

April 17, 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
		St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	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 Confirmation Prep.	Monday	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.

Please see #827 in your Music Book for the readings

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – 2022

Long time ago, the Crucified Jesus left behind the empty tomb, creating confusion and doubt for people, but finally bringing a conclusion that: "He is risen!" Truly, he is the Son of God. Many have come to believe. But many others still doubt or not believe at all.

We learn from today's gospel: Mary Magdalene showed up before the sunrise, and saw the stone rolled back from the tomb. She thought somebody stole the body of the Lord. There was no idea about resurrection at all.

Next, the unnamed disciple got to the tomb. He did not go in, but bent down, looked inside, and saw the burial cloths. Perhaps, there were some questions in his mind. But he patiently waited until Peter arrived. They inspected the empty tomb and they began to believe.

In this story, everybody sees something. But it doesn't really mean anything at all, until somebody believes something about what they see. And this is the story of the church down through the centuries until this very morning. In the end, what we believe is what we see.

What do you see when you look on this Easter morning? How does your interpretation of the Lord's resurrection shape your life? If somebody asks us: "Have you seen Resurrection?" Honestly, we have to answer no. If not, how can you know and believe there is the Resurrection? We believe this when we see how the Church grows, when experience the Church's life, when people come together to worship, when people love one another as they bear the name of Jesus – Christians. We walk by faith, and not by sight.

Believe or not believe – it doesn't matter to Jesus, for "He Is Risen" anyway. Rather, it matters to us because Resurrection is centrality of our faith, and our faith certainly affects our lives. What we believe directs us to what we do and how we live our lives.

A Franciscan Father says this: "We don't look out at reality so much as we are looking out from reality." In other words, we project out onto the world what we already carry within our hearts. If we are

suspicious people, we see the world as full of deceivers. If we are fearful, the environment is rife with danger. If we are well meaning, we tend to give others the benefit of the doubt. If we naturally bear love and compassion, we don't live in selfishness but always reach out to help others.

Another example of belief vs. doubt is from the first reading today. The apostle Peter witnessed that: "Jesus went about doing good and healing those oppressed by the devil." Whereas those who did not believe in Jesus always saw wrongdoing in everything he did. Jesus couldn't even cure a sick person or forgive a sinner without being blamed for it. Jesus was crucified long before they hung him on the cross. Even in the world we live today, Jesus is condemned by prejudice, ideology, closed minds, and hardened hearts.

But we are a resurrected people in and through the Risen Lord, as St. Paul says in the second reading, "for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God," we are called to live in the goodness of God, and to witness to our Risen Lord before the world and so we are to imitate him.

Jesus lived in Nazareth. He went about doing good. He preached the gospel of love. He healed the sick. He was put to death by being nailed on the cross. But this Jesus God raised on the third day. We testify this, so that everyone who believes shall have eternal life in him, our Risen Lord.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has risen today. He is victorious over death, and risen to eternal glory. The Resurrected Christ is our future hope that makes more sense for our faith living.

You and I are invited to come to the empty tomb, and see, and believe, so that we may be the presence of the Risen Lord to others through how we live in this world as Christians. Live your Christian life worthily, so that when people observe how we live, they may come to believe in the Risen Lord.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU AND FAMILY!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, April 17 to Saturday, April 23

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Thanksgiving for all Parishioners
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Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Joseph Tran Thanh Huynh (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Dr. George Gregory (healing)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... John Kalayjian (repose/birthday anniv.)
Friday	No Mass		
Saturday	No Mass		

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Second collection next Sunday 4/24 for Black & Indian Missions/Catholic Home Missions.
2. Fr. Anthony McGuire will be saying Mass for our parish next weekend. Fr. Phan will be away from Friday 4/22 to Monday 4/25.
3. Congratulations to Eric and Kate Lafranchi for being admitted into the Catholic Church Family through Baptism. Thanks to Margaret Farley and RCIA Team for preparing them to receive the Sacraments.
4. Also thank you to Margaret and All in the Team for a wonderful fundraising event on Palm Sunday celebration. The Fairfax Variety Store gave us a large discount on the auction items – Thank You.
5. Friday Home Visit & Rosary: for Easter Break, we have no home visit this Friday. But we will resume the prayer ministry the following Friday (April 29) at David & Allison Puglisi's home.

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

St. Cecilia		
Goal	\$	6,774
Received	\$	5,950
Need	\$	824
St. Mary		
Goal	\$	3,906
Received	\$	1,248
Need	\$	2,658

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia		
Offertory	\$	691.00
Maintenance	\$	240.00
AAA	\$	200.00
Total	\$	1,131.00
St. Mary		
Offertory	\$	489.00
Preservation	\$	30.00
AAA	\$	100.00
Total	\$	619.00