



st. cecilia church lagunitas

January 8, 2023

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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See #803 in your Music Book for the readings

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

What is Epiphany? Epiphany is the revelation of God – God reveals himself to us. On this day, God reveals his Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star.

On this day, as also prophesied by Prophet Isaiah: "the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Nations shall no longer walk in darkness, but in the light, to find the Lord and adore Him, our God, our Savior, our Light, and our Hope...

All dreams of the people in the Old Testament have been fulfilled as we hear from the gospel today. There were three magi from the east arriving in Jerusalem to search for the Lord. They were overjoyed at seeing the child Jesus, the newborn King.

The three magi represent different peoples/nations/countries. All peoples/nations come to adore God in Christ Jesus. St. Paul tells us in the second reading: "Now it has been revealed that the gentiles are coheirs of the promise."

Because of a deep desire to see God, the magi left everything behind: their homeland and families, so that they could begin their journey to seek God. They followed the leading star to find the Baby Jesus – the newborn king, the Son of God.

Celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we give thanks to God for having revealed himself to the gentiles like us; for we ourselves were once gentiles, but now we are children of God through Baptism. Baptized as infant, we might have the same complacent attitude as of the religious leaders of the time of King Herod, practicing our faith as in our daily routine fashion.

There is another point in the gospel for us to reflect on. "Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi departed for their country by another way." When we meet Christ, we no longer go back to our same old way of selfishness, uncharity, or sinfulness...

May God, who has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light, pour out in kindness his blessing upon us! May we perceive the Lord with clear sight, so to bring the light of Christ to our brothers and sisters!

Oh, Infant Jesus, when the magi searched for you, your star guided them to Bethlehem to worship you. Teach us, Lord, to sincerely seek you day by day, that we may truly know your presence in our life.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 8 to Saturday, January 14

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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:

- 1. Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: only twice a month on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 5 pm. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board...
2. Memorial Mass for Arthur Garcia: at 1 pm, Thursday, January 12, 2023. St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas.
3. Walk for Life West Coast: in San Francisco, Saturday, January 21, 2023. Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 pm...
4. Fr. Phan will be visiting his family in Vietnam for 3 weeks: from January 30th to February 21st.

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia Offertory \$ 651.00 Maintenance \$ 50.00 Total \$ 701.00

St. Mary Offertory \$ 283.00 Xmas gifts \$ 625.00 Preservat'n \$ 7,406.41 Total \$ 8,314.41