



st. cecilia church
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June 26, 2022

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) +



MASS

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| Sunday ** | St. Cecilia St. Mary ** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month | 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. | |
| 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.) St. Cecilia (other Fri.) | 8 a.m. Holy Hour follows 8 a.m. | |
| Saturday | St. Cecilia (last Sat.) St. Mary (other Sat.) | 8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion 8 a.m. | |
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| Reconciliation | Saturday | St. Cecilia St. Mary (except last Sat.) | 4 to 4:30 p.m. 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. |
| Religious Education Confirmation Prep. | Monday Wednesday | St. Cecilia St. Cecilia | 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders) 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. |

Please see #891 in your Music Book for the readings

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

1 Kgs 19:16...21; Ps 16:1...11; Gal 5:1...18; Lk 9:51-62

Today, we hear God's voice calling us through the invitation of Prophet Elijah, through the encouragement of Saint Paul, and especially through the summon of Jesus our Lord, inviting us to come and follow him.

In the first reading, Prophet Elijah chose Elisha and anointed him to be his successor and bring God's message to all people. St. Paul in the second reading urges us to respond to God's call with freedom: free from flesh, free from egoism, free from selfish ambition. Freedom is humble, passionate, total dedication to God in our daily life.

It is to our freedom that Jesus appeals when he calls us, as he follows his own human freedom "to journey to Jerusalem" to fulfill his Father's will by enduring suffering and death on the cross for the sake of love.

Following the Lord is not always easy. All the disciples always faced some kind of struggle when they made their decisions. When Elijah called Elisha, he responded: "Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you."

When Jesus was proceeding on the journey to Jerusalem, someone accompanying him said: "I will follow you wherever you go." This disciple probably thought this journey was lot of fun and excitement like a long vacation. But when Jesus warned them: "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head," they began to smell something bad, something wrong from this journey. Now, what they answered Jesus? One replied: "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." Another said: "I will follow you, Lord, but let me say farewell to my family at home first."

Have you ever, or somehow, heard Jesus' voice calling you? How would you respond to Jesus if he calls you to give a helping hand to service of the Church, the parish, the community, and the society?

We are called for different vocations in our lives. Some are called to be teachers, or doctors, others are called to be workers. Some are called to live a married life, to be fathers, or mothers, or husbands, or wives; others are called to be single, as a priest, a monk, or a religious brother or sister. There are different vocations, but there is only one common purpose: we are all called to love and to serve God and one another. What really valuable in the eye of God is how generous, how ready, and how freely you and I respond to God's call.

The month of June marks twenty-five years since I came to the US, fifteen years of my priestly ordination, and also three years since I came to live in our parish of St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's.

Looking back on these years of my priestly ministry, there have been happy times that I should give grateful praise to God and to the people whom I serve and share my priestly ministry. There have been also inevitable times of sadness which give me experience to learn and to grow in my human aspect.

Do you think it's easy to be a priest? You may think that most priests look happy. Unfortunately, this is sometimes not true. To become a priest is to choose "the narrow way." That's why not many people become priests, because people don't like the narrow way. Choosing the narrow way is our response to God's call with our freedom.

Jesus calls us to follow him, to be his disciples, to love and to serve. We have freedom to respond his call. However, Jesus makes it very clear that: "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." As I apply this gospel message to my priestly life, I reassure myself with this meaningful singing: "I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back."

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, June 26 to Saturday, July 2

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. SC ... Guido Mori-Prange (repose) |
| | 11:15 a.m. SM ... Paul Tran Dinh Loc (repose) |
| Monday | 8 a.m. SC ... Elisa Reyes (repose) |
| Tuesday | No Mass |
| Wednesday | 8 a.m. SC ... Antonio Reyes Pineda (repose/birthday) |
| Thursday | 8 a.m. SM ... Kathy Sexton (repose/birthday anniversary) |
| Friday | 8 a.m. SM ... Collin Dallara (thanksgiving/birthday 6/15) |
| Saturday | 8 a.m. SC ... Harold Okita (repose) |

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

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| <u>St. Cecilia</u> | |
| Goal | \$ 6,774.00 |
| Received | \$ 6,774.00 |

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| <u>St. Mary</u> | |
| Goal | \$ 3,906.00 |
| Received | \$ 1,448.00 |
| Need | \$ 2,458.00 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Second collection today, Sunday, June 26 is Peter's Pence Collection, to support the Holy Father for his ministries throughout the world.
- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: every Wednesday at 5 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up.
- First Friday, July 1. Mass at 8 a.m. and Adoration to follow until 12 noon, at St. Mary's Church.
- Thank you for your contributions to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. As you can see from the report, St. Cecilia's community has reached the goal for the AAA 2022. St. Mary's community has done slightly under halfway. Please continue helping the parish to meet the goal.

Last Week Collections:

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| <u>St. Cecilia</u> | |
| Offertory | \$ 940.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 425.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,365.00 |

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| <u>St. Mary</u> | |
| Offertory | \$ 632.00 |
| AAA | \$ 0.00 |
| Total | \$ 632.00 |