



st. cecilia church
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March 31, 2024

Mision 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 Friday)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
		St. Cecilia (other Fridays)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Saturday only)	10 a.m. Padre Pio Mass & Devotion
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		or by appointment call:	(415) 488-9799
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

See #827 in Music Book for the readings

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34...43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Supposed you just come back from vacation, open the door and walk in, you see an empty house. All valuable items such as TVs, computers, laptops, iPhones, value furnitures or paintings, and all jewelries are gone. Somebody broke into your house and stole everything. The house is totally empty. What the bad news!

What we, and the whole world, celebrate today begins with the empty tomb story. Is this bad news or good news? Jesus died on that Friday of more than 2000 years ago. He was buried in the tomb for three days. In the early morning of that Sunday, Mary of Magdala [Magdalene] went to visit Jesus' tomb, what did she see? The tomb is opened. Somebody removed the huge stone from the front of Jesus' tomb. Jesus' body is not in there – totally an empty tomb.

At first, the empty tomb is bad news to Mary Magdalene and the disciples as they thought somebody stole Jesus' body. But empty tomb is indeed good news for the disciples and for us today. Empty tomb means Jesus is risen. Jesus is alive. Jesus is not dead. He has conquered sin and death.

Especially good news for children as they will have the Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Sunday Mass. Do you know what the Easter Egg Hunt means? When the children have the egg, what do they do with it? They break the egg, and find a gift: a candy, a chocolate, or even some money in there. When the egg hatches, a baby chicken will come out; a new life comes. It is the symbol that reminds us of the resurrection of Jesus. The tomb breaks, Jesus comes out from the tomb. He is alive, he is not dead. He has risen. He is a new life. He is the gift, the joy, the happiness for us, as the baby chicken from the hunted egg reminds us.

On the Good Friday, confronting the suffering and death of Jesus, all the disciples and all people felt hopeless. They got confused. They doubted if Jesus was really the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of

God! But today, Jesus Christ is risen. Easter joy brings the message of hope. Especially, Jesus' Resurrection reassures us a heavenly life after our death.

Sometimes we experience the cross in our lives. Nevertheless, there is an empty tomb beyond the cross. There is more life than cross. So, there is always hope beyond the pain and despair of our lives. The empty tomb symbolizes that hope because it points to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

The real message of Easter is "God exists." Easter becomes the central feast day of the Church. Resurrection of the Lord is the centrality of our faith.

Jesus' Resurrection strengthens our belief, encourages our hope, and inspires our charity: to love God and love neighbor. Without Resurrection, our faith is empty, our hope is meaningless; and without faith, without hope, we have no reason to do the work of charity.

Observing the life of community in our church today, we give thanks to God for this resurrected community. More people come to church today. Thanks be to God!

As we encounter the Risen Lord through this Eucharistic meal, we obey Jesus' command to celebrate his death and resurrection. We are a resurrected community who are called to go about doing good and healing the brokenhearted. We are to be the witnesses to the Risen Lord by living a good life, preaching the good news, and testifying the love of God to people around us.

Today, let us become the Risen Christ for those who are hopeless, giving them hope beyond their cross. The Lord is risen. Alleluja!

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

MAY THIS DAY

BRING YOU RENEWED HOPE, FAITH, AND JOY!

MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday 9:30 am SC ... Pray for All Parishioners
11:15 am SM ... Pray for All Parishioners

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank You All** for your participation in different services throughout the Holy Week and Easter. Thanks to those who donated flowers and decorated the churches, the liturgical music, the readers for Masses, and especially thank you all for your generous giving to the parish. May God bless you!
- For Easter break** we have no Home Visit & Rosary this 1st Wednesday, but we will resume the prayer gathering on the third Wednesday, April 17.
- There will be no weekday Mass** from Monday, April 1 thru Saturday, April 6. Fr. Phan will take a week off right after Easter Sunday.
- Save the date:** WALK WITH JESUS across the Golden Gate Bridge. Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 11 am, Mass at the Cathedral San Francisco... Monday, May 20, 2024, at 1:30 pm ... Walk Eucharistic procession to St. Raphael Parish via Albert Park (151 Alderson Dr. San Rafael). Contact Sandra Kearney (415.614.5505) kearneys@sfarch.org to learn more information.

2024 Annual Appeal

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Goal	\$ 8,036.00
Received	\$ 9,366.00
Exceeded	\$ 1,830.00

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Goal	\$ 5,533.00
Received	\$ 5,533.00

THANK YOU ALL!

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 686.00
Maintenance	\$ 150.00
AAA	\$ 500.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,336.00</u>

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 249.00
AAA	\$ 2,686.00
Preservat'n	\$ 222.00
Total	<u>\$ 3,157.00</u>