

**May 14, 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 (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
		St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Mary (except last Sat.)	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)
<b>Religious Education Confirmation Prep.</b>	Monday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	

See #838 in your Music Book for the readings

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – A**

*Acts 8:5...17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21*

In today's gospel, Jesus is talking with his Apostles at the Last Supper. He tells them that, although he is leaving them for a time, he would not abandon them.

First of all, he would give them another Advocate, the Holy Spirit – who is the Comforter, the Intercessor, and also the Helper for them.

As you may see, one of the themes in today's readings is love. It is out of love that Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit. From the beginning he has loved us and he asks only for our love in return.

Here is what Jesus asks of us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Just in a short gospel today, Jesus says this twice: if you love me, keep my commandments.

I guess most of us here feel comfortable when we talk about Jesus' commandments which are things for us to do and things for us not to do. Basically, from the Ten Commandments, there are three things we should do – 1. Worship only one God and love him above all things; 2. Keep holy the Sabbath – or keep holy the Sunday; 3. Honor your parents. And seven things we should not do – 1. You shall not take God's name in vain; 2. You shall not kill; 3. You shall not steal; 4. You shall not falsely accuse others; 5. You shall not commit adultery; 6. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; 7. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Relating to the theme of love today, we could agree that from the Ten Commandments, there are three things we must love and seven things we must not love. Indeed, the Ten Commandments are summed up in only one thing: LOVE. Love God and love neighbors. Love the Lord your God above all things and love your neighbors as yourself.

Love God and love neighbors – not only by empty words on our lips, but by our concrete actions. Here is an example about loving God: a friend of mine does not go to church but he says that he loves

God; he believes in God... May this be true to him! Here is another example about loving neighbor: a message from St. James' teaching: what good is that if you see somebody is in dire need and saying to him: God bless you! Good bye and good luck! Keep warm and well fed... and let him go without giving anything... What good is that?

For Jesus, love is not only warm feelings toward him, but he asks of us to do his will, just as he has always done the will of God the Father. In other words, love is measured more by what we do than by what we feel. Having warm, loving feelings toward God or toward others is wonderful. But love has to go beyond just feelings. What would somebody ask of you about conditions of love, and vice versa? What would you do in order to show that you love somebody?

Especially, to the youth, what do you think your parents would expect you to do, in order to show that you love them? Parents might say this to their children: "if you love us, do what we wish you to do: show us your obedience, study hard, don't come home late, listen to us, etc..."

My brothers and sisters in Christ, as we come to share the gift at this Eucharistic table, may God's Spirit lead us into the truth, helping us to recognize the wisdom in his commandments, and so to know his loving presence among us. May the Lord grant us spiritual strength and zeal to love and to serve as he has spoken to us: "if you love me, keep my commandments." May we love God and love neighbors – not only by empty words on our lips, but by our concrete actions.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, May 14 to Saturday, May 20

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	... Fr. Santos Rodrigues (ordination anniversary)
	11:15 am	SM	... for all mothers of our parish
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	... pray for holy souls ... Hien Thu Pham (birthday)
Tuesday	No Mass		.....
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	... for all clergy (special intention)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	... Alfred C. Cuthbert (91 <sup>st</sup> birthday)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC	... Matt Foge (birthday)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	... Leah Martino/Family (special intention/healing) ... Deacon Gene Smith (birthday)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Second collection today 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.
- A special Adoration on the Ascension of the Lord:** Thursday 5/18. Mass at St. Mary Church at 8 am and Adoration until 12 noon.
- 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.

**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

**Last Week Collections**

St. Cecilia  
Offertory \$ 665.00  
Maintenance \$ 150.00  
Total \$ 815.00

St. Mary  
Offertory \$ 490.00  
Preservat'n \$ 85.00  
AAA \$ 40.00  
Total \$ 615.00