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August 21, 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) ✦



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| <b>MASS</b>                                   | 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 <sup>st</sup> 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.   |
| <b>Reconciliation</b>                         | Saturday  | St. Cecilia  | 4 to 4:30 p.m.   |
|   |           | St. Mary (except last Sat.)                          | 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.  |
| <b>Religious Education Confirmation Prep.</b> | Monday    | St. Cecilia  | 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders) |
|   | Wednesday | St. Cecilia  | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  |

Please see #915 in your Music Book for the readings  
**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C**

As Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, someone asked him: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Sometimes, you and I probably ask this same question: who will be saved? When I die, where will I be? In heaven or in hell? Of course, we all want to be in heaven. Even the atheist who don't believe in God, or heaven, or hell, they would wish to be in the best place, which is heaven, when they die. Nobody wants to be in hell.

Today's readings probably give us some reflections on the questions of who will be saved, and how to be saved. The prophet Isaiah tells us that salvation is not only for the Jewish people, but the Lord will gather all peoples, as the saying goes: "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations." Today's responsorial psalm also urges us to "go out to all the world and tell the Good News." It means that the Church's mission is to be instruments of salvation to the whole world. All people are welcomed in God's kingdom. God wants all people to be saved.

But how to be saved? By saying, strive to enter through the narrow gate, Jesus wants us to understand that the way to success must go through a narrow gate. That narrow gate is Jesus himself. He is "the way, the truth, and the life" that leads us to God the Father. The narrow gate is also all the hardship, suffering, discipline we endure on our journey with Jesus, as he says: "if you want to follow me, you have to deny yourself, take up your daily cross, and follow me." No pain, no gain. Just as the second reading also explains the narrow gate of Jesus as pain and suffering, resulting from God's discipline for his children. Successful life requires making hard choices. Anyone who follows him through the narrow gate of sacrificial serving and sharing love will be saved.

If you are going to walk with Jesus, there are some things you will need to leave behind. It requires dedication and sacrifice. For example, a sport star has to take commitment in training process

and practice hard every day in order to be successful. Married couples have to be committed to their spouse and family, and show their sacrifice to each other in order to have a successful life in marriage.

By the end, God wants all people to enjoy eternal life with him, but we can't take that eternal life for granted. In order to be saved, Jesus reminds us of the need for constant fidelity and vigilance throughout our lives. To be saved is the result of how we live and practice our faith, to be in a close, loving relationship with God and with one another. So, when we come to knock on the door, the Lord will recognize who we are and open the door for us.

Where will we be tomorrow depends on "who we are" and "what we do" and "how we live our faith" today. So, let us not worry much about tomorrow, but rather try to live the fullness of our life today – the life of love and justice to others, not greed and selfish ambition; the life of discipleship, humility, righteousness, repentance, and obedience. Let us choose to walk through the "narrow door" of Jesus Christ. Let us choose to walk the way of the cross that will lead us to eternal glory.

Remember that: God's way is not our way; God's thought is not our thought. Answering the question "who will be saved and how to be saved," Archbishop Fulton Sheen tells us that if one day you and I would be able to go to heaven, there, we might experience three surprising things. First, we will be surprised to see that many people we expected to be in heaven are not there. Second, we will be surprised to see that the people we never expected to be in heaven are there. Third, we will be surprised to say to ourselves that: "I can't believe that I am finally welcomed into heaven." So, we don't know about tomorrow. We will be surprised to see things as Jesus said in the conclusion of today's gospel: "Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, August 21 to Saturday, August 27

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| Sunday    | 9:30 a.m.  | SC ... Ryan Dallara (repose)                       |
|           | 11:15 a.m. | SM ... Deacon Tony Paulino (birthday thanksgiving) |
| Monday    | 8 a.m.     | SC ... Ryan Dallara (repose/birthday tomorrow)     |
| Tuesday   | No Mass    |  |
| Wednesday | 8 a.m.     | SC ... Joyce Massucco (birthday)                   |
| Thursday  | 8 a.m.     | SM ... Neyat Jesfay (healing)                      |
| Friday    | 8 a.m.     | SC ... Ray Elam (repose)                           |
| Saturday  | 8 a.m.     | SC ... Susan Pineda (healing)                      |

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

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| <u>St. Cecilia</u> |             |
| Goal               | \$ 6,774.00 |
| Received           | \$ 6,774.00 |
| <b>THANK YOU!</b>  |             |

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| <u>St. Mary</u> |             |
| Goal            | \$ 3,906.00 |
| Received        | \$ 2,698.00 |
| Need            | \$ 1,208.00 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up. This Wednesday, August 24, will be at Ginny & George Kerbs home: 8 Castle Rock Ave, Woodacre, CA.
- Padre Pio Mass & Devotion:** this Saturday, August 27 at St. Cecilia Church. Mass at 8 a.m. and devotion to follow.
- St. Cecilia's annual rummage sale** is returning this Fall, around the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

Last Week Collections:

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| <u>St. Cecilia</u> |                    |
| Offertory          | \$ 948.00          |
| Maintenance        | \$ 150.00          |
| Total              | <u>\$ 1,098.00</u> |

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| <u>St. Mary</u> |                    |
| Offertory       | \$ 414.00          |
| Preservat'n     | \$ 85.00           |
| BBQ             | \$ 1,300.00        |
| AAA             | \$ 00.00           |
| Total           | <u>\$ 1,799.00</u> |