lord taught us this as the ultimate in Christian charity. He put it into practice for us. We are expected to be willing to imitate Jesus and do likewise. We must be ready not only to risk our own lives in order to save that of a neighbor, but we must be ready to lay down our lives willingly, as needed, to save a neighbor.

Jesus really appreciates those who are poor but have a genuine love, for "love is more valuable than offerings and sacrifices" (Mk 12:33). We ask our loving God to help us to become aware of his loving design, so that we may more willingly give our lives in love and service to God and neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Second Collection** today is for St. Patrick Seminary to support vocations.
- Our dear friend, Ann Gregory's memorial service will be on Saturday 11/13/21 at 11 am. at St. Isabella Church, 1 Trinity Way, San Rafael. Let us keep Dr. George "Bud" Gregory and the family in our prayers. May Ann rest in peace!
- 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.
- Christmas on the Farm:** Annual Christmas Fundraiser for St. Mary's Church. Come and join the St. Mary's Community as we welcome in the joyous holiday season together. On Saturday, December 18th commencing at 4:00 pm, join us at Hummingbird Farm, the home of Greg Lee and Antonia Van Becker in Nicasio, for a festival night. Enjoy local wine and food as well as the music of the Nicasio Creek Caroles. Limited to the first 50 people who register! Cost is \$100 per person. Contact Margaret at (415) 492-8690 or lgleagles@gmail.com to secure your ticket and for more informations. Don't miss the fun. See you all there.
- Today is **Vocations Awareness Sunday**. You are invited to the Holy Hour at St. Patrick Church in Larkspur from 3-4 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- Wedding of Daniel Lafranchi & Carley Vernon will be on Friday 11/12/21 at 4 pm. at St. Mary's Church, Nicasio.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, November 7 to Saturday, November 13

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Claire Straube (for healing)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Ann Gregory (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Pete de Rutte (thanksgiving for all blessings)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Victor Frugoli (for health)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Martha McNeil (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Pastor Matthew Holiday (special intention)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Peter Robles (birthday)

Last Week Collections:	
St. Cecilia	
Offertory	\$ 418.00
Maintenance	\$ 965.00
Total	\$ 1,383.00
St. Mary	
Offertory	\$ 625.00
Preservat'n	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 625.00