

**June 18, 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

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 <sup>st</sup> Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8 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 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
		St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
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See #883 in your Music Book for the readings

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 2023**

*Ex 19:2-6; Ps 100; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36...10:8*

Jesus has been passing through towns and villages, preaching in the synagogues, healing the sick, and encouraging the dishearten. But his work never seems to end. People keep looking for him, and he can see the disappointment on their faces; he can read the distress in their eyes. They look “like sheep without a shepherd” and Jesus has pity on them.

That’s what happened to people more than two thousand years ago; people lived in suffering and distress. Are things different today? Only reading a newspaper, or listening to the radio, or watching the news on TV, we can see that things are not different today. People everywhere are upset and driven to despair by the difficulties and the seeming absurdity of life. Thinking about life and people around us, we might get the same impression that Jesus got when he looked at the crowds around him. Even Christians no longer seem to know what master to follow, what person to trust. People are losing their direction, “like sheep without a shepherd.”

Jesus cares for us. Jesus has pity on us all. That’s why he makes this remark: “The harvest is good but laborers are scarce.” Jesus uses the term “harvest” to remind us of the kingdom of God. The harvest is the time for reaping and storing the grains; but it is also a reminder for us about the end of time when the Lord will welcome the good and judge the bad.

Jesus wants us to be well prepared for the harvest. He challenges us to see the signs of absurd failures and sufferings in our life, which must be ended at all costs.

Jesus expects us to “beg the harvest master to send out laborers,” especially at critical moments, when human beings seem to be like lost sheep, deprived of guidance and unable to find spiritual nourishment.

We might ask ourselves about our reaction when we look at the distress of other people and when we hear their call for help. By means of prayer it is to be our meeting point with the heartfelt cry of the unfortunate. Prayer is the means of expressing our faith in the activity of the Lord and our desire to see his work carried out. Therefore, Jesus reaffirms that praying to the Father is the best way. It is the one urgent demand imposed on us all.

In the face of human suffering, we must beg the Father to send laborers to gather the harvest. That is what we are commanded to do today. We must pray and then Jesus acts. Jesus always said that your faith has saved you. Jesus makes a miracle happen only when he hears our prayers with faith.

As he summoned the twelve apostles, now he is waiting for us. The twelve men have been specifically chosen by Jesus for a particular mission. He called them, chose them, and sent them out on the mission. To a number of men and women, Jesus entrusted a specific mission and the power they would need to carry it out. And to all of us, a multitude of lowly faithful, Jesus gives the simple faith that inspires us to fervent prayer.

In today’s Gospel Jesus gives us a message of hope. In the midst of suffering and distress, Jesus is our hope: he cares for us. Let us make the command of Jesus more concrete in our life. Let us pray especially for the increase of the vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. We beg the Lord to strengthen our faith and hope so that we may be able to hasten the coming of the shepherds who are so sorely needed by the downcast multitude. May more people answer Jesus’ call to become priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters.

Fr. Phan’s message to all the fathers, especially those in our community:

**Wishing you a very happy and blessed Father’s Day!  
Thank you for all you do for your children and families,  
especially thank you for your generous services to the parish!  
May God continue to bless you in many ways!**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sunday 9:30 a.m. SC ... Joseph Dallara (belated birthday on June 17)  
11:15 am SM ... Ray Perkins (repose)  
Saturday 10 am SC ... William Pineda (healing)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Save the date:** 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](mailto:lgleagles@gmail.com) for more information.
- Home visit & Rosary:** this Wednesday at Carol Mori-Prange’s home.
- No weekday Mass this week:** Fr. Phan’s away for Priests Annual Retreat at Vallombrosa, Menlo Park until Friday, June 23.
- Padre Pio Mass and Devotion:** Saturday, June 24, at St. Cecilia Church, at 10 am. **\*\*\* Padre Pio Mass time has been changed.**

**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 \$ 2,357.00  
Need \$ 3,738.00

**Last Week Collections**

St. Cecilia  
Offertory \$ 637.00  
Maintenance \$ 400.00  
Total \$ 1,037.00

St. Mary  
Offertory \$ 286.00  
AAA \$ 30.00  
Preservat’n \$ 90.00  
Total \$ 406.00