



st. cecilia church
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October 23, 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.
	Friday	St. Mary (1 st 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.
Reconciliation	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 #942 in your Music Book for the readings

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

There is a rumor about corruption and injustice in a state prison, and the prisoners are unfairly treated. So, the governor comes to visit the prison to interview some victims of injustice. Each of the prisoners he speaks with claims to be innocent. There is only one prisoner who remains silent. The governor asks him: "Don't you want to tell me something about yourself? Are you innocent too?" The man replies: "No, Sir. I am guilty. I deserve to be here." Being so surprised, the governor orders his wardens: "release this man immediately before he corrupts all the other innocent people in here."

The story is like a reflection of the parable we hear in the gospel about the two men praying in the temple: a Pharisee and a tax collector.

The Pharisee, just like the "innocent" prisoners, boasts about himself: I am a perfect one. I believe in God. I am deeply religious. I keep and practice all things written in God's law and in prayers. I fast twice a week. I give back to God ten percent of my income... Probably, the Pharisee is a good person according to his religious practices. However, his problem is complacency, pride, arrogance... He prays to a God who rewards "good people" like himself, and comes down hard on "bad people" like tax collectors. That is a wrong attitude. Instead of giving praise to God, the Pharisee praises himself. It seems like he does not need God, since he thinks he does everything right by himself.

On contrary, like the prisoner who confesses to the governor that he really is guilty, the tax collector knows that his bad reputation is well deserved. The tax collector prays in full awareness of his sin to the God of mercy; he knows he cannot boast, but only confess his guilt, before God. He believes in the God of love and forgiveness whom he trusts. In his prayer, he appeals simply to God's mercy: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." And "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." For the Lord hears the cry of the poor, and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him.

Like both men in the Gospel story, we have come into God's house to pray, to worship. We want to go home reconciled with God and others, and at peace. Always trust in God's mercy. God never stops loving us. No matter how badly we have fallen, God is always ready to forgive. What God wants from us is our humble and contrite heart to say: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." God is very generous, but in order for us to experience God's generosity, we must stand before him with empty hands, appealing not to our deserving, but to his mercy. That is what the tax collector does; and Jesus gives us this story to help us do the same.

As told, the Pharisee fasts twice a week. He gives back to God ten percent of everything he received. Many of us, as Catholics, may be faithful in our daily prayers; we attend Mass and receive Communion regularly; we perform many good works; we give donations to the Church and charity... But maybe, that's not enough... Jesus still expects more from us as his followers – that is humility; for humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord.

Like the tax collector, let us examine ourselves to know that we need God. Trust in God's mercy, not in our own achievement, for whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Let us learn from God's mercy to become merciful ourselves. Blessed are we who realize our need for the gift of God's goodness, and of his forgiveness; for in receiving these gifts we learn to pass them on to help others who are in need.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, October 23 to Saturday, October 29

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Marie Foge (repose/birthday)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Albert Cingolini (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Ann Koniaris (birthday – 10/25)
Tuesday	No Mass		
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Taylor Sanchez (special intention) ... Susie Pineda (healing/surgery)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... for the unborn (repose of the souls)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Bonnie de Rutte (repose/birthday)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC	... for the fallen-away Catholics

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- October Counts:** this weekend is the third time of the four counts.
- Second Collection** today, Sunday, October 23 is for World Mission – Propagation of Faith. Your generous giving to this collection helps the needy in poor countries and supports the works of promoting the Catholic Faith throughout the world.
- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up. This Wednesday, Oct. 26 will be at Daphne & Ken's home: 51 Castle Rock Ave, Woodacre, CA 94973.
- Padre Pio Mass & devotion:** this Saturday 10/29 at 8 am, at St. Cecilia.
- 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 & H. Contact Ruth A. Cawley racawley60@gmail.com for more details.
- Vote NO ON PROP 1 to save life:** for more information, please visit <http://sfarchdiocese.org/noonprop1/> and read Archbishop Cordileone's message to the faithful.

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 \$ 747.00
Maintenance \$ 400.00
2nd Collect'n \$ 447.00
Total \$ 1,594.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 306.00
2nd Collect'n \$ 138.00
Total \$ 444.00