

April 10, 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.
		<i>** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month</i>	
	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
	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.
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
Religious Education	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders)
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please see #823 for the readings and #823C to participate in the Passion reading
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 2022

We enter Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday. Why is it called Passion Sunday?

The word “passion” simply means compelling emotion, or strong feeling, or strong desire of love. But according to the “Random House Webster’s Dictionary,” the word “passion” originally comes from Latin word “passio” meaning “to suffer.” For us, celebrating the Passion Sunday means to commemorate the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus endured suffering. He was nailed on the cross and died. He was taken down from the cross and buried in the tomb. Throughout this Holy Week, we will hold onto the mystery of Jesus’ suffering and death. We wonder why Jesus died for us? He died for us just because God is love. He loves us even when we are still sinners; even when we, like Judas, betray him, and like Peter, deny him.

Peter once said to Jesus: “Lord, you know my heart. You know that I love you. I will follow you wherever you go.” Again, at the Last Supper, Peter just said to Jesus: “Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and die with you.” Ironically, all these words of Peter were only the promise, not from the heart, but of the lips.

When Jesus his Master was trapped in the midst of agony, suffering, and death, Peter denied him, not only once but three times: “I swear: I do not know him.” I do not know who that man is. Jesus was denied by his disciples who were indeed his close friends. But worst, Judas betrayed Jesus his Master with a kiss.

Normally, when asked: who is Peter, the first image comes to our mind could be: he is the denial. In the same way: who is Judas? The betrayal or the traitor. What about us? We may ask ourselves: who are you? Who am I? Am I a betrayer or a denial too?

Sadly, we often hear about denial and betrayal in our everyday life. Believers deny their religion. In this hostile world of anti-Christ or anti-Catholic, people even hesitate to pray out loud in public place,

or hesitate to say grace or make the sign of the cross before the meal, just because they don’t want others to know their Catholic identity. Denial or betrayal: husband and wife are unfaithful to each other; friends betray each other; brothers and sisters in a family fight each other... During Jesus’ triumphal ride into Jerusalem, the crowd shouted joyfully: “Hosanna to the Son of David.” But some moments later, the same crowd shouted rebelliously: “Crucify him!”

Jesus was fully aware of all the betrayal in people’s hearts, yet he still came into the world to change us, and to grant us salvation, because he loves us. And through his own life, he gave an example of a suffering servant for us to follow. Though he was in the form of God, he emptied himself to be born into the world... He died on the cross...

As we enter the Holy Week, on celebrating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, we may ask ourselves about our faith. Are there some similar circumstances in our daily life which cause us directly or indirectly deny our faith like Peter saying “I don’t know Jesus?” Or in difficult situation, we deny ourselves: “I am not a Catholic.”

May the Lord forgive us for the times we sinned, the time we were not faithful to his love! May the Lord strengthen us to walk faithfully with him the way of the Cross, to share in his Passion and Death, and so to be ready to welcome the joy of the Resurrection!

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.*
- Good Friday collection:** there will be a collection on Good Friday to support Holy Land.
- Living Lent:** Lent calls us to pray, fast, and give-alms. Thank you for your generous giving to the poor. We begin collecting piggy-bank gifts today and continue throughout this week, please bring them in, so we will give your gifts to the poor, via St. Vincent de Paul, after Easter Sunday.
- Friday Home Visit & Rosary:** Due to the Sacred Pascal Triduum schedule, we have **no home visit & rosary this Friday and also Friday after Easter Sunday (for an Easter break).** But we will resume the prayer ministry on the following Friday (April 29) at David & Allison Puglisi’s home.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, April 10 to Saturday, April 16

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... pray for our parishioners
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... pray for our parishioners
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Dave O’Connor (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Victor Frugolli (for health)
Thursday	7:15 p.m.	SC	... Mass of the Lord’s Supper (pray for all people)
Friday	3 p.m.	SM	... Good Friday Liturgy (for church in Holy-Land)
Saturday	8 p.m.	SM	... Easter Vigil (pray for all people)

<u>Last Week Collections</u>	
<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 524.00
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 564.00
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 325.00
Preservat’n	\$ 406.00
Total	\$ 731.00