



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas

March 12, 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.
		** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month	
	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 <sup>st</sup> Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Saturday	St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
Religious Education Confirmation Prep.	Monday	St. Cecilia	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
		St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

See #814 in your Music Book for the readings

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A**

*Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1...8; Jn 4:5...42*

In today's gospel, thirsting for water is the starting point that brings Jesus to Samaritan people. Coming to a Samaritan woman at a well, asking for water to quench his thirst, Jesus opens the eye of her soul to see things beyond, by revealing the truth that he himself is the fountain of living water that brings us eternal life.

Have you ever experienced hunger or thirst severely? In this consumer society, we have plenty of food. You may not have experienced those times of famine, poverty, or starvation: hunger and thirst to the point of death. We also have all kinds of drinks – not only pure water, but also plenty of beverages: juices, soft drinks, beer, alcohol, and wine; people have to be careful with what they eat and drink, in order to keep proper diet.

Nowadays, people don't hunger and thirst physically, but they hunger and thirst spiritually. In their bodies are full of food and drinks and even unhealthy obsessions, but in their hearts and souls there is no room for God. People have plenty of time for party, for watching TV, for going to ball games, for other kinds of entertainment, but they don't have time to pray or to go to church... They are really hungry and thirsty spiritually.

Through the conversation with the Samaritan woman, Jesus turns our thoughts to the thirst for God and the eternal things. Do not only look for the water which quenches the thirst of our bodies; but come to Jesus, if we want the water which will quench the thirst of our souls. And the Lord will satisfy our desire with good things. The Lord will refresh our life like a watered garden.

There are different things people long for in everyday life. Some of us dream of material world. Others long for spiritual life, full of peace and joy in the Lord. But, in every heart there is always a nameless unsatisfied longing; that is a thirst for something that only God can satisfy. We pray that God

will prove his holiness through all of us. May the Spirit of God pour into our hearts and souls a holy longing for his life and love!

As we continue this holy season, we are once again immersed in the spirit of Lent: to fast sincerely, to pray fervently, and to give alms generously. We pray for ourselves, and especially for catechumens and candidates who are in process of learning the Catholic faith, and will receive baptism at the Easter Vigil to come. Today's message of living water is related to them in a very special way.

The Israelites, after crossing the Red Sea, enter Sinai Desert where they have to suffer greatly from thirst. They need water. They rebelliously search for water in the desert to quench their thirst. But the Lord commands Moses to "strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." Interestingly, water flows abundantly, not from a well or a stream, but from a rock. God gives them water in a spot where they would not expect to find it.

Most of us have already received baptism. But the excitement of being baptized may fade away after a while. Our hearts might be hardened like the rock in desert. The love of God, the source of living water, remains present there, but it cannot flow out. Just as Moses strikes the rock in the desert, perhaps we should let the Lord Jesus strike on our stony hearts, so we may find in our hearts the living water, the love of God, Jesus Christ, the source of our life in there. Let us make room in our hearts for Jesus, especially during this Lenten season. The Lord invites all of us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Ps 95:8).

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, March 12 to Saturday, March 18

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Kevin Kenneally (repose – birthday 3/8)
	11:15 am	SM ... Mary Ellen Kositzin (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Nick Palmieri (repose) Dr. Remegio Reyes Pineda (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Pat White (birthday – 3/14)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Will Fluke (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Joseph Lee Phan (repose/anniversary-2020) Adam S. Watchorn (repose/anniversary-2001)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Fr. Joseph R. Walsh (birthday)

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 680.00
AAA	\$ 412.00
St. Pat Party	\$ 1,410.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,502.00</b>
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 614.00
AAA	\$ 199.00
Preservat'n	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 863.00</b>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** only twice a month on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 5 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up to host. This week's rosary visit is at Daphne & Ken Massucco's home, 51 Castle Rock Ave, Woodacre, CA 94973. Wednesday, March 15.
- Second Collection next Sunday, March 19:** is for Catholic Relief Services.
- Chrism Mass:** you are invited to join the archbishop, the priests, and the faithful of the whole archdiocese for the celebration of the annual Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, at 5 pm. Thursday, March 30 (the Thursday before the Holy Week).
- Lenten Day of Adoration and Reconciliation:** at St. Cecilia's Church, Lagunitas on Friday, March 24. Beginning with daily Mass at 8 am; Eucharistic Adoration to follow until 4 pm; ended with Benediction. Fr. Phan is available for confessions during the day. Save the date to attend.
- Archbishop's dispensation:** St. Patrick is a co-patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. A dispensation has been issued by Archbishop Cordileone for St. Patrick's Day, March 17, moving the Friday abstinence obligation to Wednesday, March 15 or Wednesday, March 22.