



st. cecilia church  
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August 28, 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 #918 in your Music Book for the readings

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C**

During my years in the seminary, I realized that some clever guys eventually left the seminary formation. They were so smart that they hardly agreed with some teachings of the Church. Because of their arrogance, and lack of humility, they could not find satisfaction from whatever they were taught. Those smart seminarians chose their own way; they eventually dropped out of the seminary to find better jobs, becoming engineers, doctors, businesspersons... The non-smart guys, like myself, chose to become priests.

For us the Christians, humility is one of the important virtues we need to acknowledge and practice. Through his advice to the invited guests and the host of the banquet, Jesus reminds us to practice our virtue of humility in order to love and to serve.

To those guests he said: humble yourself and you will be exalted. Remember to choose the lowest place at the table, then you might be asked to move up to a higher position and you will enjoy with such an honoring recognition.

To the host he advised: love the poor, open your arms to embrace the lowly. Do not hold the party only for your rich friends, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment; but invite the poor and the lowly – those who are unable to repay you. So, give without getting back what you give, and the Lord will repay you on the last day.

What holds true at a banquet also holds true in God's kingdom where the Lord will give us an honor seat depending on how we conduct our life affairs. Those who live and practice humility in life shall be exalted in God's kingdom, but those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. Humble ourselves the more, the greater we are, and we will find favor with God.

Just as Jesus challenged his fellowmen, especially religious leaders, to practice what they preached about God's concern for the poor, so he challenges us to follow his example of humility to love

and to serve. We are challenged to do something really different! Invite to our parties the people who have little to bring with them. Then the blessing will be granted upon us as a heavenly reward.

We have a choice between two possible attitudes: seek to exalt ourselves by arrogantly rely on our human desire, or humbling ourselves by making ourselves small in the hands of the Lord, and totally trust in his grace. Let God be God and let us be human. Jesus tells us that he who wants to be the greatest must make himself the least.

Without humility, we might easily become complacent, and look down on others; we might see ourselves superior, and see others inferior to us. This is not charitable at all. This is not our Christian way of treating our brothers and sisters.

There is authentic humility, but let us also be aware of false humility. For example, when we are asked to do something to help others or to participate in some ministries in the parish, sometimes we hear the answers such as, "Oh, I am not worthy... I have no value... I have no talent... I am not gifted..." That is false humility. Actually, we all have values and we all have gifts. It is false humility to deny oneself.

However, authentic humility helps us to be humble in everything we say and do; it reminds us not to judge others since we all know that nobody is perfect. We are all sinners but we are called to come before the Lord, bringing our humble gifts, or our God-given talents, whatever we have, to generously share with others, to serve the Lord and one another.

As we celebrate Labor Day, let us ask the Lord to prosper the work of those who labor and show special compassion to the unemployed. Let us ask the Lord in his goodness to especially make a home for the poor, protecting and blessing them in every way. Let us pray for the grace of this week that we may live in true love and lasting humility. Let us be more authentic humility in the way we give, in the way we love and in the way we serve.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, August 28 to Saturday, September 3

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Robyn Torres (birthday thanksgiving)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Paul Tran & Maria Nguyen (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Agnes Nguyen & Joseph Lee Phan (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Cilia DeRutte (birthday thanksgiving)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Steven Highland (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM ... Joyce Vagasy (birthday thanksgiving)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Daphne Massucco (birthday thanksgiving)

**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 31, will be at Daphne & Ken Massucco's home: 51 Castle Rock Ave, Woodacre, CA.
- First Friday Mass and Adoration:** this Friday, September 2 at St. Mary Church. Mass at 8 a.m. and Eucharistic Adoration until noon.
- Second collection for Military Services:** next Sunday, September 4.
- 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!

**2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:**

St. Cecilia  
 Goal \$ 6,774.00  
 Received \$ 6,774.00  
**THANK YOU!**

St. Mary  
 Goal \$ 3,906.00  
 Received \$ 2,798.00  
 Need \$ 1,108.00

**Last Week Collections:**

St. Cecilia  
 Offertory \$ 523.00  
 Maintenance \$ 150.00  
 Total \$ 673.00

St. Mary  
 Offertory \$ 362.00  
 Preservat'n \$ 50.00  
 AAA \$ 00.00  
 Total \$ 412.00