



st. cecilia church
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September 11, 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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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.
Reconciliation	Friday	St. Mary (1 st Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
		St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
		St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	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 #924 in your Music Book for the readings

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

A Buddhist monk and his disciple were on a long journey. As they sat down on the roadside for a rest, a big scorpion suddenly appeared and almost bit the monk. The disciple tried to kill it with his walking stick. But the old monk rebuked him saying: "Leave it alone. You shall not kill." The disciple was upset saying: "It is poisonous." The monk said: "Yes. It is poisonous, but we are not poisonous. By nature, scorpion is to bite, to poison, and maybe to kill, but our human nature is to save life, not to kill."

In today's gospel, when the Pharisees and scribes see the tax collectors and sinners drawing near to listen to Jesus, they criticize him, saying: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." By telling the three parables, probably, Jesus wants to tell those who complain that: human beings tend to sin, but the Son of God is sent to save life. These tax collectors, as you think, are sinners; so, they need help; they need to be loved. Saint Paul in the second reading testifies that: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

Telling the three parables – the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son – Jesus invites us to think about our own situations too. Supposed you are that good shepherd who loves and cares for your flock. If you lost one sheep, would you leave the other ninety-nine in the field and go to search for the lost one? Supposed you are that poor widow who has only ten silver coins. If you lost one coin, like that widow, you would carefully search for the lost coin until you could find it. Supposed you are that merciful father who loves and cares for his children. If a son or a daughter of yours disobeys you, rebelliously leaving home, wandering somewhere, or joining a gang, what would you do? You would anxiously go in search and try to call your son or daughter home.

If we, imperfect human beings, know how to love and care for things which we do not create, how much more, then, our heavenly Father will love us whom he has created out of love.

These three parables, together with all the readings today, reassure us to believe and trust in our loving, merciful, and forgiving God, our heavenly Father. For God so loved the world that he gave us his only begotten Son to save us and give us life.

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That closeness and love of Christ transform people's life: from sinners into saints. Saint Paul himself experienced this transformation as he witnessed: "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated... The grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with faith and love." God's amazing grace and merciful love has changed Paul's life from a worst sinner to a great saint of the Church.

Perhaps, we are familiar with the song "Amazing Grace." John Newton experienced God's love and forgiveness which changed his life. Reflecting on his conversion inspired him to compose this well-known hymn: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see."

As the prodigal son finds his confidence in the father's merciful love for him, he decides to come home, asking for forgiveness, we are encouraged to come before God with a humble heart and contrite spirit to experience the merciful embrace of God, our heavenly Father. So, our lives will be transformed into the life of love and service of God and one another in faith, hope, and love.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, September 11 to Saturday, September 17

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... John Keane (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... All souls of victims of September 11
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Daphne Massucco Family (special intention)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Alfred Cuthbert (health)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Janis O'Connell (birthday)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Hoa Truong & The D. Phan (birthday)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Criss Dallara Family (special intention)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up. This Wednesday, September 14, will be at the rectory with Fr. Phan.

2. **St. Cecilia's annual rummage sale** will be held on Sat. Oct. 1 from 9 am to 4 pm, and Sun. Oct. 2 from 10:30 am to 2 pm. Please donate your quality housewares, art, jewelry, tools, plants, books & toys to our parish fundraiser. Donations will be accepted starting Mon. Sep. 26 thru Fri. Sep. 30, at the parish hall between 10 am and 12 noon. (*) While we appreciate your support, we cannot accept any large household item, furniture, appliance, clothing, car seat, crib, bed or any broken or dirty item. Volunteers are needed – rummage sale flyers and volunteer sign-up sheets are at the back of each church. We also need donations of paper bags for our shoppers, and donations of plants/bulbs, etc. for Plant Sale. Contact Robyn Torres at wakerobyn425@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!

3. **From Sep. 28 to Nov. 6**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood San Rafael at 4th and H, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Ruth Ann Cawley at racawley60@gmail.com

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 \$ 524.00
Maintenance \$ 250.00
2nd collect'n \$ 183.00
Total \$ 957.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 423.00
Preservat'n \$ 50.00
2nd collect'n \$ 126.00
Total \$ 599.00