

April 24, 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 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 #828 in your Music Book for the readings

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

We don't know much about St. Thomas except the evidence in today's Gospel that makes him well known with the nickname: Doubting Thomas. He said about Jesus: "Unless I see him, unless I touch his nail marks, I will not believe." Thomas said this because at first, he did not believe the resurrection of the Lord. Nevertheless, when encountering the Risen Lord, Thomas was changed from doubt to a profound belief as he uttered a profound theological statement: "My Lord and my God." He became the first disciple to acknowledge Jesus as "Lord and God."

For us, living in this so-called realistic world, it is challenging to believe what we have never seen. We doubt too. There are people who believe the miracles but others don't believe as long as they can see; they can hear; or they can touch...

How can we accept the story that Jesus suddenly came and stood in the midst of his disciples while all the doors were locked? Resurrection still remains a mystery of our faith. But Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe." So, no question. Just believe.

One concrete example about belief vs. doubt is the Holy Communion we receive every time at Mass. How sure do you believe that what you are receiving is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ? People still say: what we see is merely a piece of bread and a little wine. But indeed, when we come to receive the Communion, we must believe: it is true flesh and true blood of Jesus Christ. No question. Just believe.

Remember at the Last Supper, Jesus didn't say: "This is the symbol of my Body... or symbol of my Blood..." But he said: "This is my Body... this is my Blood..."

The song "I am the Bread of Life" by Sr. Suzanne Toolan is based on John's Gospel, chapter 6, where Jesus said: "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink of his blood... and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you..."

The Resurrection still remains a mystery of our faith, but "we walk by faith, not by sight." Faith is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We have come to believe in God, through Jesus Christ, thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit. We find it more meaningful since the Resurrection of Christ is the centrality of our Christian faith. Faith should be understood in a more profound level than what we can touch and see.

Resurrected Christ is centrality of our faith, reason for our hope, and dynamic of our charity. The resurrection of Jesus gave the first Jerusalem Christians a new hope. They were so filled with the love of God and neighbor that everyone shared with his or her fellow-Christians all that he or she had. The Risen Lord inspired the Christians to give their possessions gladly for distribution to those in need.

Every year, we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. We have been celebrating the Resurrection for more than 2000 years now. How does the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ affect our lives as Christians? How do we live our lives that can tell others what we believe?

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, also called Divine Mercy Sunday, which reminds us to acknowledge God's mercy and love. Encountering the person of Jesus, and the event of the cross and resurrection, invites us to give gladly and voluntarily.

May God replace all doubt in us with the certainty of the Gospel! May our faith, hope, and love be firmly rooted in our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Like St. Thomas, we profess: "Jesus, you are my Lord and my God," and like St. Faustina we confidently pray: "Jesus, I trust in you!" Jesus, we believe in you: my Lord and my God.

"JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU – MY LORD AND MY GOD!"

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, April 24 to Saturday, April 30

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | SC | ... Mass for All People |
| | 11:15 a.m. | SM | ... Mass for All People |
| Monday | No Mass | | |
| Tuesday | No Mass | | |
| Wednesday | 8 a.m. | SC | ... for Fr. Phan's family (thanksgiving) |
| Thursday | 8 a.m. | SM | ... Guido Mori-Prange (for health) |
| Friday | 8 a.m. | SC | ... Claire Straube (for health) |
| Saturday | 8 a.m. | SC | ... for Padre Pio's members |

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Second collection today, Sunday 4/24, for Black & Indian Missions/Catholic Home Missions.
2. Thanks to Fr. Anthony McGuire for celebrating Mass with our parish this Sunday when Fr. Phan is away for the wedding of his niece in Houston, Texas. Fr. Phan will be back on Tuesday.
3. Give thanks and praise to God for Eric and Kate Lafranchi who were baptized into the Catholic Faith on Easter Vigil.
4. Friday Home Visit & Rosary: this Friday, 4/29, at David & Allison Puglisi's home: 65 Barranca Rd, Lagunitas, CA 94938.
5. Padre Pio Mass & Devotion: Saturday, 4/30, at 8 am, St. Cecilia's
6. Quinceanera Mass Celebration for Alejandra Maria Martinez: Saturday, 4/30, St. Cecilia Church, at 12 noon.

Last Week Collections:

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| <u>St. Cecilia</u> | |
| Offertory | \$ 1,898.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 125.00 |
| AAA | \$ 500.00 |
| Total | \$ 2,523.00 |
| <u>St. Mary</u> | |
| Offertory | \$ 2,336.00 |
| Holy Land | \$ 188.00 |
| Preservation | \$ 175.00 |
| AAA | \$ 75.00 |
| Total | \$ 2,774.00 |