



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas

September 18, 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.
		** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month	
	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
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	8 a.m.
		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 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please see #927 in your Music Book for the readings

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

A young mother brings her two boys (8 and 6) to visit the zoo. The ticket is \$14 for adult, \$9 for children, and children under five go free. When she comes to buy the ticket, one for adult and two for children, the cashier looks at her sons and asks: "how old are your boys?" The mother says: "eight and six." The cashier looks at her younger son again, smiles and says: "he doesn't look six to me. You can say he's under five and get a free ticket." Now, the young mother seriously answers the cashier: "Thank you for your suggestion. But I don't teach dishonesty to my children only for \$9..."

As you see, people could have sneaky ways in dealing with money. Today's gospel tells us how sneaky the dishonest steward deals with the properties of his master. We probably think that Jesus would condemn this dishonest steward, but Jesus did not. On the contrary, Jesus praised the steward as he said: the children of this world are more resourceful than the children of light. Who are the children of this world? Who are the children of light? Probably, Jesus is talking about you and me. The children of this world are those who make no claim of being faithful to the Lord; and the children of light are those who believe in Jesus and following the Lord's commands.

Actually, through the character of the master in the story, Jesus commended the steward, not because of his sneaky conducts, but for his prudently acting; the steward was able to tackle a serious situation in a clever way. Anyhow, Jesus seems to remind us that it would be wonderful if we could prudently show our talents – not in sneaky ways but in honest ways – to the service of God's kingdom.

From the story, Jesus gives us a practical advice: "Make friends for yourselves through your use of this world's goods, so that when they fail you, a lasting reception will be yours." However, Jesus gave us some restricting warnings: "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." God or worldly materials? Just choose one.

We are called to be stewards of God. A steward is like a channel of the gifts – to receive and to give. We are called to exercise our stewardship – to recognize that everything we have – material

richness, talents, time, and even our life – has been entrusted to us by God. Those who receive more will be asked to give more. And the more you give the more you receive. It becomes a beautiful circulation in the life of those who follow Jesus.

Normally, when we give something to somebody, we expect something in return. It could be a returning gift. It could be some help for the future. Or at least, it could be some words of gratitude from the one who receives the gift.

Jesus challenges us to give without expecting the returns. Furthermore, he reminds you and me: to build up for yourself the treasure in heaven by your good life now, or by your charitable works here on earth. Give without expecting the returns, then "the heavenly father who sees all your humble works here on earth will reward you in heaven."

We cannot hold onto our worldly goods or money forever, but at some point – for example, at the point of our death – we will let go everything. If we know how to use our worldly goods and shared them with others, we will have done a good deed that will recommend us favorably to our heavenly Father. May the Lord guide us so we can use our resources wisely, in order for us to build up for ourselves a future heavenly home.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, September 18 to Saturday, September 24

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Brian Keane (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Don Sinclair (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Nia Zwiefelhofer (birthday 9/20)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Ellen Von Aken (birthday)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Daphne Massucco Family (special intention)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Padre Pio members (Feast/special intentions)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... All souls in purgatory

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** 5 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Teresa & Corey Dallara's home, 95 La Cuesta Ave, Lagunitas.
- St. Cecilia's annual rummage sale** will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, and Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. Donations will be accepted starting Monday Sept. 26th thru Friday Sept. 30th, at the parish hall, between 10:00am - 12:00pm. **Volunteers are needed - sign-up sheets are at the back of each church.** We also need paper bags for our shoppers, and donations of plants/bulbs, etc. for our Plant Sale. For more information and to volunteer your time, contact **Robyn Torres** at [wakerobyn425@gmail.com](mailto:wakerobyn425@gmail.com). Thank you!
- 40 days for Life:** from 9/28 to 11/6, you are invited to join other Christians to pray for an end of abortion: stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood San Rafael at 4th and H. Please contact Ruth Ann Cawley at [racawley60@gmail.com](mailto:racawley60@gmail.com) for more information, especially if you'd like to volunteer to help.
- Padre Pio Feast:** Friday, Sept. 23, at St. Cecilia's Church. Mass and Devotion starts at 8 am. Refreshment follows. All are welcome.
- Congratulations to Brian Meyer and Mirna Roca on their Wedding:** Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 11 am – St. Cecilia Church
- 2nd collection next Sunday 9/25:** for Priests Retirement Fund.

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

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

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

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia  
Offertory \$ 521.00  
Maintenance \$ 500.00  
Total \$ 1,021.00

St. Mary  
Offertory \$ 393.00  
Preservat'n \$ 450.00  
AAA \$ 1,000.00  
Total \$ 1,843.00