

July 17, 2022



st. cecilia church
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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) ✦



st. mary church
nicasio

MASS	Sunday **	St. Cecilia	9:30 a.m.
		St. Mary	11:15 a.m.
		** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month	
	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 #900 in your Music Book for the readings

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

In the first reading, Abraham and his household welcome and serve the three men of God. In the Gospel, Jesus is welcomed by the two sisters Martha and Mary. Thus, hospitality is probably the theme for our reflection on the word of God today.

There is a story of a man wearing a hat in the church during a Sunday Mass. Some ushers politely ask him to take off the hat, but he refuses to do so... After the Mass, the priest kindly tells the man that the community always welcomes him as a guest and encourages him to join the parish. However, it doesn't look nice for men to wear hats in the church (for women is exceptional, for it is fashion). The priest tries to explain and hopes the man would listen to him.

The man thanks the priest, saying: "Thank you for taking the time to talk with me and inviting me to join the community. Actually, I have been coming to church here a while ago, but nobody has ever talked to me. Today, I purposely keep my hat on to draw attention. So, I have a chance to talk with somebody in this community: with the ushers, and with you, the pastor, who seems too busy to talk with."

So, the story is a reminder of our hospitality to others, or to one another in community. Unfortunately, sometimes we fail to greet or welcome others in charitable way. It is not only at church that people sometimes feel unwelcome, but also at work, or at school, or other place, or even at home.

One of the challenging things to me when moving to a new parish is getting to know new friends, and trying to remember people by names. When I first move to a new parish, I always challenge people, and myself, to know the names of other church-goers... Ironically, sometimes we don't even know the name of somebody who has been attending the same church with us for many years.

Indeed, hospitality is our art of living. In the gospel, Jesus visits the two sisters, Mary and Martha. They both show their hospitality to Jesus, but each in a different way. Mary sits at Jesus' feet

and listens intently to his every word. She gives to him all of her attention. Meanwhile, Martha serves him with food and drink, and eventually grumbles that Mary is not helping her serve.

Imagine that a friend invites you home for dinner, but she just leaves you sit at the table eating by yourself, while she is busy running back and forth to prepare food and serve you. I don't think we are comfortable that way. Probably, the only one thing necessary for hospitality is paying attention to our guest, rather than some domestic performance.

See how Jesus responds: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things." We, too, probably worry about many things, as works, but we may forget the one necessary thing, prayers, which is "the better part" of our life. We can learn from this story that Jesus wants us to visit him, to be in conversation with him, which is through our prayers.

We may ask ourselves: how is my prayer life? Do I slow down to listen to the inner voice of God speaking in me? What is the motive of all our works of charity – our services? What is the motive of our attending Mass? Prayers must go before services. All our services must be rooted in our prayers, for God is the source of our contemplations and activities. The two common ways to show our love for Jesus are through prayers and services. Our prayers tell that we love Jesus, and we want to "live in the presence of the Lord." Our services show that we want to welcome him into our life.

Let us welcome Jesus into our hearts through our personal prayers, spending more time to pray, to be in conversation with Jesus. May our prayers inspire us to love God more and more, and so generously serve God through what we do for our brothers and sisters in charity.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, July 17 to Saturday, July 23

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Carol Bennetts (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Kathy Drady (birthday 7/22)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Laura Thomas (for health)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Anna Ly (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Fr. Peter Thiet (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... John Thi (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Guido Mori-Prange (repose/birthday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Annual BBQ at the Lafranchi Deer Camp in Nicasio: Sunday, August 7, right after St. Mary's 11:15 a.m. Mass, in memory of Martha McNeil. As a fundraiser for St. Mary's enjoy the companionship of friends and neighbors as we feast on a chicken BBQ. Martha and Jan McNeil started this tradition and we aim to keep it moving forward. Due to the location, it is limited to 40 participants with a cost of \$50.00 per person. There is sign up sheet at St. Mary's or email Margaret at Igleagles@gmail.com to reserve your place.
- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: every Wednesday at 5 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up. This Wednesday, July 20 will be at the rectory with Fr. Phan.
- Thank you for your contributions to the AAA. 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 about 70%. Please continue helping the parish to meet the goal.

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

St. Cecilia
Goal \$ 6,774.00
Received \$ 6,774.00

THANK YOU!

St. Mary
Goal \$ 3,906.00
Received \$ 2,698.00
Need \$ 1,208.00

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 568.00
Maintenance \$ 150.00
Total \$ 718.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 528.00
AAA \$ 250.00
Total \$ 778.00