

July 2, 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. |
| | 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 |
| | | St. Cecilia (other Fri.) | 8 a.m. |
| | Saturday | St. Cecilia (last Sat.) | 10 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion |
| Reconciliation | | St. Mary (other Sat.) | 8 a.m. |
| | Saturday | St. Cecilia | 4 to 4:30 p.m. |
| Confirmation Prep. | | St. Mary (except last Sat.) | 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. |
| | Wednesday | St. Cecilia | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. |

See #889 in your Music Book for the readings

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

2 Kgs 4:8...16; Ps 89; Rom 6:3...11; Mt 10:37-42

We have been Catholics for whole life. Every average Catholic would know some popular teachings and commands of Jesus. Here are some examples about the commandment of love that Jesus requires us to practice: you shall love the Lord your God above all things, and you shall love your neighbors as yourself. Love one another as I have love you. Love is not only by empty words, but also by concrete works of charity, as expressed in the Golden Rule: “do to others what you would have them do to you” (Mt 7:12).

We hear again in today’s readings some significant stories of hospitality. The readings, especially the gospel, reassure us of some basic conditions of discipleship. Being Christians means we are disciples of Christ. We are followers of Christ – we are encouraged to take up our daily cross to follow. If we faithfully keep Jesus’ teachings, we will eventually receive our final reward as he promises us.

Discipleship:

From previous chapter in Matthew gospel, one day, Jesus invited a man to follow him and become his disciple, but the man refused. He said he would follow Jesus later, but first he wanted to bury his father, Jesus responded: “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead” (Mt 8:22). To be disciple of Jesus means to love God above all things; even parents, wife, husband, children are secondary; nothing can be compared with God. Jesus said: “whoever loves father, mother, son, daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”

Before building, sit down and figure out if you have enough resources to finish the building... Before going to war, carefully consider if you have enough troops to beat the enemies... To follow Jesus means to “take up the cross” and follow. Accept the cross of our daily life – whatever the hardship – and faithfully follow Jesus. He said: “whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake

will find it.” By saying “whoever finds his life... or loses his life,” Jesus challenges us to love God above all things; love God even above one’s own life. God creates our life. Life is God to give; life is God to take away...

Reward:

Jesus said: whoever receives you receives me... and receives God, the one who sent me... Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward... What a beautiful story in the first reading from the Book of Kings! The woman at Shunem offers hospitality to Elisha the prophet, and she was blessed. Elisha represents a man of God – a prophet – bringing God’s reward to the faithful people...

Jesus says very clearly: “whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward – he will receive the reward... This is the same message we have from Mt. 25: “whatsoever you do to the least of these my people, you do it unto me.”

It is really challenging to us as Catholics, as disciples of Jesus; we try to do the best; we try to be faithful; we try to go to church every day or every week; we try to give to the collection; we try to participate in the parish activities, to do the work of charity... Yet, Jesus always reminds us and challenges us to be more devout, to be more active, and to be more loving... so we will not lose the final reward.

WISHING YOU ALL A BLESSED AND WONDERFUL FOURTH OF JULY!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, July 2 to Saturday, July 8

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| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | SC | ... Mary Nelson (birthday) |
| | 11:15 am | SM | ... Spike & Kathy Drady (repose) |
| Monday | 8 am | SC | ... Charlie Litchfield & Family (special intention) |
| Tuesday | | No Mass | |
| Wednesday | 8 am | SC | ... Julia Mori-Prange (birthday) |
| Thursday | 8 am | SM | ... Elissa Kuhr (for healing) |
| Friday | 8 am | SM | ... Alfred Cuthbert (for health) |
| Saturday | 8 am | SM | ... Allison Woods (for health) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Second collection:** today, Sunday, July 2, to support Peter’s Pence (the Holy Father).
- 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 for more information.
- First Friday, July 7, at St. Mary’s Church:** Mass at 8 am, and Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon.
- Wednesday Home Visit and Rosary:** twice a month on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up to host. Next rosary gathering is on Wednesday, July 5 at the Dallaras’ home: 95 La Cuesta Ave, Lagunitas.

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 \$ 3,617.00
Need \$ 2,478.00

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 668.00
Maintenance \$ 100.00
Total \$ 768.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 255.00
AAA \$ 80.00
Preservat’n \$ 150.00
Total \$ 485.00