

July 31, 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.
		<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
	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 #906 in your Music Book for the readings
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! Today's readings remind us that the meaning of life cannot be found in possession because everything and everyone is "here today and gone tomorrow."

There's an old legend about Emperor Alexander the Great (323 BC). He had three wishes on his deathbed. 1/ The best doctors should carry his coffin. 2/ The wealth he has accumulated (money, gold, precious stones...) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery. 3/ His hands should be let loose, hanging outside the coffin for all to see. Here are the lessons. 1/ Even the best doctors can't save you from death. 2/ All the wealth acquired on Earth stays on Earth. 3/ We come to this world empty-handed and we leave it empty-handed. Although during 33 years of his life, he had conquered and possessed the riches of an empire that extended from Greece to India, yet in death, his hands were empty. None of his wealth could save him from death. He could not bring anything with him into the grave.

The Book of Job also tells us this famous saying: naked were we born, naked will we return to dust. Nobody can bring any money or gold to the grave. Perhaps, what we can bring with us are worthy memories or bad impressions, love or hatred. It depends on how we live our earthly life. We may ask ourselves: if I die, what do people say about me? What does God say about me? Will people come to my funeral with tears of love, or just unspoken complaints, or merely hatred? This reflection is meant for those who really care about what matters in the eye of God when we die.

In the second reading, St. Paul warns us that greed for wealth and influence is idolatry. We are living in a world that encourages us to possess more and more; but by the end, all things are vanity. Therefore, St. Paul advises us to "put to death, their parts that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry."

Since we come to believe in Jesus Christ, because we have been made for "what is above," we must seek heavenly riches, knowing that the desires of the human heart cannot be satisfied by what is here today and gone tomorrow.

People have different lifestyles depending on their point of view about money or material richness... we may ask ourselves the question, what is more important to me: God or money; spiritual richness or material wealth; heavenly treasure or worldly gain... If I died today, to whom do my possessions belong?

We should remember that life is nothing but emptiness and vanity if we organize our lives apart from God. Vanity is for those who store up treasures on earth for themselves, but not rich in what matters to God. Being "rich in what matters to God" means realizing that there is something more important than this material world, and that "something" is God, from whom we have everything in this life.

Let us examine ourselves to see: "What place does God have in my life? Is he at the center, or is he merely the fringe of my life?" Unfortunately, sometimes we do push God out to the fringe of our lives; we see material richness more important than spiritual life; we see other daily activities such as parties or ball-games more important than going to church on Sunday...

The responsorial psalm today reminds us: "If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts." Let us remember that "one's life does not consist of possessions." Everything and everyone is "here today and gone tomorrow." May the Lord give us wisdom to make the right choice in living our lifestyle! May the word of God today be a good reminder for us to "seek what is above, where Christ is... Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, July 31 to Saturday, August 6

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Guido Mori-Prange (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Alfred Cuthbert (for health)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Corey Dallara (birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Grandpa Peter Nguyen (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Kate Andrues (birthday)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM	... Michaela & Finn Semling (thanksgiving)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Grandma Maria Nguyen (repose)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy 57th Wedding Anniversary to Pat & Cia Donahue!**
- First Friday Mass and Adoration** at St. Mary's Church, this Friday, August 5. Mass at 8 am. and Adoration until noon.
- Annual BBQ at the Lafranchi Deer Camp in Nicasio:** next Sunday, August 7, right after St. Mary's 11:15 a.m. Mass, in memory of Martha McNeil, and as a fundraiser for St. Mary's. Due to the location, it is limited to 40 participants with a cost of \$50.00 per person. To know more details, please email Margaret at lgeagles@gmail.com.
- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up. This Wednesday, Aug. 3, will be at Carol Mori-Prange's home: 24 Elm Ave, Woodacre.
- St. Cecilia's annual rummage sale** is returning this Fall, around the weekend of October 1st, 2022. An initial planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 7th right after 9:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish hall. Your help is needed, to volunteer your time, to donate items, to spread the word, and of course, to shop. Thank you!

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 \$ 617.00
Maintenance \$ 150.00
Total \$ 767.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 537.00
Preservat'n \$ 30.00
AAA \$ 00.00
Total \$ 567.00