

April 2, 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 #823 in your Music Book for the readings

(Please see #823A to participate in the Passion reading)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

We've just heard a story of denial. Not so long ago, Peter exclaimed to Jesus: "Lord, you know my heart. You know that I love you. I will follow you wherever you go." At the Last Supper some moments ago, Peter said to Jesus: "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and die with you." Ironically, all these words of Peter were only the promise, not from the heart, but of the lips. When Jesus his Master was trapped in the midst of agony, suffering, and death, Peter denied him, not only once but three times: "I swear: I do not know him." I do not know who Jesus is.

Peter's story is similar to stories of religious persecution you may have known, which often entail martyrdoms; people die for their faith. I would like to share with you an example from the history of the Church of Vietnam; there were about 130,000 Catholics killed during a three-hundred-year period of persecution. If they denied to be a Christian, they would not have died. When asked to step over the Crucifix, if they did, they would have lived; but they refused to do so, and they were executed. They were people who courageously died for faith. Nonetheless, there were also people who feared death, and they chose to deny their faith. By saying: "I am not a Christian. I don't know who Jesus is" or trampling on the cross, they were not killed. We probably hear about these similar stories very often in our everyday life.

Jesus was not only denied, but also betrayed, by his disciples who were indeed his close friends. Peter was a denier, but Judas Iscariot was a traitor – a betrayer. Peter professed his faith in Jesus, and promised to follow Jesus wherever he went, but then denied three times that he knew Jesus. Worst, Judas betrayed Jesus his Master with a kiss.

Sadly, we often hear about denial and betrayal in our daily life. Believers deny their religion. Husband and wife are unfaithful to each other. Friends betray each other. Brothers and sisters in a family

fight each other. It is hard to believe, but sometimes we even hear that parents kill children, or children kill parents...

During Jesus' triumphal ride into Jerusalem, the crowd shouted cheerfully: "Hosanna to the Son of David." But some moments later, the same crowd shouted rebelliously: "Crucify him!"

Jesus was fully aware of all the betrayal in people's hearts, yet he still came into the world to call us to conversion, and to grant us salvation just because he loves us. And through his own life, he gave an example of a suffering servant for us to follow.

As we enter the Holy Week, on celebrating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, we may ask ourselves about our faith. Are there some similar circumstances in our daily life which cause us directly or indirectly deny our faith: like Peter saying "I don't know Jesus"; or like the fearful followers saying: "I am not a Catholic."

May the Lord forgive us for the times we sinned, the time we were not faithful to his love! May the Lord strengthen us to walk faithfully with him the way of the Cross, to share in his Passion and Death, and so to be ready to welcome the joy of the Resurrection!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, April 2 to Saturday, April 8

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Lela Taylor (repose)
	11:15 am	SM	... Anne Maria Ly (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Anne Twitchell (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Bob & Trudy Hueschler (repose)
Holy Thurs.	7:15 pm	SC	... Mass of the Lord's Supper (for all parishioners)
Good Fri...	3:00 pm	SM	... Good Fri. Liturgy (for all faithful departed)
Holy Sat ...	7:15 pm	SC	... Easter Vigil (pray for all the newly baptized)

2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

St. Cecilia

Goal	\$ 7,295.00
Received	\$ 6,695.00
Need	\$ 500.00

St. Mary

Goal	\$ 6,095.00
Received	\$ 738.00
Need	\$ 5,457.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Wednesday Home Visit and Rosary:** Wednesday, April 5, at 5 pm. at Corey & Teresa Dallara's home: 95 La Cuesta Ave, Lagunitas, CA 94938. Please sign up to host the next prayer gathering at your home.

2. **Easter Flowers Donations:** Please begin to bring in your flower donations during this week. **Decoration Schedule:** for St. Cecilia's at 1 pm. Thursday, April 6; and for St. Mary's at 1 pm. Saturday, April 8.

3. **Holy Week and Easter Schedule:**
Palm Sunday 4/2: Mass: 9:30 am at St. Cecilia, 11:15 am at St. Mary.
Holy Thursday 4/6: no morning Mass, but we begin the Sacred Paschal Triduum with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:15 pm at St. Cecilia... The Eucharistic Adoration will continue right after the Mass until 11 pm when closing the church.

Good Friday 4/7: the Good Friday Liturgy starts at 3 pm at St. Mary Church, including 3 parts: the Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion.

Easter Vigil 4/8: starts at 7:15 pm at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas.

Easter Sunday 4/9: Mass schedule is as usual: 9:30 am at St. Cecilia; 11:15 am at St. Mary.

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia

Offertory	\$ 651.00
AAA	\$ 600.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,251.00</u>

St. Mary

Offertory	\$ 533.00
AAA	\$ 100.00
Presevat'n	\$ 50.00
Total	<u>\$ 683.00</u>