

May 15, 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 #837 in your Music Book for the readings

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Acts 14:21-27; Ps. 145:8-13; Rv. 21:1-5; Jn. 13:31-35

Today's Gospel seems to take us back to the Holy Thursday. At the Last Supper, Jesus had done all things for the disciples because of love. He knelt down to wash their feet, so to teach them an example of humble service. He shared the meal with the disciples – both the righteous and the sinners. He instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist, to leave us with his Body and Blood to nourish us our body and soul as we continue our journey on this world. After all, he said to them: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

All is because of love. For "God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son..." to die for our sins so we may be saved. Because of that love for us, "the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works." Because of that love, the Lord will renew our lives, renew our faces. With the Lord, there shall be no more crying, no more pain, no more death. "God will wipe every tear from our eyes" and the Lord "will make all things new" for us. Just because of love.

Once, a teenager told me: "Father, I find our religion very interesting. How wonderful it is when Jesus always teaches us to love. As Christians, we are expected to love one another unconditionally as Jesus has loved us."

I was really impressed by this expression from the young man, I told him: "Yes, indeed. I totally agree with you, my friend." Then he suddenly looked straight at me, asking: "How about you, father? Do you practice Jesus' law of love?" Now, I was embarrassed because of this kind of challenging question from a young man, but then I tried to keep calm, answering him: "Yes, my friend. I always try – every day... I try every day..."

"Love one another as I have love you." We heard this saying of Jesus many times, again and again. Can we love, especially those who hate us? Those who insult us? Those who persecute us? Can we love our enemies? All is easy to say but not easy to do.

Indeed, it is not easy to love the one we can't love. But probably, sometimes we are so busy with judging others that we are unable to love. We may forget that we have a heart which God created in us to love.

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: **love one another.**" Why is it a new commandment? The Old Testament taught people "to love the Lord your God above all things, and to love your neighbors as yourself." However, the Old Testament still kept the laws such as: "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." But Jesus fulfilled and renewed the old laws by giving us his profound teachings you can find in Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5, 6 and 7. For example: turn the other cheek... walk an extra mile... making peace before offering the gift... And now he said: love one another as I have loved you. Love unconditionally.

Jesus revealed to us a new dimension of love. To love is to die for the loved one: "There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus loved even when Judah betrayed him. Jesus loved even when Peter denied him. Jesus loved as he prayed for those who mocked him, scourged him, and nailed him on the cross. He taught us this new commandment of love, and he died for this love as an example for us to follow.

It is not easy to love. But since we are Jesus' disciples, we should learn from his example to love, as he said: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, May 15 to Saturday, May 21

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Carol Bennetts (for health)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Maria Nguyen Thi Khang (repose)
Monday No Mass	
Tuesday No Mass	
Wednesday No Mass	
Thursday No Mass	
Friday No Mass	
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Alfred Charles Cuthbert (90 th birthday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Funeral Mass for Guido Mori-Prange: is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2022, at St. Cecilia's Church, at 11 a.m.
2. Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: for your convenience, from now on, we move this Home Visit & Rosary time to Wednesdays at 5 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up.
3. Fr. Phan is away from Monday 5/16 to Friday 5/20 for Easter break.

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

<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

Last Week Collections:

<u>St. Cecilia</u>		
Offertory	\$	935.00
Maintenance	\$	140.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$	241.00
Total	\$	1,316.00
<u>St. Mary</u>		
Offertory	\$	489.00
Preservation	\$	526.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$	143.00
Total	\$	1,158.00