

March 6, 2022



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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 (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
	St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.	
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	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 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**SEE # 810 IN MUSIC BOOK FOR READINGS**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C**

*Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13*

We always begin the season of Lent with this gospel passage: the temptation of the Lord by the devil in the desert. This is a reminder for us that temptation is a part of our human life: worldly pleasure, vainglory, power, greed, money, materialism... We all are tempted. Even Jesus, the holy Son of God, was tempted. The difference is how Jesus and we respond to temptation: to resist temptation or to yield to it. Jesus refuses to give-in to temptation, but we often give-in to temptation.

Temptation is always a matter of thinking we don't need God. The grace to resist temptation is always available to us, but we don't always use it. That's why we sin. Our sin is because we don't put our trust in God. Often times, we don't follow God's commands.

Lent is a time for us to reflect and pray. We all need to go into the desert from time to time. The desert here is not only a solitude place like the wilderness, but also the innermost and quiet space in our heart and soul.

Lent is a kind of little desert as we are encouraged to back away from a few of life's pleasures – pleasures that pull us away from God or distract us from reflecting on the more serious side of our spiritual life.

Lent is time to help us to think and pray about our relationship with the Lord. Let us follow Jesus' examples, to enter the desert of our life – deep down in our heart and our mind, so we can fast sincerely, and pray earnestly, and do our work of charity more generously.

Jesus told us he will never reject anyone who comes to him. But we do have the freedom to follow his way, or to turn away from him by not following his way.

Life may be beautiful for us today, but it could be over for any of us tomorrow. The important thing to know is that eternal life is ahead for us, too, if we remain faithfully to our Lord and follow him.

In conclusion, to help us make our choice by resisting temptation or yielding to it, I would like to quote a beautiful saying of Msgr. Kennedy, a late pastor at St. Raphael's parish. He always said this at the beginning of the Mass: "Life is short. Death is certain. Heaven and hell are forever. Make your choice, my friends. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

**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**

- Daylight savings time starts next on Sunday, March 13.** "Spring forward" one hour on Saturday night.
- 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 calls us to "return to the Lord with your whole heart" by practicing of fasting, prayers, and almsgiving. **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.
- 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.
- St. Patrick's Day Party:** at St. Cecilia's Church. Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm. 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.
- Pray for our catechumens:** Eric Lafranchi and Kate Lafranchi will be at the Cathedral to be recognized through the Rite of Election at 4 pm today, by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and the Church.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** from Sunday, March 6 to Saturday, March 12

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... All Souls in Purgatory
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Fr. Gene Konkel (repose/birthday)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... John Massocca (repose/birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Dirk Foell (for health)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Dr. Rem Pineda & Family (spiritual support)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Agnes Nguu (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Anthony Dinh Minh Hoang (repose)

<b>Last Week Collections</b>	
<b>St. Cecilia</b>	
Offertory	\$ 471.00
Maintenance	\$ 90.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 661.00</b>
<b>St. Mary</b>	
Offertory	\$ 492.00
Preservat'n	\$ 270.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 862.00</b>