

June 11, 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 #850 in your Music Book for the readings

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI**

Dt 8:2...16; Ps 147; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist, or the Most Holy Body and Precious Blood of Jesus, which we receive at Mass, is the Lord's greatest gift to us – a sign of God's enduring love for us all.

At the entrance of some parish churches, I see a sign, saying: "Please pray for vocation to the priesthood, because without priest there is no Mass." No matter if you agree with this statement or not, this is a reality in the Catholic Church from the beginning: no priest, no Mass.

As we believe, through the Sacrament of the Holy Orders, priests are ordained to continue the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ – to consecrate bread and wine, in order to convert them into the Body and Blood of Christ, to nourish the body and soul of God's people.

If we are asked: why do you go to church on Sunday, even every day? Some answers could be: going to church makes me feel good; it makes me feel holy; it is nice thing to do. Others might say: I go to Mass because I want to be in the church to pray; I want to be with friends in the community; I want to come to thank God for all the gifts I have received in my life; and with a grateful heart I want to share my gifts with others. There are many others reasons why we attend Mass. Nevertheless, we should know the most important reason of attending Mass is to receive the Body and Blood of Christ – which is called the Eucharist. Eucharist is the source and summit, the heart and centrality, of our Christian life.

All the readings today tell us about food and drink both for our bodily needs and for our spiritual benefits. The first reading today assures us that God never lets us go hungry. The mysterious food called manna reminds me of my unforgettable journey from Vietnam to Hong Kong by boat with a group of

twenty-seven people. We were in danger of death when the engine was broken; we lost direction and just let the boat floating on the ocean. We ran out of food and water; enduring hunger and thirst. We cried and prayed... hopeless... waiting for whatever bad thing could come to us at any moment... Suddenly we saw a lot of small sardines floating on the water. We had no idea where those dead fish came from... But we got almost two large baskets of sardine which could feed us for two full meals... And then rain storm came. We were afraid of bad weather, but at the moment, rain water helped quenching our thirst...

As for the Israelites, being fed with the manna during their desert wandering made them realize that they were dependent on the Lord's bounty. As for us, our need to receive the Lord's Body and Blood reminds us of our dependence on God. We live not from our own resources, but from God's gift. Like God's people under Moses' time, we must receive this heavenly food regularly. The Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the Holy Eucharist frequently.

The second reading tells us that our receiving of the Eucharist is not a private affair; not only between me-and-God but also me-with-people. "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."

Material food is to help us build and maintain our bodily strength. Spiritual food, the Eucharist, can transform our life. Earthly food nourishes us physically. Heavenly food, which is the Holy Communion, nourishes and enriches our spiritual life. The Holy Communion preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace in us.

Through the Eucharist, Christ unites all the faithful in one body – the Church, as he said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live in me forever." When we receive the Eucharist, we are united with Christ and with one another too. That is why, before coming to receive the Holy Communion, we share with one another the sign of peace – the sign of unity and love.

Let us come to receive the Body and Blood of Christ regularly, so that we may become what we have received: we become Christ for our brothers and sisters in faith, hope and love.

MASS INTENTIONS: for Sunday, June 11 only

Sunday 9:30 a.m. SC ... Collin Dallara (for his birthday on June 15)
11:15 am SM ... Fr. Toan Xuan Nguyen (repose)

NO WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK – FR. PHAN IS OUT OF TOWN

MARK YOU CALENDAR:

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.

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 452.00
Maintenance \$ 500.00
Total \$ 952.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 582.00
AAA \$ 30.00
Preservat'n \$ 50.00
Total \$ 662.00

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