

June 4, 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
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
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 #847 in your Music Book for the readings

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ex 34:4...9; (Ps) Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Who is God? What does God look like? Can we clearly describe God? Because God is mysterious and invisible, we are unable to describe God clearly. Our first reading shows us that Moses experiences God in a cloud; the cloud is a symbol of mystery, for in the cloud we cannot see clearly. We cannot see God face to face, but we can see God through the Son Jesus Christ who tells us: "if you see the Son, you see the Father." And we can experience God through the Holy Spirit – the spirit of goodness in us that guides us to do good and to avoid evil. Here is another big question for us today. What does it mean to say that God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? Perhaps, we often ask those difficult questions. Celebrating Trinity Sunday helps us to reflect on this mystery of God – the Holy Trinity.

I don't know who among us, or even the theologians of the Church, dare to say that we clearly understand the doctrine of the Trinity: One God in Three Persons. But this truth is the essential of our belief. We can find many places in the Holy Bible where Jesus assures us about the Holy Trinity. Saint Paul gives us a typical greeting in the name of the Holy Trinity: "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you!" (2 Cor. 13:13). In the "Glory Be" to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, we say: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Just the same way of saying: Jesus Christ is the same: yesterday, today, and forever.

We are very special in God's sight as we receive the gift of God's love. God the Father created us. God the Son redeemed us. God the Spirit sanctified us. The Father – the Creator of heaven and earth – exists from eternity to eternity. Then in the due time, God sent his eternal Son – born into the world – to tell the world that God is love. When Jesus left this world to go to heaven, God continued to send the Holy Spirit – the Advocate, the Helper – to be with us and to guide us.

The love of the Triune God is experienced in our daily life. Our gospel reading reflects this experience: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in

him might not perish but might have eternal life." May God grant us the grace to embrace this mystery of our faith without questioning! But if you don't understand the doctrine of the Trinity, please have no worry. Even Saint Augustine, a Father of the Church and a great theologian and philosopher, could not fully understand the doctrine either.

One day, Augustine was walking along the shore of Mediterranean Sea thinking about the mystery of the Trinity; he saw a little boy, running back and forth on the beach, using a little seashell to get water from the sea and pour into the hole he dug on the sand beach. Augustine asked: "What are you doing, dear?" The boy replied: "I'm trying to empty the sea into this hole." Augustine laughed: "How do you think that with that tiny seashell you can possibly empty this immense ocean into this sand hole?" To which the boy replied: "And how do you, with your small head, think you can comprehend the immensity of God?" Then the boy disappeared.

The story contains an important truth. God is a mystery: not in the sense that we can understand nothing about God; but that what we can understand is always less than what we cannot. God is always in mystery. One thing we can understand is how people have experienced God.

The boy's words to St. Augustine mean to tell us that God is too immense to get into our small heads. But our experience of God is within the reach of all, even of children. God is the Spirit of love. The love exchanged between the Father and the Son, the love poured into our hearts, not just to give us a warm feeling inside, but to share with others, as St. Paul teaches us through the second reading today to love one another as God has loved us: "Encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, June 4 to Saturday, June 10

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Fr. Anthony McGuire (57 years of priesthood)
	11:15 am	SM ... Alexander Patrick Kozubik (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Alfred Cuthbert (health)
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Rose de Rutte (birthday)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Kathy Drady (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Fr. Phan (Ordination anniversary – June 9)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... John Kenneally (repose)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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 rosary gathering on Wednesday, June 7, will be at Ginny & George's home: 8 Castle Rock Ave, Woodacre, CA.
- Celebration of Fr. Phan's 16th Ordination Anniversary:** We're planning a special gathering and potluck lunch on Sunday, June 11, 2023... at 1:00 pm... at St. Cecilia Parish Hall. Come join us.
- Mark your calendar:** on July 30, 2023, St. Mary's will be holding a fundraiser at the Lafranchi Deer Camp in Nicasio. Join our parish communities for a Western Style Chicken BBQ with fine wines and unique brews. The cost is \$60.00 and limited to the first 60 persons who sign in. Expect to have some fun! Contact Margaret Farley lgleagles@gmail.com for more information.

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 \$ 548.00
Maintenance \$00
Total \$ 548.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 573.00
AAA \$ 50.00
Preservat'n \$ 70.00
Total \$ 693.00