

April 23, 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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nicasio

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 #829 in your Music Book for the readings

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14...33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

The apostles and all the disciples followed Jesus many years, but the death of Jesus on the cross really disappointed them. They had their own idea about the Messiah. The Messiah must have been a hero to fight for them, to protect them; not the one who was hung on the cross. When Jesus died, they no longer hoped for a place in God's kingdom. There was seemingly no hope for them at all. One by one began to give up. They tried to find the way back home to continue their old business.

Emmaus is about seven miles to the west of Jerusalem. The two disciples were walking towards the sunset. Jesus was traveling with them, but they did not recognize him. There's a comment that we Christians are the people who walk by faith – not towards the sunset but towards the sunrise. The Christians go onwards to a dawn which breaks, not to a night which falls. The Christians should not let the sorrow and disappointment keep us from realizing God's love and grace in our lives.

We probably have that same fear or disappointment as the disciples on the road to Emmaus, if we have to deal with difficult, sorrowful, or sad situation in our everyday life, too. Jesus walks with us through every event of our life, but often times we hardly recognize him. Jesus comes to us through the poor, the sick, the needy but we usually ignore him. We attend weekly Mass at the same church, but we don't be bothered to know the people around us, or those usually sitting at the same pew with us. Sometimes, for some reasons, we don't want to befriend with people, or we don't want to know them, or we don't care much about them.

As for the two Emmaus disciples, their hopes and dreams were shattered. But Jesus came and talked with them, and the meaning of life became clear, and the darkness became light. For us, it is only in Jesus we learn that life has meaning, even in suffering and confusing times.

The Emmaus story also tells us of the courtesy of Jesus. He made as if he would have gone on farther. He did not force himself upon them; he awaited their invitation to come in. Only when the disciples asked the stranger to "stay with us," and welcomed him into their home, and shared the bread with him, they recognized Jesus their Risen Lord. It is our freewill that God gave to us; we can use it to invite Jesus to enter our lives, or to ignore him so he just passes on.

Just like the two disciples, when we receive great joy of Jesus' resurrection, we have to share it with other. It was seven miles traveling back to Jerusalem on foot, but they could not keep the good news to themselves. The good news of Jesus' resurrection is never fully ours until we have shared it with others.

Jesus was known to us in the breaking of bread. With the two Emmaus disciples, when an ordinary loaf was being divided, it was when these men recognized Jesus. Jesus is not only the host in his Church; he is the guest in every home. When we share the meal with others; when we share our bread to feed the poor, the needy, the homeless, those are the moments we really invite Jesus into our home.

Jesus said: whatever you do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do it for me. Let us open our hearts to love those who need our love. Let us reach out our hands to welcome and help those who need our help, because by that way, we are able to recognize Jesus accompanying with us on our journey of life and faith.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, April 23 to Saturday, April 29

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Bonnie Foge (birthday 4/26)
	11:15 am	SM	... James & Teresa An (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Joyce Massucco (healing)
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... John Legnitto (repose/anniversary)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Victor Frugoli (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Peter Phung (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC	... Milene Meyer (birthday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Padre Pio Mass:** at St. Cecilia Church, Saturday, April 29, at 8 am.
- Second collection:** next Sunday, April 30, for Catholic Home Missions.
- Wednesday Home Visit and 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 prayer gathering on Wednesday, May 3, will be at Andruess' home: 12 Country Ln, Novato.
- First Communion:** There will be the First Communion for children at 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at St. Mary's Church, Nicasio. Please keep these children in our prayers.
- Holy Hours for Vocations:** Holy Hours from 3:00 – 4:00 pm on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 30 at different location throughout the Archdiocese. For Marin County location is in the Chapel at Marin Catholic High School: 675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Kentfield. Sunday, April 30 is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please join us in prayer

2023 Annual Appeal

St. Cecilia
Goal \$ 7,295.00
Received \$ 7,295.00
We've reached the goal!
THANK YOU!

St. Mary
Goal \$ 6,095.00
Received \$ 1,307.00
Need \$ 4,788.00

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 538.00
Maintenance \$ 400.00
Total \$ 938.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 439.00
Preservat'n \$
AAA \$ 40.00
Total \$ 479.00