

May 1, 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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<b>MASS</b>	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 <sup>st</sup> 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.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
<b>Religious Education Confirmation Prep.</b>	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.

**Please see #831 in your Music Book for the readings**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C**

*Acts 5:27...41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19*

There was a Catholic family. They gathered every night at home to pray rosary together and to have Bible sharing. They faithfully went to church every week – very active. The children served as altar servers; the parents served as Eucharist ministers and lectors in the parish.

When the grown-up children moved out to attend college, the parents became aware that one of their sons didn't go to church as usual. Every time the mother talked with the son on the phone, she always asked the same question: "Son, do you go to church?" The son answered: "Yes, Mom, I do." The question was repeatedly asked, and the son kept lying to his mother: first time, second time, and third time... Then, he got upset, raising his voice, "Mom, don't you believe me at all?" The mother tried to calm down her son, saying, "Son, I do believe you... But I would love to hear you say: 'Yes, Mom, I do go to church,' and I would love to hear you say that with all confidence.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter the same question three times: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" And Peter professes three times: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." However, as the Gospel indicates, Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, and he said to Jesus, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." We can imagine that Peter was raising his voice to Jesus, saying, "Lord, why do you keep asking me that same question? You hurt my feeling. I have already said I love you. Don't you believe me at all?"

Just as the mother kept asking her son, 'do you go to church' to remind him something important for his life, Jesus scrutinized Peter three times with the same question: "Do you love me?" Jesus wanted to affirm that Peter would be chosen to succeed him taking care of his people. "If you love me, then feed my lamb, and tend my sheep. Feed my people."

Interestingly, when Peter answered: "Yes Lord, you know I love you," Jesus did not tell Peter to take care of him or to help doing anything for him. Instead, Jesus said to Peter: "Feed my lamb... Tend my sheep... and feed my sheep." Jesus wanted Peter to feed and take care of the flock.

If now you and I say to Jesus: "Lord, I love you," then he would command us the same way: if you really love me, then go to church to visit me and worship me... If you love me, then show that love to your neighbors by feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick, the lonely, and the imprisoned.

It is easy to say "love God with all your heart" but for me and perhaps for all of us, it is most difficult thing to do; easy to say but not easy to do – for loving God is not only to say on our lips but must be seen through our actions. If you really love the "invisible" God with all your heart, you must first love your "visible" neighbors as yourself.

How can you say that you love God who is invisible, without loving your brothers and sisters who is visible? If that's the case, then "you are a liar." Jesus asked Peter three times "do you love me?" and when Peter responded "yes, Lord, you know I love you," Jesus seemed to challenged Peter that: you cannot say that you love me without taking care of my people whom I entrusted to you. So, Peter, if you love me, then: feed my lambs, tend my sheep, and feed my sheep.

It has been many times Jesus urged his disciples and us all this same way: people will know that you are my disciple, or I can see that you love me, if and only if you love one another, and whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do it for me.

May the love of God inspire us to actively live and practice our faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit! Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** from Sunday, May 1 to Saturday, May 7

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Fr. Piers Lahey (birthday)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Dr. Antonio O. Jimenez (repose/anniversary)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Nguyen Thanh Thuyet (for peace)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... James A. Fogliano (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Joseph Tran Son Tung (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM ... Claire Straube (healing/surgery)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Le Thu Cuc (birthday)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. We have received a total of \$ 688.50 from your "piggy-bank" gifts – from our parishioners of St. Cecilia's and St. Mary's. We are sending this donation to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your Lenten giving to the poor.
2. Pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Lou Forrest (Cynthia Larsen's mother) who passed away recently. May she rest in peace!
3. First Friday, May 6, at St. Mary's Church... Mass at 8 a.m... and Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon.
4. Friday Home Visit & Rosary: come join the people to visit the rectory and pray the rosary with Fr. Phan, Friday, May 6, at 5 p.m.
5. Next Sunday, May 8, second collection for Catholic Charities.

**2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:**

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

**Last Week Collections:**

<b><u>St. Cecilia</u></b>	
Offertory	\$ 679.00
Maintenance	\$ 240.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collect'n	\$ 289.00
Total	\$ 1,208.00
<b><u>St. Mary</u></b>	
Offertory	\$ 817.00
Preservation	\$ xxx.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collect'n	\$ 93.00
Total	\$ 990.00