



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

December 4, 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
		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.
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.

See #786 in your Music Book for the readings

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Repent! Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight his paths, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Reform! We need to reform our way of life so we don't lose the chance when God's grace comes to us again. As we hear from today's readings, the call to "repent and reform" is a necessary reminder for us during the Advent to prepare a home in our hearts and souls for the Lord to come and dwell.

Prophet Isaiah urges us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Create in your home, in your community, a world of love and peace where "the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, the cow and the bear shall be neighbors... the lion shall eat hay like the ox."

Saint Paul asks us to "think in harmony with one another... to welcome one another..."

Saint John the Baptist calls us to "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" He speaks forcefully about the need for reform: "Repent... produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance..." because every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

Advent reminds us to turn to the Lord and ask, "Lord, what is it you want me to change in my life?" We might be asked to stop smoking, to cut down on drinking. We might be invited to create a peaceful world in our home, in our community, to welcome and to speak nicely with one another. We might be reminded to be more attentive in loving God and neighbors, to spend more time in daily prayer. We might look at how we have served God through the parish community, and through our giving to the Church for the service of the poor and the needy. There might be many things in our lives which need to be reformed.

We want St. Cecilia's and St. Mary's to be more than just a place to go Mass; we need to go further, to make our parish a real community of faith – a place where people know each other, care about each other, and work together as fellow Catholics on our journey of life and faith.

Here is another example of reform or change. In the old day, when going to church people used to say: "go see Mass," but now we say: "go attend Mass." The Mass – the Eucharistic celebration – is a gathering for us to receive and share the Holy Communion which is the Body and Blood of Christ; the Mass is not only a performance for us to see. "Attending-Mass and not-only-seeing-Mass" means we are invited to be more conscious, active, and full participation in the Liturgy. Coming around the table of the Lord, we are no longer strangers, but we are members of the Church family; we are in one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Coming together in the parish family, we are the insiders not outsiders.

Each time you hear that our parish community has done some good things for the poor, the needy, or each time you see something new in the church building, the parish environment, the flowers, the beautiful decoration, be sure that you are part of it, and proud of yourselves, too, just because you are an active factor of these accomplishments through your generous giving in service.

Advent is a time when we think about reform, to change and to renew. May God grant us courage to reform our lives, to change the things that we can, and to get rid of our old ways and put on the newness of life in Christ Jesus!

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, December 4 to Saturday, December 10

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Ryan Dallara (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM	... Fr. Piers Lahey (repose/40 th anniversary of priesthood)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Elis Family (special intention)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... John Massucco (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Cosmo Silvestri (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Paul Khuu Buu Trach (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... John Vi Nguyen (repose)

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!

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 480.00
Maintenance \$ 200.00
Baptism \$ 500.00
Total \$ 1,180.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 335.00
Preservat'n \$ 100.00
Total \$ 435.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up. This Wednesday, December 7, will be at Corey & Teresa Dallara's home: 95 La Cuesta Ave, Lagunitas, CA 94938.
- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:** Thursday, December 8. It is holy day of obligation. Please plan to attend. Mass at 8 am, St. Mary's Church
- St. Mary's Christmas Concert:** join your community for the 15th 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 or call 415.450.0567
- Valley Toys & Joys:** a non-profit fulfilling holiday wishes for young children in San Geronimo & Nicasio Valleys is seeking donations. Please put your donations in the red envelopes and hang it on the Jesse Tree. Cash or checks made out to Valley Toys and Joys are gratefully accepted. Checks may also be mailed to Grace Tolson, P.O. Box 496, Woodacre, CA, 94973.