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November 27, 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.

See #783 in your Music Book for the readings

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A**

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

As we enter Advent season to begin a new liturgical year, the message for us as we hear from the readings today is: "Stay awake, be ready, be prepared, because you don't know the time, or the hour when the Lord come to knock at the door of your lives." Advent reminds us to stay awake and wait in hope for the day when the Lord comes to us again and again.

We, human beings, cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shape that future. Today we begin a season of waiting and hoping. Why do we have to wait? What do we hope for?

The people during the Old Testament time, as told in the first reading today, had to endure the hardship by injustice, hatred, oppression... Therefore, they kept praying and longing for the coming of the Messiah who would come to deliver them from evil power.

But we may ask: is there any better in our world today? We still suffer the corruption and destruction of our society: swords and spears, war and killing, orgies and drunkenness, promiscuity and lust, rivalry and jealousy. All the negative aspects, mentioned in the readings today by Prophet Isaiah, Saint Paul, and our Lord Jesus, are no different from what we see in our world today.

Therefore, Advent is a time for us to cry out, urging the Lord to come, and grant us lasting peace, tranquility, sufficiency of food and shelter, and an end of suffering, pain, and misery.

Indeed, Advent is our dream of a peaceful world which "one nation shall not raise the sword against another." No more war! Advent is the time for us to clearly see our salvation is nearer. Thus, we must "stay awake, and be prepared," for at an hour we do not expect, the Lord will come. Jesus reassures us in the Gospel today that if we do not repent, if we do not prepare our lives, we might be swept away by the flood of our sins. Therefore, my friends, let us be prepared, be vigilant, and do not let ourselves be drifted away by the flood as it happened to the people in the time of Noah.

Outwardly, people seem to be busy preparing for Christmas and New Year to come, but inwardly, they often miss the power of the Advent season, which is a time for reflection and preparing ourselves internally for the joyful arrival of our Lord.

Let us try to find a few minutes each day to slow down, consider the true meaning of our celebration, and open yourself to the coming of Christ. Here are some suggestions for our faith living during this holy season: light an Advent candle and pray with your family, especially pray for peace and justice in the world; make time to attend daily Mass and/or Sunday Mass; participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation... Here is a suggested prayer for you during this Advent season from Magnificat: "Lord Jesus, fill my heart with a longing to welcome you. Give me, I pray, the grace to live each day in your grace, ready to be with you for all eternity."

These are just a few ways to immerse ourselves into this holy season. May Advent be certainly for us a season in which we are reminded of our heart's desire for Christ. May we prepare, and make ready, the home of our heart and soul for Christ to come!

**MARANATHA! COME, LORD JESUS!**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** from Sunday, November 27 to Saturday, December 3

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Bonnie de Rutte (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... David Hamilton (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Susan Pineda (healing)
Tuesday	No Mass	.....
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Gary Frugoli (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Maria Tran Thi Muoi (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SM ... Michael de Rutte (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Fr. Piers Lahey (for health)

**2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:**

St. Cecilia

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

St. Mary

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

**THANK YOU!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up. This Wednesday, Nov. 30, will be at David & Allison's home: 65 Barranca Rd, Lagunitas, CA 94938.
- First Friday Mass & Advent Day of Adoration:** At St. Mary's Church. Friday, December 2. Mass at 8 am. Eucharistic Adoration right after Mass until 4 pm. Fr. Phan will be available for confession. All are welcome.
- St. Cecilia's Christmas party:** Saturday, December 3. Cocktails & appetizers start at 5 pm... Dinner at 6 pm. The Boylans will cook the meal. Any questions contact Ginny @ 415-488-9694 or [georgekerbs@comcast.net](mailto:georgekerbs@comcast.net)
- St. Mary's Christmas Concert:** join your community for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert at St. Mary's on December 11, 2022 commencing at 2:00 pm hear joyous voices in concert including Jenny Matteucci, Mwanza Furaha, Mike Duke, the Nicasio Creek Singers, Daniel Lockert, Antonia Van Becker and Greg Lee. Performance followed by a reception with local wines, cheeses and hors d'oeuvres as well as a silent auction. Tickets \$100 per person. For further information or tickets contact [lgleagles@gmail.com](mailto:lgleagles@gmail.com) or call 415.450.0567

**Last Week Collections**

St. Cecilia

Offertory \$ 353.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> collect'n \$ 221.00  
Maintenance \$ 100.00  
Total \$ 674.00

St. Mary

Offertory \$ 687.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> collect'n \$ 116.00  
Preservat'n \$ 96.00  
Total \$ 899.00