



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

November 26, 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 |
| Reconciliation | | St. Cecilia (other Fri.) | 8 a.m. |
| | Saturday | St. Cecilia (last Sat.) | 10 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion |
| | | St. Mary (other Sat.) | 8 a.m. |
| | Saturday | St. Cecilia | 4 to 4:30 p.m. |
| | | St. Mary (except last Sat.) | 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. |
| | Confirmation Prep. | Wednesday | St. Cecilia |

See #952 in your Music Book for the readings

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Ez 34:11...17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20...28; Mt 25:31-46

How long have you been a Catholic? The answer may be one or two years; five or ten years; twenty, thirty, forty years, or the whole life. It doesn't matter how many years you and I have been a Catholic/Christian; quantity is not important as quality. Jesus, on the Day of Final Judgment, when he will be enthroned to be the King of heaven and earth and to be the Judge of all people, will evaluate us on how we have lived our Christian life. He will ask us: have you loved God? Have you loved your neighbors? Have you obeyed the will of God the Father? (Mt 7:21). Have you forgiven others? (Mt 6:14). Have you shown people mercy and love? (Mt 5:7). Have you helped the poor? Have you recognized Jesus' face in your suffering brothers and sisters?

Today is the last Sunday in Year A of the liturgical calendar. The Church wants to sum up the whole year's message by presenting us with the solemnity of Christ the King. We probably wonder what sort of king Christ Jesus is. He is the King of the whole universe. He is the King of life everlasting. He is not a king with worldly ambitions, golden throne and power as people may think about other kings of this world; but he is the King of love, with the Cross to be his throne.

In the first reading, Jesus is presented as a king shepherding his flock and looking out for their needs. He is the good shepherd, concerning about each of his sheep. This king is a tender shepherd who keeps careful watch over his sheep. He binds up the injured, heals the sick, and seeks out the lost, as we read from the words of Prophet Ezekiel: "I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark." This king is rich in life-giving impact. This king is not lording but being the servant of all. The leader is the servant of all; he who wants to be first must be the last. This king lives and practices accordingly to the words he says: I come to serve, not to be served.

In the second reading, Jesus is presented as a king defeating evil powers and sharing his victory with those on his side. As St. Paul describes in his letter to the Corinthians, our king is to bring all his creatures through death to the final resurrection. This king is Jesus. He wins victory over "every sovereignty, authority, and power." He "destroys death." Through his death and resurrection, he passes from death to life everlasting.

From the gospel reading, we see Jesus as the king of the universe. At the final judgment, Jesus will appear in all the power and glory of God the Father to judge the living and the dead. He will sit on his glorious throne and "all the nations will be assembled before him." He will separate the sheep from the goats; he will separate the good from the bad.

At the final judgment, we have to prove to this King that as Christians, we are people of love: love God and love neighbors. How? Here is one important standard Jesus reminds us to practice: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you do for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me."

All of us will be there and Jesus Christ the King will test them about the same matters. He will ask us just like he once asked Peter: have you really loved me? Have you shown kindness to the poor? Have you fed the hungry? Have you given drink to the thirsty? Have you welcomed the stranger? Have you sheltered the homeless? Have you clothed the naked? Have you cared for the sick? Have you consoled the suffered? Have you visited the elderly and the lonely? Have you... and have you...?

Hopefully on that final day, we will be able to answer those questions with confidence, and will be welcomed into the joy of the heavenly kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, November 26 to Friday, December 1

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| Sunday | 9:30 am | SC ... Maureen Healy (repose) |
| | 11:15 am | SM ... Paul Tran D.L. & Maria Nguyen T.K.(repose) |
| Monday | 8 am | SC ... Frank & Barbara Legnitto (repose) |
| Tuesday | | no Mass |
| Wednesday | 8 am | SC ... Kenny Massucco (special intention) |
| Thursday | 8 am | SM ...Carole Jane Williams (repose) |
| Friday | 8 am | SC ...Arthur & Shirley de Rutte (repose) |
| Saturday | | no Mass |

2023 Annual Appeal

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| | St. Cecilia |
| Goal | \$ 7,295.00 |
| Received | \$ 7,295.00 |
| We've reached the goal | |
| THANK YOU! | |

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| | St. Mary |
| Goal | \$ 6,095.00 |
| Received | \$ 5,652.00 |
| Need | \$ 443.00 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All Day Adoration for Pre-Advent:** at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas. Friday, Dec. 1st. Mass at 8 am. Eucharistic Adoration to follow until 4 pm. Come to pray and prepare for a holy Advent and Christmas to come.
- 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!

Last Week Collections

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| | St. Cecilia |
| Offertory | \$ 762.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 450.00 |
| 2 nd Collect'n | \$ 223.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,435.00 |
| | St. Mary |
| Offertory | \$ 432.00 |
| Preservat'n | \$ 50.00 |
| 2 nd Collect'n | \$ 65.00 |
| Total | \$ 547.00 |