

May 29, 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
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Monday	St. Cecilia	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
		Wednesday	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 #841 in your Music Book for the readings

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We hear Jesus talk about himself in today's gospel "that the Christ would suffer and rise from the death on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations." Then he reassures the disciples that: "you are witnesses of these things." Interestingly, the Greek word for witness is martyr. As we reflect on the readings today, we may see more connection between witness and martyr.

The Acts of the Apostles and Luke's Gospel use the same word – witnesses – to describe the disciples' role in the world they live. Who is a witness? A witness can be passive, a mere onlooker, as mentioned in the first reading, "men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" Or, a witness can be a more active person who provides testimony. Jesus promises to those more active disciples that: you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth. By this, Jesus means that the disciples can become martyrs, if necessary, to die for the witness to Jesus, the Risen Lord.

Many things to witness: Jesus came to the world because of love. He brought peace and justice to the world. He taught us to keep his commandments: to do right things and avoid wrong things. He sacrificed his life to be nailed on the cross because of the world's injustice, hatred, and objection. But he rose after death to tell the world that God's love prevails. Life conquers sin and death.

There is a story of a woman watching a little girl in the street playing with filthy trash. The child was poorly dressed and ill-nourished. The woman became angry and said to God, "Why do you let things like that happen in the world you created? Why don't you do something about it?" God replied, "I did do something about it: I created you. Why do you stand there and keep complaining? Why don't you do something for your fellow people?"

As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples were in awe seeing how Jesus was ascending into heaven. While they were looking at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them, saying: "men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

Probably, this is the message Jesus wants to tell us today, too. Wake up from your dream world. Return to your real life. And do what Jesus has commanded you. Why are you standing there, watching, crying, complaining? Why don't you do something helpful instead? The Lord is risen. Look for Jesus in the living, not from the dead. This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.

This Feast of the Ascension gives us hope for our future glory with the Lord, and encourages us to build the kingdom of heaven as in the song *City of God* we sing: awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep, a new day is dawning, for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light; the Lord of our longing has conquered the night... Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing, for the Lord our light and our love has turned the night into day...

The Lord has risen and ascended into heaven so he would send us the Holy Spirit, to strengthen us and encourage us to: "go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all people." Not only by words, but by actions – witnesses even until death – as the martyrs who died for the faith, who died to witness to Christ, the Risen Lord.

NOTE: Today, with all the west coast dioceses, we celebrate Ascension Sunday. But many east coast dioceses, such as Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia, still keep the tradition of celebrating the Ascension last Thursday.

What a difference! However, the eastern dioceses are correct in keeping the tradition as we believe. Jesus died; and after three days, he rose. Forty days after his resurrection, he ascended into heaven; and ten days later, he sent down the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the newly established Church, of which we celebrate the Pentecost next Sunday.

So, if the eastern dioceses are correct in keeping that tradition, how about us – the dioceses of the west? Since Thursday is a weekday, realizing Mass attendance on Ascension Thursday in western dioceses is remarkably lower than on Sundays, the western bishops voted to transfer the Ascension celebration to Sunday since 1998, to make sure that people don't miss this holy day of obligation.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, May 29 to Saturday, June 4

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Ann Conley (birthday (5/30))
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Alexander Patrick Kozubik (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Teresa Dallara (birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Dona Emiliana Taaca (birthday)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Jane Stewart (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM	... George Kerbs (healing)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Guido Mori-Prange (repose)

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

St. Cecilia	
Goal	\$ 6,774
Received	\$ 6,774
THANK YOU	
St. Mary	
Goal	\$ 3,906
Received	\$ 1,248
Need	\$ 2,658

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia	
Offertory	\$ 897.00
Maintenance	\$ 130.00
Total	\$ 1,027.00
St. Mary	
Offertory	\$ 336.00
Preservation	\$ 30.00
AAA	\$.00
Total	\$ 366.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Second collection today, Sunday, May 29, for Catholic Communications Campaign.
2. First Friday, June 3 at St. Mary's Church. Mass at 8 a.m. and Adoration to follow until 12 noon.
3. Funeral Mass for Guido Mori-Prange: Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 11 a.m. St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas, CA.
4. Please join with our San Geronimo Valley neighbors for a Community Dinner on Wed, June 1 at 5:30 at the SGV Community Center. Our own John Beckerley will be BBQing sausages. All the fixings and beverages will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The Edie Robinson Community Service Award will be presented for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. This is wonderful evening to share with our neighbors and honor people who have contributed so much to the quality of life here in our Valley.