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January 16, 2022

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.  |

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

*Is 62:1-5; 1Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11*

Today, we enter the second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The gospel draws our attention to the miracle at the wedding at Cana which Jesus changed water into wine, bringing joy for the wedding guests.

Talking about the changing of water into wine, I have a funny card given by a priest friend of mine on my birthday telling this story. Police stopped a priest as he was leaving a wedding party. The police officer asked: "Hello father! I guess you've had a lot of fun at the wedding? Did you drink anything tonight?" "A lot of water" answered the priest. "Only water? How come you smell so much alcohol?" exclaimed the police. The priest said: "Alcohol! Really! Oh, the Good Lord made the miracle happen again!"

Changing water into wine was the first miracle of Jesus; it was the start of Jesus' public ministry. In the middle of the wedding feast, Mother Mary whispered in Jesus' ear: "they have no more wine." At first, Jesus restrictedly answered the mother that "his time has not yet come." This sounded like a decline, but the mother told the servants to be patient and "do whatever Jesus tells you." We can see Mother Mary's words as a request, a prayer, an intercession, on our behalf, to help resolve our problems in our daily life. If we do what God wills, then whatever we ask of him will be given to us – the miracle will happen.

The miracle of changing water into wine becomes a great symbol of life for us. Jesus not only transformed the water into wine but he did so in great quantity. He not only listened to his mother's request/prayer but he answered her in abundance. Jesus promises to do the same for us if only we would ask him; and if only we "do whatever he tells us."

We may examine our lives and see some similarity to this story. We may have heard this statement in marriage life: "The honeymoon is over." Or sometimes people say: "They are all out of wine." This saying is not only used at party dinner when running out of wine, but symbolically used as a metaphor to express frustration. "They are all out of wine" is the saying we complain sometimes when we

feel frustrated in our life experience, when we feel the good times are over and we are back to the joyless part of life.

But we should not forget that if Jesus can change the water into wine, so he can transform our life too. He can renew our life as long as we ask him, if we do what he tells us and let him change our lives from bad into good, from sorrow into joy. He will make all things new if we allow his power to work in our lives.

Wine is the symbol of joy, of newness in our life. Jesus changed water into wine, bringing joy for the wedding guests. But the cooperation of the servants played an important role for the Cana miracle to happen; without them there would be no miracle. They did what Jesus told them. They worked hard, carrying all the water to fill up all the large jugs, and Jesus transformed all the water into wine for the people to enjoy their good time.

St. Paul tells us in the second reading today that God gives us different gifts: the gifts of faith, wisdom, knowledge, prophecy, teaching, healing... We, as Jesus' followers, are asked to do what Jesus tells us, to use these God-given gifts in the service of God, and to bring happiness and joy to share with one another.

Brothers and sisters, we are asked to give something simply but sincerely in service, then Jesus will make the miracle happen to transform our lives, and to renew the life of others. May the miracle at the wedding at Cana be always a reminder for us, the faithful servants of Jesus, to obediently do what the Lord tells us to do!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Participate in Pope Francis's Synod by taking the Survey!** The Archdiocese of San Francisco has kicked-off their local synodal process this month by asking every Catholic to participate in the "**Disciple Maker Index**" survey between now and February 14. The process will continue into February and March with both online and in-person engagement sessions offered throughout the Archdiocese. The Disciple Maker Index survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada by the Catholic Leadership Institute. To take the survey, go to our parish website: <http://www.stcecilia-lagunitas.org>, and click on the link 'Synodal Process Survey'; from there click on your church's specific survey link. Questions? Email Robyn Torres at: [wakerobyn425@gmail.com](mailto:wakerobyn425@gmail.com), or visit [www.sfarch.org/synod](http://www.sfarch.org/synod) for more details.
- Next Sunday, Jan. 23, second collection for Church of Latin America.
- You are invited to join the annual Walk for Life West Coast on Saturday, January 22, 2022 to support the unborn. The event will begin with the Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 9:30 am. The Walk for Life Info Faire will continue at 11 am at Civic Center Plaza. The Rally will start at the same location at 12:30 pm, with the Walk itself commencing at 1:30 pm. For full schedule and additional details, visit the [Walk for Life West Coast website](#).

**MASS INTENTIONS:** from Sunday, January 16 to Saturday, January 22

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| Sunday    | 9:30 a.m.  | SC | ... Marilyn Shianna (repose)                     |
|           | 11:15 a.m. | SM | ... Pray for people to come back to church       |
| Monday    | 8 a.m.     | SC | ... Pat White (for health)                       |
| Tuesday   | No Mass    |    |  |
| Wednesday | 8 a.m.     | SC | ... Tony Nunes (repose)                          |
| Thursday  | 8 a.m.     | SM | ... Jeannine Curley & Family (special intention) |
| Friday    | 8 a.m.     | SC | ... Guido Mori-Prange (for health)               |
| Saturday  | 8 a.m.     | SM | ... Juan Francisco & Family (for healing)        |

**Last Week Collections**

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| <u>St. Cecilia</u> |                  |
| Offertory          | \$ 440.00        |
| Maintenance        | \$ 440.00        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$ 880.00</b> |
| <u>St. Mary</u>    |                  |
| Offertory          | \$ 498.00        |
| Preservat'n        | \$ 0.00          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$ 498.00</b> |