



st. cecilia church  
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October 30, 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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<b>MASS</b>	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 <sup>st</sup> 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.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
<b>Religious Education Confirmation Prep.</b>	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 #945 in your Music Book for the readings

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C**

Wis 11: 22-12: 2; Ps 145; 2 Thes 1: 11- 2:2. Lk 19: 1-10

The message from today's readings is a call for us to conversion. There are two important points we may reflect on. First, our heavenly Father loves us even though we are sinners; he always welcomes repentant sinners, and mercifully forgives all our sins. Second, God's merciful love and forgiveness encourages our conversion, renewal of life, and generous giving.

As today's first reading and the responsorial psalm tell us, although God *rebukes the offenders little by little, warns them of their sins and reminds them to abandon their wickedness*, he is indeed *kind and merciful to all, slow to anger and rich in kindness* (Ps. 145:8). God continues to love us even when we are not faithful. He patiently gives us time for repentance.

From the second reading, Saint Paul encourages us to persevere in faith, giving glory to God. He advises us to continue living a good Christian life every day, allowing God to work through our lives so that we may be worthy of our vocation as Christians.

Especially, the gospel gives us a beautiful story of the conversion of Zacchaeus, a tax-collector. Zacchaeus was a rich man, but people hated him, avoiding him, not only because he was physically ugly – short in stature – but since he was a chief tax-collector, he was the most hated man in Jericho. People, especially the Jews, considered him as a traitor, an enemy, and therefore an outcast.

The people hated Zacchaeus, but Jesus, with compassion, welcomed him. The Son of God reached out to the sinners. By surrendering himself to the grace of God, Zacchaeus found his salvation in Jesus. The Holy God and the sinful human being go together and share the meal of friendship. By welcoming Zacchaeus, Jesus has changed a sinful man into a man of grace; giving him a new direction of his life. God's grace led Zacchaeus to repentance, conversion and restitution. He committed himself to doing justice by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and repaying fourfold to whom he had damaged.

Such a conversion can only result from a person's fully receiving the love, acceptance and grace of the merciful Lord.

Dear friends, God loves us, in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, lack of faith, and unworthiness. Nevertheless, we need to accept the divine invitation for repentance. As we reflect on the conversion and generosity of Zacchaeus, we are called to be generous financially and spiritually. Jesus wants us to move from our weak and little faith to a strong and greater faith.

What is the life message for us from the story of Zacchaeus encountering Jesus? As the repentant Zacchaeus reacted totally different when he encountered Jesus, the Lord is inviting each one of us to total conversion today. Let us admit our sinfulness and accept God's call to repentance, conversion and renewal of life. In our faith living, let us be more "full, conscious, and active participation" through our worship at Mass, and let us be more generous through our daily works of charity.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, October 30 to Saturday, November 5

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Elizabeth Paganini (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Robert Bridwell (repose/birthday)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Mori-Prange Family (special intention)
Tuesday	8 a.m.	SC ... All Saints (pray for our parishioners)
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... All Souls (pray for all the faithful departed)
Thursday	No Mass	.....
Friday	8 a.m.	SM ... Fr. O'Sullivan (special intention)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Claire Straube (for health)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME END NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6 "FALL BACK"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- October Counts:** this weekend is the last count.
- Solemnity of All Saints:** Tuesday, November 1, Mass at 8 am at St. Cecilia's Church. All Souls' Day on Wednesday, November 2.
- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up. This Wednesday, Nov. 2, will be at Carol & Bill Perez's home: 7299 Lucas Valley Rd., Nicasio, CA 94946.
- First Friday Mass & Adoration:** this Friday 11/4 at St. Mary's Church. Mass at 8 am, and Adoration until noon.
- 40 days for Life:** continues until Nov. 6. You are invited to join other Christians to pray for an end of abortion, at Planned Parenthood San Rafael, at 4th & H. Contact Ruth A. Cawley [racawley60@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- Gratitude for Healing Paths:** This is the theme of the Interfaith Community Gathering this year, as we approach Thanksgiving. St. Cecilia/St. Mary will be hosting this event on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 4 pm at St. Cecilia Church, followed by a reception in the parish hall. We are asking our parishioners to bring "finger food" to share with our guests. This is also an opportunity to support the SGVC Center's food distribution program. This will be an In-Person event. In order to respect the health of others, masks are encouraged. For further information, contact Cia Donahue at (415) 488-0337.

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 \$ 687.00  
Maintenance \$ 50.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collect'n \$ 333.00  
Total \$ 1,070.00

St. Mary  
Offertory \$ 490.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collect'n \$ 121.00  
Total \$ 611.00