



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

January 23, 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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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
	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.
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.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Neh 8:2...10; Ps 19:8-15; 1Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Here is some background to help us understand today's first reading. About the year 540 B.C. the Persians (Iran) conqueror of Babylon (in Iraq) gave the Jewish exiles permission to return to their homeland in Palestine (Israel). However, after 50 years living in Babylon, the Jewish exiles felt comfortable with their lives there; now returning to Israel their homeland, they struggled with the efforts to rebuild their new life again.

Today's first reading from the book of Nehemiah brings us back to that period, 100 years after the return and restoration had begun – when the Persians were still in control of the Middle East. At the time, Nehemiah held an important position as a servant to the Persian king. The king allowed Nehemiah to return to Israel to help his people rebuild, and appointed Nehemiah to be governor in Israel.

To rebuild the Jewish nation, Nehemiah first focused his efforts of rebuilding their faith in God. With the help of the priest Ezra, God's words were proclaimed, interpreted and taught among the people, so that all could understand God's laws and love. Ezra, Nehemiah, and the Levites instruct all the people, saying: "Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep... but go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and share with those who had not; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!"

In that same spirit, Jesus spoke the words of encouragement to people in the synagogue, as he began his public ministry. He proclaimed to the people: "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Then Jesus concluded: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." This is Jesus' affirmation of his presence among people. It is not only the message, but the messenger himself; it is not only the words but the person himself. The person here is Jesus. How is Jesus fulfilling his message in us today?

As we remember, last week, Paul talked about the variety of gifts we have, all given from the same Spirit. And today, we hear Paul encourage us: although we are many parts, but we are all one body – the mystical Body of Christ, the Church. We are like a body in parts and gifts/talents. However, each of us needs each other. Together, we are parts of Christ's mystical body. We are the body of Christ. In Jesus, we have become one body with many members.

We may be aware that although we come from different race, language, education, economic, or political backgrounds, but as we come in the church and worship together in one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, we become a family of God's children.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

God has given each and every one of us different gifts. We need to enrich those gifts through our life of love, sharing, and service to God and to one another. We read the word of God when we attend the Mass, we listen to Jesus' words, we understand his words. So, we must live his words. We are to make his words alive in our daily life – following his example to bring good tidings to the poor through our words and our works of charity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pope Francis calls us to be a Listening Church!** The Archdiocese of San Francisco is asking every Catholic to participate in the "**Disciple Maker Index**" survey between now and February 14, as part of our local synodal journey. This process will continue into February and March with both online and in-person listening and engagement sessions offered throughout the Archdiocese; content for these sessions will be developed from our survey responses. 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. Online surveys are available in 18 different languages. Responses are submitted anonymously. A limited number of paper surveys (in English) are available at the back of each church. Questions? Email Robyn Torres at: wakerobyn425@gmail.com, or visit www.sfarch.org/synod for more details.
- We will begin the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2022 next Sunday, January 30.
- Padre Pio Mass & Devotion: Saturday, January 29, at St. Cecilia Church, start with 8 am Mass.
- St. Patrick's Priestly Discernment Retreat led by Bishop Thomas Daly. February 25-27, 2022, at St. Patrick's Seminary: 320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Is God calling you or someone you know to the priesthood? To discern your vocation is to discover God's purpose for life. Come to St. Patrick's discernment retreat and investigate where God may be calling you. If you are interested and want more details, please contact the Vocation Director, Fr. Cameron Faller: 415.614.5683 or faller.cameron@sfarch.org

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 23 to Saturday, January 29

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Lani Pineda (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Grace Farley (for health)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Nadine Booth & Family (special intention)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Joseph Nguyen Tan Tai (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Sandy Ginter (for healing)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Guido Mori-Prange (for healing)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC	... for all Clergy & Religious (special intention)

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 428.00
Maintenance	\$ 590.00
Total	\$ 1,018.00
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 273.00
Preservat'n	\$ 340.00
Total	\$ 613.00