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February 20, 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

SEE # 873 IN MUSIC BOOK FOR READINGS

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

*1 Sm 26:2...23; Ps 103; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38*

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” What would you think when hearing this commandment of Jesus? Honestly, have you ever prayed for those who hate you, or curse you, or mistreat you?

We learn a great example from David in the first reading today. Saul sought to kill David. And it was a chance when Saul was in sound sleep, Abishai told David to nail Saul’s head down to the ground with a spear, but with forgiveness and merciful love David did not want to kill Saul, the anointed one of God.

As our human nature, when facing enemy, we probably react as Abishai’s suggestion to David, to nail the enemy to the ground. It’s really difficult to do what Jesus commands in today’s gospel: “Love your enemies.” We normally love our friends, and hate our enemies. If someone punched me on the face, I would normally return with the fist. But Jesus commands us not to do so, just because we are his disciples; we are Christians; we are Catholics.

During my time at the seminary, a seminarian friend of mine always said: “It is not easy to be a Catholic.” I asked him why saying so. He quoted these teachings of Jesus: love your enemies. If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other cheek to him as well. Walk an extra mile. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Give to everyone who asks of you. Give generously and you will be generously given. Forgive unconditionally... Who can do all these?

And my friend continued: who can do all these? Impossible... Being a Catholic, when you go to church, you are asked to give generously: first collection, second collection, archdiocesan annual appeal, Catholic charity, food for the poor... and many more. It is not easy to be a Catholic.

However, we may ask: are these teachings of Jesus easy to do? Obviously not easy at all. But, are they doable? Yes. They are doable. Even though these are difficult, but with God’s grace, we can practice what Jesus teaches us, one thing at a time.

It is not easy to be a Catholic. But our Lord has given us a profound Golden Rule for us to follow, practice, and live: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” This is for us to follow, practice, and live our lives as his disciples, and Jesus promised us that if we live his commands, our reward will be great in heaven.

My brothers and sisters, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are still facing difficulties on the journey of our faith. Jesus challenges us to practice his teachings: keep God’s commandments, live God’s commandments, and show our love for God and for people, not only by words but by our actions. Let us exercise our charity, our love, our compassion; just because we are Jesus’ followers, we are children of God. “Be perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- Padre Pio Mass & Devotion** at 8 am Mass, this Saturday, February 26 at St. Cecilia Church.
- It's time to Share and to Listen** - Participate in Pope Francis’s Synod by attending an online or in-person 'Listening and Engagement' session! Archbishop Cordileone is inviting all Catholics to attend an engagement session (offered in English and Spanish) in February or March. Participants can attend virtually on Zoom or in-person at parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Registration is required to ensure adequate space for in-person sessions or to receive a Zoom link for the virtual sessions. **Please refer to the February 13 bulletin insert for specific details about Zoom dates and times, and in-person sessions available in Marin County.** Questions? Contact Robyn Torres: [wakerobyn425@gmail.com](mailto:wakerobyn425@gmail.com). For more information about the Synodal process, go to <https://sfarchdiocese.org/synod/>, and to register for an engagement session.
- Please keep in our prayers** for the First Communion children, the youth Confirmandi, especially 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 [lgleagles@gmail.com](mailto:lgleagles@gmail.com); or Teresa Dallara: 415.497.8528 or [Tadallara@gmail.com](mailto:Tadallara@gmail.com).

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, February 20 to Saturday, February 26

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Bonnie & Matt Foge (wedding anniversary)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Anna Nguyen (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Phung Dinh Phan (birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... George Kerbs (for health)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Fr. Phan & Genie Cornino (birthday)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Kevin Ng & Ning Ludovico (birthday)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC ... Christina Sasan & Family (special intention)

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 585.00
Maintenance	\$ 639.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,324.00</b>
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 275.00
Preservat'n	\$ 250.00
AAA	\$ 550.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,075.00</b>