



st. cecilia church
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November 21, 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
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
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.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This celebration marks the conclusion of the Liturgical Year B, and we will begin a new Liturgical Year C with the first Sunday of Advent next week. But what does it mean to us with this celebration: **Christ the King?**

Just as the Jews were waiting for a messianic king from the line of King David to come and deliver them from oppressors, when we say *Christ the King*, we probably think about the rule, the power, or the authorities which all the kings of this world have.

But as mentioned in the gospel, when Pontius Pilate asked Jesus: "are you a king?" Jesus clearly declared: "you say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world... But my kingdom does not belong to this world" (*Jn 18:36*).

So, when we say Christ the King, we probably wonder: what kind of king is this who only receives mockery and humiliation? Jesus is the Son of the almighty God, the creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. Therefore, obviously, Jesus is the king of the universe. But his kingdom does not belong to this world. Jesus is the king who does not have a golden throne as other kings of this world have; instead, his throne is the cross.

Kings and queens of this world exert power over their subjects. Down through history, thousands and millions of subjects have died for their kings, but Jesus is the king who "comes to serve, not to be served" (*Mt 20:28*). Jesus is the king who gives us the example of a servant leader: to be a leader is to be a servant of all (*Mt 20:26*). Jesus is the king who dies for us. No other king has ever died for his subjects.

Today, if we look up to the cross, we may ask: where is that power? Jesus is the king who shows us another kind of power from the cross: the power of love. He accepted crucifixion as the perfect obedience to God the Father. Jesus, though he was in the form of God, emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the human likeness; he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death, death

on a cross. Jesus is offering himself to God the Father for our sake because he loves us: "there is no greater love than laying down one's life for one's friends" (*Jn 15:13*).

While other earthly rulers, and even some religious authorities, use their power to achieve their own purposes, Jesus' power is shown in his service to us, and his willingness to lay down his life for us. While we are tempted to choose the rule of other powers and principalities, such as greed, violence, indifference, cruelty, aggression, the celebration of today invites us to fix our gaze on Christ, the King of the Universe, and follow his model, as he said: "if you want to follow me, deny yourself, take up your daily cross and go with me" (*Mt 16:24*).

Jesus' kingdom does not belong to this world; but his kingdom is "an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace" (see from the Preface). His kingdom requires us of our love, our closeness, and our tenderness to our brothers and sisters. When accepting Jesus to be our King, we are required to follow his example: to reign is to lay down one's life for one's friends; to rule is to serve, not to be served.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2nd collection today is for the Campaign for Human Development (USCCB).
- Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Cecilia Church: 8 am. Thursday, Nov. 25. Come and give thanks to God for all blessings we have been receiving.
- First Sunday of Advent: beginning of new Liturgical Year C, next Sunday, November 28.
- This Saturday, Nov. 27, Mass at 8 am at St. Mary's (**NO Padre Pio Mass at St. Cecilia's**).
- 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.
- 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 Igleagles@gmail.com to secure your ticket and for more informations. Don't miss the fun. See you all there.
- Come and join our San Geronimo Valley neighbors for a Community Gathering of Gratitude today, Sunday 11/21 at 4 pm via ZOOM, hosted by the SGVC Presbyterian Church. The theme is "Reemerging with Gratitude, Compassion, Hope and Courage." Here is the updated link for the ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81366785640>

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, November 21 to Saturday, November 27

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Barbara Felling (healing)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Martha McNeil (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Daphne Massucco & Family (thanksgiving)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... for All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8 a.m.	SC	... Thanksgiving for All Parishioners
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Lina & Benedetto Massucco (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Josephine & Vito Lomele (repose) *** Carol B.

Last Week Collections:	
St. Cecilia	
Offertory	\$ 518.00
Maintenance	\$ 430.00
Total	\$ 948.00
St. Mary	
Offertory	\$ 294.00
Wedding	\$ 300.00
For Roof	\$ 1,000.00
Preservat'n	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 2,094.00