



st. cecilia church lagunitas

November 6, 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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Please see #948 in your Music Book for the readings

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

There is a hilarious story I read from the Readers' Digest. A man left home for vacation in Cancun. His wife was supposed to meet him there a day later. When he got there, he wrote a quick note to his wife. Somehow, he mistyped the email address, so his email went to a recent widow who had just buried her husband.

When the woman opened the email, she got scared. She fell, and lost conscious. Her daughter, who happened to be home at the time, heard her mother fall and went into the room to see what happened. She found this note on the computer screen, "My dearest, I've just checked in. It's really a wonderful paradise. I see your name already here. I can hardly wait to see you when you get here tomorrow." Signed: your loving husband.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the question of life and death: what is the meaning of life – and death – for us? What is life all about? What is the purpose of existence? Why are we here in this world? There have been many different answers to these questions, coming from different cultural and ideological backgrounds; different people and cultures believe different things for the answer to the question "What is the meaning of life?" I like the answers from the Baltimore Catechism (the oldest catechism book, published in 1885, of the U.S. Church). The questions and answers are very direct, clear, simple, and easy to understand, even for children. Here is an example: Q. Why did God make you? A. God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.

That is the purpose of our life. Our ultimate goal is to be in heaven. When we die, everybody, even the atheist, wants to be in heaven. Nobody wants to be in hell, even though nobody has ever seen what the heaven, or the hell, looks like.

Somebody, when dealing with difficulties in family life, said: "Life is difficult, and then you die." What a depressing statement. What is the meaning of life? The message "Life is difficult, and then you die" does not harmonize with our faith. Our faith says that when we die there is more. We will have

life after death. We believe in more now, and more after death. We believe that Jesus lived among us, died, and rose from the dead. We believe in the resurrection. That is what we celebrate every Sunday when we come to this sacred place.

In today's gospel we hear about the Sadducees who ask Jesus what happens when we die? The question seems authentic at first. However, the Sadducees don't believe in the resurrection. They ask the question, trying to trap Jesus and find ways to discredit him.

Nonetheless, Jesus explains that the afterlife would not be just an eternal replay of this life. Things would be different after we die. Normal human relations, including marriage, will be transformed. Jesus tells the Sadducees who don't believe in angels and spirits that those whom God considers worthy of the resurrection and heavenly life are immortal like the angels; and therefore, they are "children of God," the God who is not God of the dead, but of the living.

We know that life can be difficult at times: breaking up a relationship, losing a job, living in poverty, dealing with sickness, or even losing a loved one... Life can be difficult, but that is not the end. It is more important how we should handle those difficulties in our daily life. How do we live as people who believe in the resurrection? How do we live differently as Christians who grasp the meaning of life after death?

As a community of believers, we may remind ourselves to be a helping hand for one another in those difficult situations. If we know how to ask for help when we need, and if we can reach out to help those in need, then in faith, hope, and love, we can confidently say: life is good, and when we die, life is great. The purpose of our life in this world is to know God, to love God, to do the will of God, and ultimately to be happy with God forever in heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, November 6 to Saturday, November 12

Table with 4 columns: Day, Time, Church, Intention. Rows include Sunday (9:30 a.m. SC, 11:15 a.m. SM), Monday (8 a.m. SC), Tuesday (No Mass), Wednesday (8 a.m. SC), Thursday (8 a.m. SM), Friday (No Mass), Saturday (8 a.m. SM).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Second Collection today Sunday, Nov. 6 to support St. Patrick Seminary
2. Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up. This Wednesday, Nov. 9, will be at Carol Mori-Prange's home: 24 Elm Avenue, Woodacre, CA 94973.
3. No 8 a.m. Mass this Friday, Nov 11: Fr. Phan has a funeral Mass in Jackson/Sutter Creek for his friend Dr. Angelo Scavarda.
4. 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.
5. 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 \$ 539.00 Maintenance \$ 250.00 Total \$ 789.00

St. Mary Offertory \$ 540.00 Preservat'n \$ 50.00 Wedding \$ 100.00 Total \$ 690.00