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September 25, 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 st 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 st thru 6 th graders)
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please see #930 in your Music Book for the readings

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

Johnny was driving his brand-new BMW. As he stopped at the red light, an old man came by the car asking for help, holding up a sign reading: please help... homeless... hungry... Johnny ignored him, not giving him anything, neither a smile. Johnny couldn't wait for the light to turn green and quickly drove off, fast as he could, to escape the homeless man. But he never forgot the piercing look of that poor man when he recalled Jesus' message in Matthew 25: "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, ill and in prison and you did not care for me, you did not visit me."

We have a similar story in today's gospel – about the rich man and the beggar Lazarus. The rich man was condemned by God, not for what he did, but for what he failed to do. He was condemned, not because he was rich, or having too much food for parties, or dressing luxuriously, but because he failed to use his wealth appropriately; he did not share his blessings with others in dire need, especially the beggar Lazarus.

In the penitential prayer at the beginning of the Mass, we pray: "I confess to almighty God... that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done (those are called the sins of commission), and in what I have failed to do (those are called the sins of omission)." As we see, the rich man did not kick Lazarus or spit on him. He merely ignored the beggar lying at his door every day, begging for his compassion. The rich man was indifferent to others struggling for life. So, he was condemned because of his sins of omission.

Let's ask ourselves: who in my life do I walk past every day and not notice? It can be a homeless person, or a poor beggar, or a nameless elderly living next door, or some poor people we see every day but don't want to be bothered...

From the story of the rich man and the poor Lazarus, Jesus gives us the warning to remind us about what happens in this life and the life after death. People may say: who cares? The rich man from

the place of torment implored Abraham to send someone to his five brothers to warn them, that they may repent. See the answer of Abraham: "if they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." They still say: who cares?

Just as the leaders in first reading and the rich man in the Gospel only care for themselves, enjoy their own luxurious life, and forget other poor people, we sometimes, if not often, have the same indifferent attitude. For example, people spend a lot of money for shopping, party, luxurious lifestyle, even for gambling, but they don't want to be bothered to give only a couple bucks to the poor, the needy, the beggars, the homeless...

If we believe in God and believe in the life to come, then we must care. In second reading to Timothy, Paul reminds us about the Last Judgment. He urges us to "keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ – the commandment of love – to pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

In conclusion, let us ask ourselves: who is the Lazarus in my life that I need to reach out to? Jesus' words today challenge us not be like the rich man of today's parable, but instead, reach out to those who need help, and to be a living Christ to them, as Jesus also reminds us in Matthew 25: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, September 25 to Saturday, October 1

Sunday 9:30 a.m. SC ... Nick Massucco (birthday 9/26)
... Carol Mori-Prange (a special intention)
11:15 a.m. SM ... Jake Fischer (repose/anniversary)
Friday 8 a.m. SC ... Paul Conley (a special intention)
Saturday 8 a.m. SM ... Tami Tanner (repose/birthday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Second collection today, Sun. 9/25:** for Priests Retirement Fund.
- No Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary this week:** Fr. Phan will be away for Priests Convocation this week. No weekday Mass from Monday thru Thursday, but the Mass will resume on Friday, Oct. 30.
- 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. 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 for more information.
- Rosary Novena:** in this critical moment in the history of California, join the California bishops in a virtual Rosary novena, beginning on the feast of the Archangels (9/29) and continue to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (10/7), to ask Our Lady's intercession **to defeat Proposition 1, vote NO on PROP 1.** Sign up online for daily meditations from the bishops on the Archdiocesan website.

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

St. Cecilia

Goal \$ 6,774.00
Received \$ 6,774.00

St. Mary

Goal \$ 3,906.00
Received \$ 4,298.00

WE'VE MADE IT.

THANK YOU!

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 510.00
Maintenance \$ 50.00
Total \$ 560.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 589.00
Preservat'n \$ 210.00
AAA \$ 500.00
Total \$ 1,299.00