



st. cecilia church
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February 13, 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.
		** 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.

SEE # 870 IN MUSIC BOOK FOR READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

People have different views about the concepts of rich and poor. There is a very rich businessman, but money doesn't make him happy. Being so busy with work day after day makes him feel tired and more depressed.

One day, he decides to take some time off, trying to find quiet time with nature. He wanders through a poor fishing village. Walking from afar, he hears somebody whistling joyfully. He comes closer and sees a poor fisherman mending nets in his boat. The fisherman keeps whistling, and then singing joyfully by himself.

The stranger curiously asks him: "My friend, what makes you so happy? How can you keep singing while living in such a poor condition?" The fisherman first feels upset by this impolite question. He then answers with a smile: "How do you know that I am poor? I am not poor. Look! God gives me everything: ocean, boat, nets, and even a tent to live in. Daily I go fishing. I have enough food to eat. I have good sleep at night time, nothing to worry. Nobody bothers me. What more should I expect? I am happy with what I have. Who can take away that happiness from me?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us an understanding of "rich and poor" concept, totally different from our general viewpoint. It is hard to accept what Jesus said: "Blessed are the poor. Woe to you who are rich." Nobody wants to be poor, but according to Jesus: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." The poor need God like young children rely on their parents. The poor are closer to God, for they need God; and the Lord hears the cry of the poor. The poor are comforted. The poor are loved.

This seems offensive and unfair to those among us who are financially rich. What does Jesus mean by saying: "Woe to you who are rich"? Does he mean that God does not love the rich at all?

We should understand that God loves us all, rich and poor alike. Prosperity is a sign of God's blessing for us. God promises blessings to our ancestors, to Abraham, and his children forever. Jesus

probably wants to remind us that: materially poor but rich in God's eye is more important than materially rich but poor in God's eye. Normally, when people grow rich, they may easily gain power and arrogance. They may think that money can do everything. Money becomes more important than God.

Materially rich does not promise us the life everlasting. Only those who are rich in God's eye, who do not trust in human beings but only put their trust in the Lord, can achieve the eternal happiness. The poor fisherman has a true happiness since he is content with what he has in life, and he really appreciates whatever the gift from God.

If we are blessed to be rich materially, and if we want to enjoy our true happiness, Jesus reminds us not to rely on the material richness, but use our wealth properly, so we can build our richness in God – a treasure in heaven. Money is the means for us to live, not our ends. Our ultimate goal is to build our richness in God, by loving God and by sharing our blessings with those in need.

In conclusion, let us take the message from Prophet Jeremiah for our reflection: "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord." Let us be rich in the eye of God, put our trust in the Lord, and do good for one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thank you for your generous giving to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, especially thanks to those who have made the pledge for this year. Please continue mailing your pledged envelope to the Archdiocese, or to the parish, or you can drop your pledged envelope in the collection basket on Sundays. Please include a note "AAA 2022" on the check.
2. **Our Church is Listening - Participate in Pope Francis's Synod this February and March by attending an online or in-person 'Listening and Engagement' session!** Don't miss the opportunity to participate in our local SF Archdiocese synodal process. Archbishop Cordileone is inviting all Catholics to attend an engagement session (offered in English and Spanish) in February and March. Participants can attend any of the 26 engagement sessions held at various times and locations, to include nine sessions offered virtually on Zoom, and 16 sessions offered in-person at parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Registration is required to ensure adequate space for in-person sessions or to receive a Zoom link or webinar information via email for the virtual sessions. **Please refer to today's bulletin insert for more details about Zoom sessions and in-person sessions to be held in Marin County.** Questions? Contact Robyn Torres: wakerobyn425@gmail.com. For more information about the Synodal process, and to register for an engagement session, go to <https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/synod/>
3. Please keep in our prayers for the children who will receive First Communion after Easter this year, and for the youths who will be confirmed in this Fall. Especially keep in our prayers and supports for the two catechumens: Eric Lafranchi, and Kate Lafranchi, who will be baptized this Easter Vigil. For questions, contact Fr. Phan: 415.488.9799; or Margaret Farley: 415.492.8690 or Igleagles@gmail.com; or Teresa Dallara: 415.497.8528 or Tadallara@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, February 13 to Saturday, February 19

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Barbara Felling & Barney (for health)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Joseph Nguyen Tan Tai (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Cia Donahue (birthday) & Jovita
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Fr. John Kselman (birthday)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Sandy Guinter (for healing)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Joseph Man Nguyen (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Anna Que (repose)

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 612.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
AAA	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 862.00
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 445.00
Preservat'n	\$ 0.00
AAA	\$ 00.00
Total	\$ 445.00