

**May 7, 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

<b>MASS</b>	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 <sup>st</sup> 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.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
<b>Religious Education Confirmation Prep.</b>	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

See #835 in your Music Book for the readings

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – A**

*Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12*

*Apocalypse Believers Wait for the Doomsday.* You may remember this terrifying headline news announced on radio, TV, internet, newspaper... many years ago. This doomsday was prophesied by Harold Camping that the destruction would happen at 6 pm, on May 21, 2011, in the various time zones that there would be earthquakes, plagues, and other calamities, and the earth would be finally consumed by a fireball on October 21 of that year. The apocalypse believers had been warned, and waiting for the end of the world, some giving away earthly belongings. Fortunately, the doomsday prophesied by Harold Camping did not happen.

Did you have any fear at all about this news?

The scenario in today's gospel is about before the Last Supper. Jesus knew that the Apostles would soon have to face difficulty, persecution, suffering, and even death. So, he encouraged them: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." The words of St. Peter in the second reading today also tell us about this encouragement: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Even Jesus, the Son of God, was rejected by the world. If the world rejected Jesus the master, then the world also rejected the disciples, since the disciples were no greater than the master.

Jesus' words in the gospel gave very much comfort to the Apostles in times of difficulty and suffering. They should not be troubled or afraid: because there would be a better life ahead for them and Jesus was going away to prepare a place for them so they could be with him forever. Jesus told the disciples that there were many "dwelling places" in his Father's house. He encouraged the disciples, and all of us today too, if we believe in him, and remain in him, he will lead us out of darkness and bring us into his wonderful light.

Very often, people may think about "dwelling places" in a materialistic way: something like big mansions or multi-million-dollar homes in heaven. Actually, the Father's house, where Jesus is going and where there are many dwelling places, should be understood as the experience of communion with God and with Jesus, and being able to share in God's glory. This will be a source of joy that is greater than anything we can know in this world.

St. Paul tells us: "What no one ever saw or heard, what no one ever thought could happen, is the very thing God prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor. 2:9). What is ahead for us is beyond our understanding. What heaven would be like? Heaven is like a hidden treasure, a place without sadness or suffering or death. These images of heaven can be very comforting to think about and can motivate us to live a holy life, because if we don't live a good and virtuous life, if we don't go the right way, we will not end up in the right place, which is the "dwelling places" Jesus is talking about.

We should have no fear about the end of the world, or the doomsday, if we believe in Jesus: "the way, the truth, and the life." Our culture today tells us it doesn't matter what way we follow; we will all end up in the same place. But that is not what Jesus tells us. He reassures us that: "No one comes to the Father except through me." So, if we walk the right way, we will end up in the right place – where is the heaven, the eternal happiness with God. Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, we will see the glory of God.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, May 7 to Saturday, May 13

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Christen & Brian McPherson (anniversary)
	11:15 am	SM	... Cuc Thu Le (50 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... Victor Frugoli (repose)
			... George Kerbs (surgery tomorrow)
Tuesday	No Mass		.....
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... Nadine Booth (healing)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Fr. Lu Palacpac (healing)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Adam S. Watchorn (repose/90 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Fr. Kyle Faller (special intention)
			... Fr. John Kselman (ordination/56 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)

2023 Annual Appeal

St. Cecilia  
Goal \$ 7,295.00  
Received \$ 7,595.00  
*We've reached the goal!*  
**THANK YOU!**

St. Mary  
Goal \$ 6,095.00  
Received \$ 2,247.00  
Need \$ 3,848.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Second collection next Sunday, May 14:** for Catholic Charities.
- Wednesday Home Visit and 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. Next rosary gathering on Wednesday, May 17, will be at Allison & David Puglisi's home: 65 Barranca Rd, Lagunitas, CA 94938.
- 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.

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia  
Offertory \$ 380.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> collect'n \$ 254.00  
Maintenance \$ 150.00  
AAA \$ 300.00  
Total \$ 1,084.00

St. Mary  
Offertory \$ 389.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> collect'n \$ 82.00  
Preservat'n \$ 50.00  
AAA \$ 300.00  
Total \$ 821.00