

April 30, 2023



st. cecilia church
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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) ✦



st. mary church
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 #832 in your Music Book for the readings

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – A

Acts 2:14...41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want” (Psalm 23).

Perhaps for most of us as Catholics, whenever being mentioned about a shepherd, we might relate right away to Jesus the Good Shepherd, or the pope, a bishop, or a priest. However, we may relate the image of a shepherd to those of us who take the role of leadership to serve in different ministries in our parish community. We may also see the image of the good shepherd in our parents who dedicate themselves to care for their family with love.

In today’s gospel, we hear Jesus talking about relationship between a shepherd and his sheep: “the sheep hear the shepherd’s voice as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them...” Jesus used very simple examples that his hearers would understand, since shepherd and sheep were familiar images to his contemporaries, and still are to the people nowadays.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, we hear Jesus reassure that relationship between the shepherd and the flock. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He said: “My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.” We know that there are many different voices calling us in everyday life: the voice of love, or the voice of hatred; the voice of God, or the voice of evil; the voice of good and caring shepherds, or the voice of careless and scandalous leaders. What voice do you listen to? Are you familiar with the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd?

God’s voice speaks to us in our consciences. God calls each and every one of us to live a different commitment in life: as an ordained minister or a married person. We know that all vocations flow from baptism. As baptized Catholics and all Christians, our central vocation is a call to holiness and to give our lives in service as followers of Jesus Christ.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us especially pray to the Lord our Good Shepherd to send more shepherds to feed the sheep, to tend the flock. We need good priests who love the Church; who care for the flock. We don’t need priests who enter the sheepfold like thieves, to cause scandals, to confuse the followers, and so to scatter the flock.

We also pray for ourselves to be faithful believers, to be good sheep, to be attentive followers. We pray that we would listen to the voice of Jesus our Lord and Good Shepherd. We pray that we don’t be manipulated by distracting voice of evil to attack the Church, to move away from God’s love, or to defame our own religion,

As I thank God for the gift of my priestly vocation, I give thanks to God for the gift of your vocations, too. You have answered God’s call to live your vocations as married couples, parents, teachers... and to serve the Church in different ministries. Thank you for the many ways you share in service of God and the Church through our parish community.

Today, we the Church focus especially on the prayers for Vocations. We the people of God are urged to support, encourage, and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd. May we always listen to his voice and follow him because Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He came so that we might have life and have it more abundantly, if we just believe in him and follow him as the sheep follow the Good Shepherd.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, April 30 to Saturday, May 6

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Michael Massucco (special intention)
	11:15 am	SM ... John Althuisen (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Guido Mori Prange (repose/anniversary)
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Tina Lwiefelhofer (birthday)
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... David Massucco (healing)

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 \$ 1,947.00
Need \$ 4,148.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Second collection:** today 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. This Wednesday, May 3, the rosary gathering will be at Andruess' home: 12 Country Ln, Novato.
- Fr. Phan will be away for two study days at SF Cathedral for all priests of the archdiocese – **Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5**. There will be no Mass on those two days.
- 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:** today is Good Shepherd Sunday, also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please come for the Holy Hour from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in the Chapel at Marin Catholic High School: 675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Kentfield, to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia

Offertory \$ 683.00
Maintenance \$ 50.00
Total \$ 733.00

St. Mary

Offertory \$ 488.00
Preservat'n \$ 50.00
AAA \$ 640.00
Total \$ 1,178.00