



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

November 19, 2023

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 #949 in your Music Book for the readings

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Prv 31:10...31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Once again, the scripture readings today remind us of the end time or the Last Judgment to help us look back on how we have lived our lives as the people who believe in God. Through the gospel parable today, Jesus is warning us about what happen at the Last Judgment.

Who is the man going on the journey? It is Jesus himself. After his death and resurrection, Jesus left this world to go to the Father in heaven. Jesus entrusted his unfinished mission to the Apostles, and from them to all of us – the Church. Jesus said: “Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.” Jesus has entrusted us with various gifts. He also expected us to enrich those gifts. One day, he will come back and settle accounts with us to see how responsible we have used the gifts God has given to us.

The master rewards the first two servants for doing good job of doubling the talents entrusted to them; but he harshly punishes the third servant for not doing what the master expected. People probably think that God normally punishes those who do bad things. Nevertheless, we may see from this gospel story that God also punishes those who don't do things which they ought to do.

We probably know what it is when talking about mortal sin and venial sin? Furthermore, during the seminary formation, I learned these other two new concepts: sin of commission and sin of omission. Sin of commission is a sin that we commit by doing something we should not do. Something we know it is wrong, but still do it with intention. Sin of omission is a sin we commit by not doing something we should do. A person may be guilty of a sin of omission if he/she fails to do something which he/she is able to do and ought to do. Failing to pray regularly, failing to provide for family or raise children, failing to give or help the poor... These sins of omission may be listed as sins of ignorance or indifference...

In the penitential prayer we say: “I confess to almighty God... that I have sinned through my own faults, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do...” Fail to do what we ought to do is also a sin. You may call it a venial sin if you will. For example, if we live our lives luxuriously but we ignore our fellow people who are starving, or if we don't help those in dire need, then how can we answer to Jesus on the Day of Judgment?

Like those at the king's left hand in the parable of the sheep and goats, the third servant is rejected not for any wrong thing he did, but for what he failed to do, or for what he did not do. Jesus says: “when I was hungry you did not give me food, when I was thirsty you did not give me drink...” And he concludes: “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did not do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did not do it for me.”

The gospel story today is like what happens to us in our daily business. By the end of the year, people are busy with filing income tax. How much is my income this year? How much do I have to pay tax? How much do I get back from my income-tax return? If we know how to make our business work well, then it is far more important for us to keep our life function well before God and neighbors.

If today we are summoned by Jesus to be asked about how we have used the gifts he has entrusted to us, how do we answer him? Have we, like the first two faithful servants in the story, multiplied the gifts of time, treasure, and talent by sharing with others in order to build up and enrich God's Kingdom on earth, especially in our parish community? Or have we, just like the selfish and lazy servant, kept the gifts for ourselves and so produced no interest at all?

From our readings today, we may come up with this summary. Those who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another, especially the poor and the needy, are blessed indeed. They shall be known as children of the light, and will be ready for the Lord's return.

We should be like the two faithful servants who know how to multiply the gifts, in order to receive God's rewards of eternal happiness, as Jesus said: “Well done, good and faithful servant. Come share your master's joy!”

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, November 19 to Saturday, November 25

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ... Benedetto & Lina Massucco (repose)
	11:15 am	SM ... Martha McNeil & Kathy Drady (repose)
Monday	8 am	SC ... Tony Dallara (healing)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ... Hilde & Ed Buel (repose)
Thursday	8 am	SM... Happy Thanksgiving → Pray for All Souls
Friday	8 am	SC ... Elizabeth & Hiary de Rutte (repose)
Saturday	10 am	SC ... Guido Mori-Prange (repose)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2nd Collection:** Sunday 11/19 for Campaign for Human Development.
- Padre Pio Mass & Devotion:** on last Saturday, Nov. 25 at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas. Mass at 10 am, and refreshment to follow.
- Save the Date:** This year, St. Cecilia & St. Mary Parish Family Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 9 in the St. Cecilia Parish Hall. No-host cocktails start at 5:00 pm, dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Dinner is potluck (we're providing ham). Bring your favorite side dish, salad, or desert. Sign-up sheets are at both churches. Drink tickets will be sold at the door. Donations gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact Robyn Torres: wakerobyn425@gmail.com. Thank you!
- The Community Gathering of Gratitude:** This year the event is hosted by Gan Halev, the local Jewish congregation, and taking place today, Sunday 11/19 at the SGV Community Center, at 4 pm. The theme this year is Gratitude for Community. We are joining with our neighbors in remembering the joys and sorrows of the past year and expressing our gratitude for the support of our loving community.

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 \$ 5,652.00
Need \$ 443.00

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 649.00
Maintenance \$ 100.00
Total \$ 749.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 365.00
Preservat'n \$ 50.00
AAA \$ 30.00
Total \$ 445.00