

March 5, 2023



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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
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
		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 #811 in your Music Book for the readings

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

Gn 12:1-4; Psalm 33; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

From today's first reading, God called Abraham to go forth from his home-country to a totally unknown land that God would show him. Abraham was very reluctant at the first moment; but putting his trust in God, he led his people to seek the Promised Land. He obeyed God's command; thus, he became our father of faith. God blessed Abraham abundantly and made his people "a great nation."

We may ask ourselves: like Abraham, do we have the courage to leave behind what is so dear in order to go with Jesus on the journey when he calls us? As the Gospel tells us, before taking Peter, James, and John up to the mountain to show the glory of God, Jesus told them about the cross, the passion and death he was about to endure. At first, the disciples could not understand the situation. However, when experiencing Jesus' transfiguration, their eyes were opened to see the glory of God. They firmly believed in Jesus – their Lord and God, and they came to understand that the cross is the way to the glory.

Just as how Abraham responded to God's call, and how the disciples experienced the transfiguration of Jesus, you and I are called to firmly believe in Jesus, so that he can transform our lives, especially through this Lenten season.

Following Jesus on the journey of faith, we have to go through many challenging tests. St. Paul also tells us this in the second reading today: "Brothers and sisters, bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life." The tests here are the ups and downs in our life which enable us to see how mature our faith is, and how firmly do we put our trust in God's love and his care for us.

The highlight of the transfiguration event is the voice of God coming from the cloud, identifying Jesus as his "beloved Son" and God gives us the mandate to "listen to him." God called Abraham to obey his will. God urged the disciples to listen to his holy Son Jesus. Transfiguration means for us as a transformation of life – a call to conversion. As we celebrate this feast of transfiguration, God invites us to listen to the Son Jesus and to embrace the mystery of the cross, so that we are able to share in Christ's transfigured glory. Let us listen to the Lord Jesus, believe in him, and live his commands, so he can transform our lives, especially through this Lenten season.

Normally, when we say: we want to accept the will of God, and carry the cross, we probably think that God has given us the cross: hardship or difficulty. But we should think about "carrying the cross" with a different attitude: with the joy of being Jesus' disciples; with a positive attitude of being transformed by faith, by the power of the cross of Jesus – seeing the cross as the path to the glory; seeing the cross as the key to open the door to heaven.

Faith helps us to see more deeply. Transfiguration reveals the true divine identity of Jesus, the Son of God. Faith tells us of the true nature of life. Living out our Christian faith enables us to see beyond the ordinary appearance of things, through faith, to the truth. Faith helps us to see through to the deeper reality. As we receive the Eucharist, we move beyond the appearance of bread and wine to a deeper truth that we are nourished with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, so we may become more authentic Christians.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, March 5 to Saturday, March 11

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Arthur Garcia (repose)
	11:15 am	SM ... Alfred Cuthbert (healing)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Cindy Leaf (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Ginny & George Kerbs (healing)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... John Massocca (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Fr. Gene Konkel (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Josie Leaf (special intention)

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 643.00
Maintenance	\$ 200.00
AAA	\$ 620.00
Total	\$ 1,463.00

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 535.00
AAA	\$ 295.00
Preservat'n	\$ 90.00
Total	\$ 920.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We continue taking 2nd collection today for the 2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:** By now, you have received the appeal envelopes in your mails. Please consider to give your share to this annual appeal. Thank you for your generous contributions.
- 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.
- Big Thank You:** ☐ to Cia Donahue and the Team for organizing this annual St. Patrick's Day Party for us! to John & Kathy Beckerley for cooking delicious meals for us! and to All Parishioners and Friends for your helping hands and contributions to this annual fundraising for the parish! May God bless you all for your generous hearts!