



st. cecilia church lagunitas

January 22, 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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Table with columns for Mass, Reconciliation, Religious Education, Confirmation Prep, Day, and Time. Includes details for St. Cecilia and St. Mary services.

See #859 in your Music Book for the readings
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A
Is 8:23...9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

We hear from today's gospel that: "when Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee..." We may wonder why Jesus withdrew to Galilee. Actually, he did not run away for fearing of the persecution of Herod; but he came to Galilee to begin his ministry from there: preaching God's word, healing the sick, and forgiving of sins.

Jesus started his ministry, but in order to accomplish it to the end, Jesus began to recruit helpers. The gospel tells us how Jesus called the first disciples; and they generously responded to his invitation, to follow and work with him, to spread the Good News throughout the whole world today.

When Jesus invites us: "Come after me..." he challenges us to respond to the essential call to the discipleship. The gospel tells of a great sacrifice by the first disciples: Simon, Andrew, James and John. They were fishermen. Nets and boat were their livelihood, and their security. Yet, at Jesus' call, they immediately left everything behind: nets, boat, and even their family, in order to follow Jesus.

Pope Paul VI, when reflecting on the call of Jesus, said this: Vocation is... a voice with a singular accent, mysterious, but unmistakable, grave and delicate at the same time, calm and powerful. A voice which is at the same time an invitation and an order. A voice simple as a sigh and profound as a drama. Christ's voice, today too, today more than ever, says, "Come follow me!" As Christ's voice spoken to his first disciples, his voice, today too, calls us: Come follow him!

When praying for vocations, we may question: is God's call only for religious professionals, priests, deacons, and nuns? No. Neither did Jesus promise us that if we come follow him, he will make us materially rich, or successful people... God calls us in different ways – different vocations. Jesus calls us not only to become a priest, a deacon, or a nun, but to be a good Christian – a good mother, father, husband, wife, a teacher, a doctor, a worker.

Here in the gospel, Jesus promises us a very simple thing: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." He calls us to walk with him, to be so full of his love that others will see the joy on our faces and want what we have, and to become Jesus' followers. If you and I totally give ourselves to Jesus, he will make us the instruments and witnesses of God's love.

In whatever vocation God might call us, there is one thing in common – to be a good disciple of Christ – following him to proclaim the Gospel of the kingdom and to cure every disease among the people, to love and to serve God and one another through our family, and particularly here and now in our parish community.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 22 to Saturday, January 28

Table of Mass Intentions for Sunday through Saturday, listing times and specific intentions for St. Cecilia (SC) and St. Mary (SM).

Last Week Collections table showing amounts for St. Cecilia and St. Mary, including Offertory, Maintenance, and AAA 2023.

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, February 1st, at the Andruess' home: 12 Country Ln, Novato.
2. Padre Pio Mass and Devotion: Saturday, January 28 at St. Cecilia Church. Mass at 8 am, and prayer/devotion to follow.
3. 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.
4. Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2023: First of all, I sincerely thank you all for your generous supports to help our parish reaching the goal every year. Now, the AAA for 2023 is coming again, you will be receiving the AAA letter in your mail to know more information. However, since I will be away for three weeks from Sunday of January 29, I earnestly ask for your help again, to begin taking the second collections from next Sunday for the AAA 2023. Thank you again for your help!

Here are some pictures of the Rosary and blessing of the Dallaras' home last Wednesday:

