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February 27, 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
		St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Monday	St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
		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 # 876 IN MUSIC BOOK FOR READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

From today's readings, especially the Gospel, we may reflect on these two significant points:

1/ Don't be hypocrite, but be truthful. Don't mislead others, especially young children.

Jesus warns the Pharisees, and his disciples, and all of us, to avoid hypocrisy. He said: one blind man cannot lead another one. If he does, both will fall into a pit. By using this example, Jesus condemns the scribes and the Pharisees because of their hypocrisy. They lock the kingdom of heaven before human beings: they do not enter themselves, nor do they allow entrance to those trying to enter.

Don't mislead others by what you do. If you want to guide others, especially young children, be a good example for them. You cannot tell your children to go to church on Sunday, if you yourself don't go to church.

A young boy tells his mother that he wants to get old, to be an adult... His mother asks him with all curiosity, "why you want to get old?" The boy said, "I want to be like Daddy. See, he doesn't have to go to church if he doesn't want to. And nobody dares to force him going to church." There's a saying: "Don't worry that your children don't listen to you, rather worry about the children watching you."

2/ We should never point finger at others. Ask ourselves: "Who am I to judge others."

From last Sunday's gospel Jesus said: "do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven..." Today's gospel helps us to examine our own conscience first before passing a judgment on others. People normally don't see, or don't want to see, their own wrongdoings, but easily see shortcomings of others, even merely a small mistake. That's why Jesus gives them this question to make them think: "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite."

In a catechism class, a teacher shows her young students a big white paper with a tiny dot of ink on it. She asks the children what they see. All of them answer that they see the dot of ink. Then the teacher asks them: "Nobody see the big white paper?"

We have the same mentality. Because of our narrow minded and judgmental attitude, we seemingly focus more on the mistakes of others, and don't see the good things in them.

Jesus sternly warns us that before judging others we must honestly look into our own heart. Remove the wooden beam from our eyes first; then we will see clearly to remove the splinter in other's eyes. Examine your conscience and judge yourself first before you may want to judge others.

We should never point finger at other. Because when you point one finger at other, your other four fingers will point back to you. Anyway, who are you to judge your brothers and sisters? Only God is our Judge on the last day. May God, the Father of mercy, help us to set aside those things that lead us away from God, and surround us with the goodness God created, so we can forgive others, and love one another as God has loved us!

Lenten Regulations: here is a summary of current practice of fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church. On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent: everyone of age 14 and up must abstain from consuming meat. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: everyone of age 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to usually a medical reason.

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.
- Living Lent:** Lenten season invites us to be closer to God by practicing of fasting, prayers, and almsgiving. We begin Lenten season with Ash Wednesday, March 2, Mass at 8 am at St. Cecilia Church. [This First Friday, March 4: Mass 8 am, Adoration until 12 noon, at St. Mary Church.](#)
- Friday Home Visit & Rosary:** We begin this new ministry in our parish. Please join the prayer group to visit and pray the Rosary at parishioners' homes on Friday. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards, or please contact Daphne Massucco (415) 488-4833 to register and know more details.
- For almsgiving this Lent,** each household is to take home a **Poor Box**. You are asked to give your change every day to the little piggy bank. We will collect them by the end of Lent, to be given to St. Vincent de Paul.
- St. Patrick's Day Party:** Saturday, March 12th. Thanks to the Boylan's for hosting this event. Parishioners are asked to bring a appetizers or dessert. Please register. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. For more information, contact Ginny Kerbs at (415) 488-9694.
- Let your voices be heard** - participate in Pope Francis's Synod by attending an online or in-person 'Listening and Engagement' session in March. 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. Contact Robyn Torres wakerobyn425@gmail.com for questions. To register for an engagement session, visit website <https://sfarchdiocese.org/synod/> for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, February 27 to Saturday, March 5

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Sr. Sharon McMillan (birthday)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Ron & Maria Perrin (repose/memorial)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... De Rutte Family (thanksgiving)
Tuesday	No Mass	
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Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... for all struggling with addictions
Friday	8 a.m.	SM ... Guido Mori-Prange (for health)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Claire Straube (for health)

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia	
Offertory	\$ 653.00
Maintenance	\$ 140.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 893.00
St. Mary	
Offertory	\$ 299.00
Preservat'n	\$ 940.00
AAA	\$ 400.00
Total	\$ 1,639.00