



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

January 15, 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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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 #856 in your Music Book for the readings

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

We have just celebrated a joyful season of Christmas. God has given us a precious gift – his beloved Son, to whom John the Baptist testifies: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (Jn 1:29). John reassures: now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God, a man coming after me but ranking ahead of me because he existed before me.

His name is Jesus – Emmanuel – God with us, but we hardly realize him. Jesus is present with us in the Bread we break and in the Holy Word we share every day; he comes to us in the person of the poor, the homeless, the suffered; but very often, we don’t recognize him.

Just last Monday, we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We learn from this feast that Jesus humbly joined the repentant crowds, coming to John at Jordan River, asking for baptism. This special event also helps us know more about the person of John the Baptist. With God’s grace, John has seen the sign of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus the Christ – whom people have long waited. With great honor, John becomes the forerunner of Jesus. He is the voice inviting people to the Lord and introducing the Lord to the people. By his own life of simplicity, his enthusiastic preaching, and his heroic death, John has witnessed to Jesus Christ – God’s true love and peace – dwelling among us. With the preaching and witnesses of John the Baptist, numerous people have repented and come to believe in Jesus.

Like John, you and I are also called to be the messengers of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the Good News to the world, to tell people about our Lord and Savior who has died on the cross for

our redemption. Witnessing to the crucified Christ means to tell the world about his unbounded love, not only through our words, but also through our life and our practicing of faith.

Before we do witness to Jesus’ love, we need to understand that love – the greatest love is to lay down one’s life for one’s friend as Jesus did for us. Let us love one another as Christ has loved us. If we want to love one another we need to practice that love in our hearts first because we cannot give what we don’t have. Let us live virtuously like Christ has lived.

There are many people we know having not yet known God or still denying God. Like John the Baptist, can we be a beacon of God’s love and truth to bring people back to Jesus? Through our living example and faith practice, can we do the work of John the Baptist to introduce Jesus to those who go astray or to those who live without faith?

As followers of Christ, you and I should become a John the Baptist in the Church and in the world, to be witnesses to Jesus Christ: who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let us be salt for the earth and light of the world. Let our light of faith shine before all people that the world may see how we live, and see what we do, and give glory to God.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 15 to Saturday, January 21

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Ryan Dallara (repose)
	11:15 am	SM ... David Hamilton (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... David Fluke (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... The Andruess Family (special intention)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Barbara Felling (special intention)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Vincent Ayala (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Patty Reagan (repose) & Paul Taquino (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!

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, please sign up to host. Next rosary visit will be on Wednesday, January 18, at the Dallarass’ home: 95 La Cuesta Ave, Lagunitas.

2. **Deaconate Formation Information Evenings:** The Office of Formation for the Permanent Deaconate will hold informational evenings at each county for men between the ages of 30 and 60 who may consider the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons. For Marin County, Wednesday evening, February 8, 2023, from 7 – 8:30 pm, at St. Raphael’s Church, 1104 5th Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901. For more information, contact Deacon Fred Totah (415) 614-5615 or email: totah.fred@sfarch.org

3. **Walk for Life West Coast:** in San Francisco, Saturday, January 21, 2023. Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 pm, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza. More information on the bulletin board or contact Daphne Massucco.

4. **Fr. Phan will be visiting his family in Vietnam for 3 weeks:** from January 30th to February 21st. There will be no weekday Mass during this time, but only Sunday Masses helped by guest priests, Fr. Te Nguyen and Fr. Luello Palacpac.

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 727.00
Maintenance \$ 250.00
Xmas gift \$ 500.00
Total \$ 1,477.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 350.00
Preservat’n \$ 00
Total \$ 350.00