



st. cecilia church
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November 28, 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.
		<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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 24:25-28, 34-36

Black Friday: Big Sales. Did you get any good deal from last Black Friday sales? I would like to thank Ms. Collette M. for all the poinsettia she donates to our two churches every year for Advent/Christmas decoration. Thank goodness, she had to be at Home Depot by 6 o'clock in the morning of last Friday to get the price of Black Friday sales.

Once, after the Thanksgiving celebration with too much eating and drinking, I stayed overnight at my brother's home. It was about 4 o'clock that Friday morning, I heard my nieces and nephews waking up and rushing to shopping mall for the Black-Friday big sales. I talked to myself: O my goodness, it would have been wonderful if I could see them waiting and rushing to church like that.

Is Black-Friday so important that people have to keep watching and waiting? Is this big sale truly an "advent" for people in this consumer society? How about us? What are you really waiting for?

The first Sunday of Advent we celebrate today marks a new Liturgical Year C; and we know Christmas is not far away, as Jeremiah prophesies: "In those days, in that time, I will raise up for [the house of] David a just shoot [this just shoot is Jesus himself]; he shall do what is right and just in the land" (*Jer. 33:15*)

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, the Gospel warns us against whatever selfishness that makes us forget the day when the Lord comes and knocks at the door of our life. This day may be understood as the last day of each individual on earth or the last day of the world.

Jesus warns his disciples, and through them he warns us: "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxiety of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap" (*Luke 21:34*). In addition, Jesus instructs us: "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you will have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man" (*Luke 21:36*). Through the Thessalonians, St. Paul also prays for us that we may strengthen our hearts (*1Thes 3:13*) in waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Advent is a time when the Church calls us to prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome the coming of Jesus Christ. Indeed, Advent is the time between Jesus' first coming into our human history at Christmas and his second coming to judge the living and the death at the Last Judgment.

Advent is our time of waiting; the time for us to prepare for Jesus the Son of Man to come in our lives. None of us knows when God will call us. Only God who holds our destiny knows this. One thing we know for sure is that day will come. Therefore, we all must be prepared.

That day will be a day of blessings for those who prepare themselves to welcome the Lord into their lives, for those who know how to use their time wisely and responsibly.

Time belongs to God. We cannot go ahead of time and we cannot prolong time. What we can do is to use our God-giving time wisely in order to bear good fruits for his kingdom through our love for God and our work of charity.

As we begin our Advent season, may God give us spiritual strength to be patient in waiting for Jesus to come and stay in our hearts and souls, and to lead us through this spiritual journey! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The roof work begins tomorrow, so all the weekday Masses will be at St. Mary's this week.
2. Join 40 Days for Life prayer for the unborn on December 1. We will have Adoration from 8:30-11:30 on Wed. Dec. 1st after 8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's in Nicasio to pray for the protection of the unborn.
3. First Friday Mass at 8 am and Adoration until noon at St. Mary's Church.
4. **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.
5. **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.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, November 28 to Saturday, December 4

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Benzion & Mary Jacob (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Joseph & Agnes Phan (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SM ... Bonnie de Rutte (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SM ... Hilary & Elizabeth de Rutte Mills (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Carol Bennetts (health)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM ... Michael de Rutte (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Fr. Piers Lahey (ordination anniversary)

Last Week Collections:

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 575.00
Maintenance	\$ 540.00
Xmas Party	\$ 3,450.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$ 143.00
Total	\$ 3,708.00

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 249.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$ 116.00
Preservat'n	\$ 820.00
Total	\$ 1,185.00