



st. cecilia church lagunitas

October 2, 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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Table with columns for Mass, Reconciliation, Religious Education, and Confirmation Prep, listing days, church names, and times.

Please see #933 in your Music Book for the readings

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

Today's readings, especially the gospel, give us some insightful way to see our faith. Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, but only responded to with works of love and service.

How wonderful for a person with faith! If you have faith, then you can do marvelous works. "If you have faith, only the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Why does God create us? The answer is because of love. This is really abstracting answer, but as we learn, from nothing, God brought us into existence. God created us because he loved us.

To the question: for what purpose do I exist in this world, the Catholic Catechism gives us the answer that: we exist in this world to know God, to love God, to serve God, and so finally to be with God in heaven.

Talking about good works, when we do a favor for somebody, we normally expect gratitude, or at least the word "thank-you" from that person. That is our human nature; that is our human way.

The gospel parable today is like a story of our daily life. A servant comes home after a day working hard in the field. We think his master would praise him and ask him to sit down at the table and have dinner; but rather, the master told the servant: "Prepare my dinner. Wait on me while I eat and drink. You may have your meal when I am finished."

When we do good things for God, for the parish, for the Church... we normally hear say: "Thank you for your help! Thank you for your contributions! May God repay you for your good works!" It sounds very nice according to our human way; but in the light of today's gospel, we can see the matter from a different angle.

This weekend is Respect-Life Weekend. Because of God's love for us, every life is valuable because it is created by God. And every life has a purpose, a call, to give glory to God. In the words of Pope Francis: "we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us."

Faith gives us the realization that all things we have are the gifts from God. God entrusts these gifts to us so that we can use them to serve God and serve one another. We exist in this world to know God, to love God, to do the will of God, and by the end of our life journey, we hope to be seated at the banquet God has prepared for us in heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, October 2 to Saturday, October 8

Table listing Mass Intentions for Sunday through Saturday, including names and intentions.

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!

- ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. October Count: will begin next Sunday, October 9 2. Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up. This Wednesday, Oct. 5 will be at Kenyon & Cynthia Larsen's home, 20 Tern Court, San Rafael, CA 94901. 3. St. Cecilia's annual rummage sale: Today is the last day. Hours are 10:30am - 2:00pm. Please stop by after Mass, and support the cause! 4. 40 days for Life: continues until Nov. 6. You are invited to join other Christians to pray for an end of abortion: stand and peacefully pray during the 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, especially if you'd like to volunteer to help. 5. Rosary Novena to defeat Proposition 1: continues until Oct. 7. Sign up at sfarch.org/noonprop1. NO ON PROP 1 6. First Friday Mass and Adoration: at St. Mary's Church. Mass at 8 am, and Adoration until noon, this Friday, Nov. 7. 7. Confirmation: next Sunday Oct. 9 at St. Mary's 11:15am Mass.

Last Week Collections: St. Cecilia Offertory \$ 594.00 Maintenance \$ 250.00 2nd collect'n \$ 324.00 Total \$ 1,168.00 St. Mary Offertory \$ 266.00 2nd collect'n \$ 104.00 Total \$ 370.00