



st. cecilia church lagunitas

January 30, 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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Table with columns for Mass, Reconciliation, Religious Education, and Confirmation Prep, listing days and times for St. Cecilia and St. Mary.

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Jer 1:4...19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

“Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” This saying of Jesus is a reminder for us about an ironical truth of our human behavior: rejection.

Unfortunately, rejection happens very often in our daily life through relationships among people. Friends betray each other. Lovers break up. In family life, brothers fight against each other; sisters speak ill of one another.

Each and every one of us somehow has probably experienced rejection in life. We may have rejected others; or we may have been rejected by others. We may be rejected because of our bad behaviors; but we may also be rejected because of our good deeds.

From today's first reading and the gospel, both Jesus and Jeremiah encountered rejection or opposition by people and their “lack of faith.”

Jeremiah was appointed by God for a special mission, to be “a prophet to the nations” to go and speak to people about God's commands, to tell them to repent, and to save them from their evil ways and punishment it incurred.

The same thing happened to Jesus in the Gospel. He came back to his native place to speak to his people about God's laws and love. But they rejected him. They mocked him: “Isn't this the son of Joseph?”

only be given from above, but they hardened their hearts, they closed their eyes, and they did not believe in him. But the love of God the Father kept him speaking the truth, regardless of persecution.

Reflecting on the difficulties that Jeremiah and Jesus encountered when being sent by God to go and carry out the challenging tasks, I could see myself in those difficult situations too. When the Archbishop asked me to be pastor of St. Cecilia/St. Mary Parish, I first struggled with the feeling of unworthiness, fear, hesitation, but then trusting in Jesus comforting words: go and be not afraid, “I am with you” always, I responded with confidence: “Yes, here I am. Send me!”

How about you, my brothers and sisters in Christ? What will you answer if the Lord invites you to share your gift with the Church, to give a helping hand to the parish? Sometimes we hesitate, another time we doubt. Sometimes we probably say: I don't want to get out of my comfort zone, or I am unworthy, or I do not have the ability to carry out that job, or I do not have time, I am so busy with my family... However, we should be confident that with God nothing is impossible, and as his promise to Jeremiah and also to us: “I am with you” always.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Second collection for AAA 2022 begins today, Sunday January 30.
2. Make a Plan to Take the Disciple Makers Index Survey! Pope Francis invites the entire Church to participate in the preparatory process for the 2023 Synod of Bishops on synodality.
3. First Friday Mass & Adoration: Friday 2/4, at St. Mary Church.
4. St. Patrick's Priestly Discernment Retreat led by Bishop Thomas Daly.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 30 to Saturday, February 5

Table listing Mass Intentions for Sunday through Saturday, including times and names of those being prayed for.

Last Week Collections table showing amounts for St. Cecilia and St. Mary, including Offertory, Maintenance, and Preservation.