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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 st Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
Religious Education	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders)
	Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia

SEE # 822 (or # 820 for St. Mary's Church) IN MUSIC BOOK FOR READINGS
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

We hear from today's gospel the story of a woman caught in adultery. The scribes and the Pharisees brought her to Jesus demanding her to be stoned to death. Here is Jesus' answer: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." We may see ourselves in the story. Let us ask ourselves: am I a sinner like the adulterous woman who needs to repent and to be forgiven? Am I a judgmental people like the scribes and the Pharisees?

Let us humbly admit that nobody is perfect; nobody dares to say that: I have no sin. But because of spiritual blindness, people don't see their sins. Because of arrogance, people think they don't have sin. Because of the lukewarm, stubbornness, stony heart, or lacking of faith, people don't need God, they don't need forgiveness... That's why people nowadays don't want to go confession.

Going confession or not, that is our choice. Going confession is the time for us to humble ourselves before God and realize that we are human beings. But going confession is not enough, but repentance and willing to amend our life is more importance... As Jesus reminds the adulterous woman: "Go and sin no more."

We should also ask ourselves: Am I a judgmental people like the Pharisees? "Who are you to judge others?" Judge yourself first. Remove the wooden beam from your eye first... Do not judge and you will not be judged. Don't point your finger.

You may see some ridiculous thing in the gospel today: "They caught the woman in the very act of adultery..." But with whom? The woman cannot commit adultery by herself. Where is the man? Women were the victims in the society of male dominant...

We curiously ask: what did Jesus write on the ground? The answer is we don't know. Nobody knew what he wrote on the ground, but one tradition suggests that Jesus wrote the sins of those who were accusing the woman. But Jesus' purpose in exposing sin is so that he can heal it. Actually, when Jesus said: "let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her," and he bent down to

write something on the ground; he patiently waits for people to examine their conscience, so they can put down the stones and forgive...

When Jesus looked up, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. Why the elders first? The elders are the first to leave because they realize that they are definitely not without sin. The more years we have in this life, the more mistakes we have made. The older we are in this life, the more sins we have committed... Every day, every hour, even every moment in our daily life, we may have some sort of sin. If we lucky enough to avoid mortal sin, then we cannot avoid all venial sins, such as, uncharitable speaking about somebody, or even some impure thought, or some unhappy mood when dealing with our daily life situation.

So today, maybe we can ask ourselves who have I judged or condemned? Is there a family member we have cast aside in judgment? Is there a friend who is no longer "friend" to us because we have condemned his or her actions? Is there someone in our lives whom we need to reconcile with, to forgive, and to pray for God's forgiveness? If any conflict in our daily life, let us pray that Jesus gives us the courage to put down our stones of judgment and forgive our brothers and sisters as God the heavenly Father has forgiven our sins.

In these last days of Lenten season, let us come before the Lord and ask him to grant us a humble spirit and contrite heart, not to judge or condemn others, but to examine our own conscience, to acknowledge our human weakness, to confess our sins to the Lord, and to amend our lives.

AAA 2022	Goal	Received	Needed
St. Cecilia's	\$ 6,774	\$ 5,950	\$ 824
St. Mary's	\$ 3,906	\$ 1,248	\$ 2,658

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Holy Week & Easter Schedule:** Palm Sunday (4/10), Mass 9:30 am at St. Cecilia's (SC), Mass 11:15 am at St. Mary's (SM). *Please join us for the Palm Sunday Celebration from 1-3 pm at the Druid's Hall – on the Square.* Holy Thursday (4/14), Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:15 pm (SC), *please note: no morning Mass on Holy Thursday.* Good Friday (4/15) Liturgy starts at 3 pm (SM). Holy Saturday (4/16) → Easter Vigil starts at 8 pm at (SM). Easter Sunday (4/17), Mass 9:30 am at (SC), Mass 11:15 am at (SM). *Please see the parish website for more details.*
- Living Lent:** Lent calls us to pray, fast, and give-alms. Thank you for your generous giving to the poor. We will collect your "piggy banks" during Holy Week, starting on Palms Sunday, so we will give your gifts to the poor, via St. Vincent de Paul, after Easter Sunday.
- Chrism Mass:** you are invited to join Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 5:30 pm, Thursday, April 7, 2022. For more information, please contact Fr. Phan (415) 488-9799.
- Friday Home Visit & Rosary:** This Friday (4/8) at 5 pm, Corey & Teresa Dallara's home: 95 La Cuesta Ave, Lagunitas, CA 94938.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, April 3 to Saturday, April 9

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Annie Troy Family (special intention)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Bob & Trudy Hueschler (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Wes Gray (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Ryan Dallara (special intention)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Guido Mori-Prange (health)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... George Kerbs (health/operation)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Ken Massucco (birthday)

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 631.00
For Ukraine	\$ 845.00
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 1,616.00

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 580.00
For Ukraine	\$ 429.00
Preservat'n	\$ 500.00
AAA	\$ 00
Total	\$ 1,509.00