

August 7, 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
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders)
		St. Mary (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.

Please see #909 in your Music Book for the readings
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

In 1990, the Luzon earthquake (magnitude: 7.7) killed several thousand people in the Philippines, among them were numerous wedding guests buried in the collapsed Hyatt Terrace Baguio Hotel. They were eating, drinking, dancing... when the earthquake happened. The big building collapsed and buried them all.

You may still remember the story from last Sunday's gospel. There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He built more larger barns to store up his products and proudly told himself that he has stored up so many good things for many years, so now: rest, eat, drink, be merry! But the Lord God said to him: "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

From today's readings, especially in the Gospel, Jesus strongly warns us again: "You also must be prepared." Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Jesus uses two simple examples. The first is about the head of a household who was out of town for a wedding celebration. He would be away for several days. His servants would not know when to expect their master's return. The second example is about a thief. Of course, a thief doesn't warn anybody before breaking into their house.

From these examples, Jesus wants to tell us that he is going to come again for all of us, whether it will be at the end of the world or at the end of our own personal lives. Jesus will come again, but we don't know when. It could be any moment: sooner or later. Therefore, let us be alert, be ready always. Being ready, though, does not mean for us to live in worry, or in fear, but living in God's presence, in his grace.

Somehow our culture has brought into this notion that we are all getting to heaven in the end anyway, no matter how bad we have been, because by nature, God is love and God sends his Son Jesus into the world to save us. Nevertheless, this is the idea of devil trying to fool us, because once people begin to accept this way of thoughts, they don't worry about things like prayer, or obeying the commandments, or living a morally good life. Jesus wants us to know that heaven is not automatic. Heaven is something we, by cooperating with God's grace, to work for and be prepared for.

Since we don't know when the end will come for anyone of us, then we have to always be watching. It doesn't mean we just sit there, looking out the window and waiting for eternity to come along. Being on the watch means we try to live in presence of God, keeping ourselves in right relation with God, using self-discipline that we do not get lazy in our service of the Lord, and in our lives of discipleship.

Dear brothers and sisters, our Lord is telling us today not to wait until the last minute. He will come again and we don't know when that will be. So, the only thing we can do is to be prepared. Stay awake and be ready at all times.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, August 7 to Saturday, August 13

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Msgr. John O'Connor (repose/birthday)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Martha McNeil (repose/birthday)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Fr. Ted Ship (birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... May Velloza (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Maria Khuyen (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Joseph Tien (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Anna Nguyen (repose)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Annual BBQ at the Lafranchi Deer Camp in Nicasio:** Today 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. To know more details, please email Margaret at lgleagles@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. 10 at Kate & West Andruess' home: 12 Country Ln, Novato, CA.
- 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 \$ 707.00
Maintenance \$ 150.00
Total \$ 857.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 345.00
Preservat'n \$ 80.00
AAA \$ 00.00
Total \$ 425.00